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The Holy Name of Mary



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Even in My Dreams

Even in my dreams,
 I never saw you.
Never could I realize
 Your heavenly smile.
Many times, before retiring
 To my bed,
I thought I would meet you
 In my dreams.
I wake up and I move on,
 I walk on the carpet of grass;
I sit under the red maple tree.
 I keep on looking at the world.
I try to touch the trees.
 I walk in the woods,
Searching for insight and love,
 Hoping to cheer up my mood.
I smile at the robins,
 I shout at the spiders.
I amaze gazing at the lilac bushes,
 I remain immovable in Your wonders.
Then in my wonders, suddenly I come to realize that
 I see you every day.
Through nature and through its variety
 You smile at me always.



—Brother Prince MacField, CSC, Bangladesh

Labor Day
Columba Hall - September 4, 2023





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Writings for the Journey

What is Real?

We live each day of our lives keenly aware of what needs to be accomplished during that day, in our relationships, in our work, for our health, and in the routine that gets us moving to meet the challenges ahead of us. Maybe there is a little time for reflection. Maybe it helps us put the day in perspective. This is our reality.

But there is an image that comes to mind from another dimension. It is of Jesus knocking at our door. He has no way to enter our home because there is no handle on his side. Only we can open the door to let him in. What would happen if we unlocked the door and opened it giving him entrance? We know his purpose. He wants to shower us with his unconditional love, a love that does not depend on our worthiness. He knows all about our circumstances with all of the things that have brought us to this point in our lives and make us timid in wanting to give him full entrance. He has a love that wants to heal us and make up for the guilt and shame we could be feeling. We only have to believe that that kind of love is possible and to surrender to it. Then we may freely go to the community to experience in a sacramental way that we have been forgiven. If this surrender is the true gauge on what is real, then everything else can fall into place.

- What concerns you about the reality of your life?
- How are you dealing with these concerns?
- Have you opened your heart to Jesus' love for you in a way that has become real in your life?

O God, help me open my heart to experience your unconditional love for me.

Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.



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Saul and the Medium Endar

Saul Consults a Medium — Chapter 27 (OT): the Book of Samuel 1 describes the unsuccessful attempts by Saul, the first King of Israel, to kill the future king David. Eventually Saul repents and [apologizes.to](#) David.

Having declined David's offer of help, Saul, along with his troops, grows fearful and faint of heart over an inevitable clash with a horde of Philistines prepared for an attack. Overwhelmingly anxious, he seeks God's help in determining the possible outcome of such a battle. But God provides him no answer. As a consequence, Saul seeks counsel from another source: a medium. He orders his servants to find him one. They locate a certain woman of Endar, a medium.

Disguising himself in other clothes, Saul, with two of his servants, goes to the woman medium at night, where he instructs her to conjure up the dead spirit of Samuel (OT prophet who anointed Israel's first king). She does so with terrifying



results for Saul. Samuel, apparently disturbed at being summoned from the dead, demands why Saul had him so conjured. Greatly agitated, Saul replies that he wants Samuel to advise him what to do about the prospective Philistine attack. To which Samuel replies, "The Lord will deliver Israel and you as well, into the hands of the Philistines. By tomorrow you and your sons will be with me" (v 27), to which Saul responds in great fear by falling full length on the ground, thus ending the séance.

The next day the Philistines did indeed attack. As predicted, they killed Saul's three sons and mortally wounded Saul.



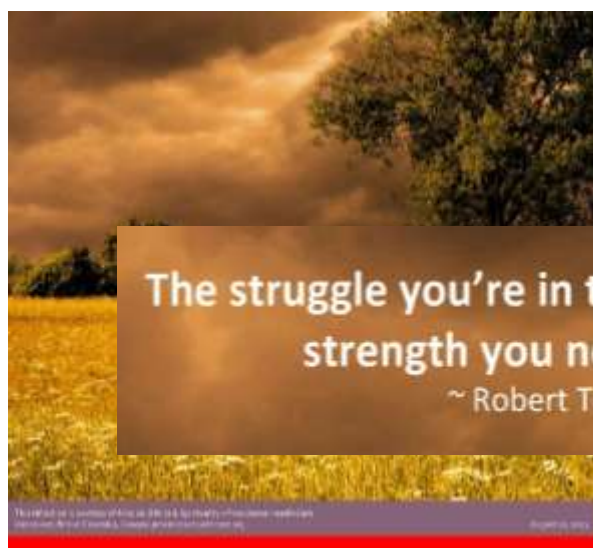
Reflection sent in by Brother Thomas Maddix, C.S.C.



*In any given moment we have two options:
To step forward into growth or step back into safety.*

Abraham Maslow

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**The struggle you're in today is developing the
strength you need tomorrow.**
~ Robert Tew, Writer

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