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The 4th of July Meal Prayer Used by Columba Hall

Lord God, today we celebrate our nation's birth and the symbol of freedom it represents. We acknowledge that you are the author of our universe, and that it is your great faithfulness that has brought us this far.

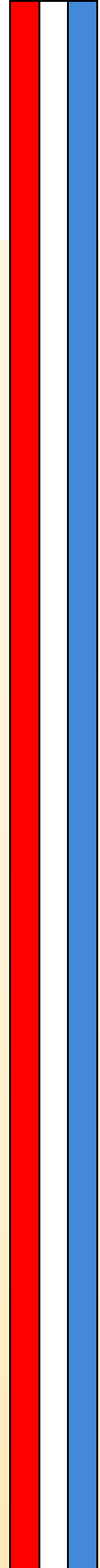
May we be grateful for the freedoms we enjoy, and be faithful to the responsibilities they demand of us.

We lift up all who are in office in this country, all who are in positions of authority, and pray that you protect them and give them wisdom, knowledge, and discernment for the jobs that they hold. We lift up our military our intelligence agencies and all who are in law enforcement and pray for your protection over them.

Thank you for the food we are about to enjoy. Bless all those who were involved in its growth, production, preparation, and service. Bless all those who serve us in many ways.

May we always remember those who have less than we do. May we always have a grateful heart for all those who take care of our all of our needs. And so we pray, bless us.

—Prayer Leader: Brother Douglas Roach, C.S.C.



Our Poets, Past and Present

Awareness

To be aware of oneself is good.
It comes with growth—that's understood.
By my mother's side, we learned our prayers
and God's blessings with us. We hope He shares.

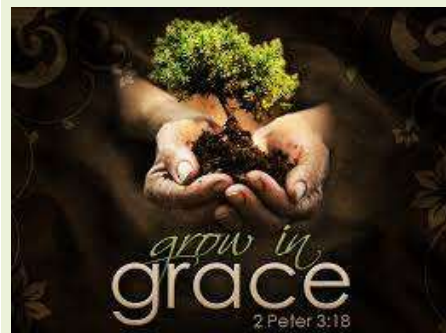
When young, we were taught morals, good from
bad,
learning them when just a lad.
But sometimes we cried, oh, yes, we cried.
Dear Lord, this thorn take from my side.

Then Jesus said, you have my grace—
you're strong enough, go finish the race.
In weakness then, I am made strong
and in this race I do belong.

Of your presence, Lord, I've become aware,
and in your grace I thankfully share.
To be of service, then, as said St. Paul,
in your mission, must be my call.

Give me the grace, Lord, that I need
to work in your vineyard I humbly ask.
Tilling the soil and planting good seed,
working day and night,
I'll take the devil to task.

--Brother Jerome Kroetsch, CSC



July 4th - Columba Hall Pictures



This remembrance day began with Mass that was followed with a special meal on the patio. There were house members and friends at the celebration. The afternoon continued group visits, relaxation, and a bridge game.



Brother George Klawitter and I, Brother Richard Johnson, took a few random pictures.





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Writings for the Journey

O Death, Where is Your Sting?

In celebrating Our Lord's resurrection, we gain the assurance ever more and more that life will go on after death. Our hearts will lead us to that love which will last forever.

That life begins now if we would only let it blossom in our lives. What it requires is to let the resurrected life become real. God wants us to experience it in new ways as we grow in our spiritual awareness. God sometimes jolts us by placing in our lives problems that seem unsolvable. But from the darkness of these "deaths" new life can rise, not necessarily from our own efforts but from the God who can change circumstances "in the twinkling of an eye." As we experience this process over and over again, we can begin to have the peace of mind that only God can give. With this peace comes an unexpected joy – an Easter joy that rises from the life, death and resurrection of Christ.

Our task is to share this joy with those who are especially experiencing the darkness of these days. We do this not only by preaching but by witnessing like the first disciples of Christ who became "the Followers of the Way."

- What does the celebration of Easter mean to you?
- Are you open to receive this new resurrected life?
- Where is God leading you now?

O God, help me live this new resurrected life.

Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.



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Joseph's Coat

Genesis 37- Coat of Joseph, son of Patriarch Jacob (later renamed Israel): the extraordinary coat given to Joseph by a father to a favored son is described in the Old Testament as a "long ornamented tunic." (NAB)v 3. Notwithstanding this description, there prevails a notion that Joseph's coat was multicolored, a notion perhaps influenced by the following:

1. The references in the title of the 1968 Broadway musical *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat*.
2. That the description "coat of many colors" in the early Old Testament Septuagint (Greek) became the traditional translation.
3. That the Old Testament Septuagint description was retained in the popular King James version of the Bible.

A more reliable authority supports the no-colors description cited in the aforementioned:

4. NOTES included with the St. Joseph Edition of the New American Bible Revised states: Ancient depictions show Semitic people in formal dress with long ornamented robes (p. 127).
5. Old Testament scripture scholar Pauline Viviano in *Liturgical Press Old Testament Commentary* says: that the coat of Joseph coveted by his brothers was not multicolored (P. 71).
6. However one considers the issue of Joseph's coat, the coat itself, together with the machinations of the other humans, is central to all else that happens in the story. And somewhat ironically, the hero Joseph is in the end again arrayed in splendor — now in the royal honors of Ancient Egypt.





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




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Change will not come if we wait for
some other person or some other time.
We are the ones we've been waiting for.
We are the change that we seek.
- Barack Obama

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I am not afraid of storms,
for I am learning how to sail my ship.
Louisa May Alcott; Little Women

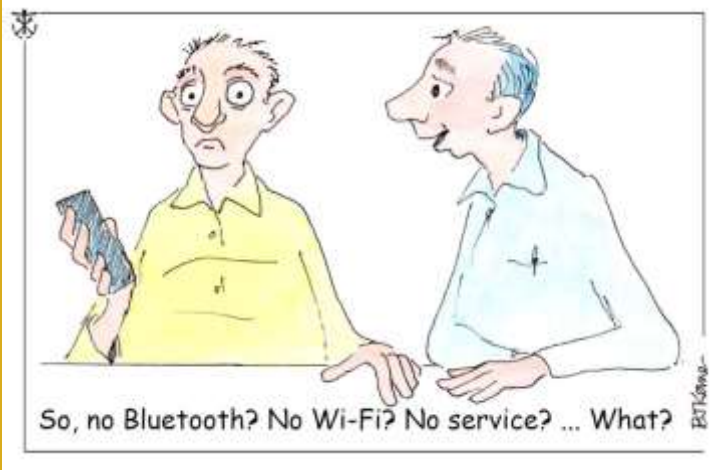


Always walk through life as if you have something new to learn,
And you will
Victor Frankl

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The time to relax is when you don't have time for it.
Sydney J. Harris



Brother
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