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THE SERENITY PRAYER

God, grant me the serenity

To accept the things I cannot change,

The courage to change the things I can,

And the wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time,

Enjoying one moment at a time,

Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace.

Taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is,

Not as I would have it.

Trusting that You will make all things right if I surrender to Your will.

So that I may be reasonably happy in this life, And supremely happy with You forever in the next.

Amen.



THE PRAYER OF ABANDONMENT

Father,

I abandon myself into your hands; do with me what you will.

Whatever you may do, I thank you:

I am ready for all, I accept all.

Let only your will be done in me, and in all your creatures.

I wish no more than this. O Lord.

Into your hands I commend my spirit; I offer it to you

with all the love of my heart, for I love you, Lord.

and so need to give myself,

to surrender myself into your hands, without reserve,

and with boundless confidence,

for you are my Father. Amen.

-Blessed Charles de Foucauld

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