

Discernment



Lord Jesus guide me to discern good from evil, truth from error, and avoid disruptions on the path to holiness. Let your way unfold before me without the many worldly distractions that confront me. *Your servant am I; give me understanding and I shall know your instructions.*¹ Father, grace me with the inward stillness from which will flow outward peace that I may grow in silence and stillness, centered in prayer that helps me leave self behind and become at one with the Prince of Peace, the *true light who enlightens everyone.*² *Jesus, my Lord, furnish me with all that is good, that I may do the will of the Father.*³ May the words of Saint Paul to the Philippians also rest upon me: *it is my prayer that your love for one another may grow more and more with the knowledge and complete understanding that will help you to come to true discernment.*⁴ Discernment is a gift of the Spirit, one of great value and enables one to even distinguish between spirits so important during these days of many deceptions.⁵

Lord, open my heart to the power of your presence; You tell us, *do not be afraid, for I am with you; do not be alarmed, for I am your God. I give you strength, truly I help you, truly I hold you firm with my saving right hand.*⁶

*I thank you, Yahweh, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth.*⁷ You guide me to pray without ceasing and to give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for me in Christ Jesus.⁸

I am reminded to reflect upon this day, entrust my burdens to Jesus, and recognize my failures as well as my achievements, seeking forgiveness and mercy for what I could have done better. Grant that *I hold to sound advice and prudence, never let them out of sight.*⁹

And finally, Lord Jesus, send the Holy Spirit to guide my prayers and actions that they be appropriate according to the time and will of the Father.¹⁰

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¹ Psalm 119:125

² John 1:9

³ Hebrews 13:20-21

⁴ Philippians 1:9-10

⁵ 1Cor12:4-11

⁶ Isaiah 41:10

⁷ Psalm 138:1

⁸ 1 Thess 5:17-22

⁹ Proverbs 3:21

¹⁰ Eccl 3:1-11