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John 17:21

As we remember our day of fasting and prayer on Friday, May 11, 2018. We pause, reflect, and pray, that God will “**guide our feet into the way of peace.**”

Contemplative Pause: Weaving Acts of Peace
 “Since we live by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit’s lead.” Gal 5:25

“Blessed are those who see God in every person and strive to make others also discover Him.”
 (One of the six new beatitudes written by Pope Francis)

Reflection:

“Sanctity is not so much in great deeds and extraordinary events, but rather in daily fidelity to the demands of our baptismal call. The beauty of the beatitudes is its belief that it can affect what unfolds, a blessing awakening future wholeness. In some sense the beatitudes are the Christian’s identity card because they identify us as followers of Jesus both personally and communally. We are called to be a blessing, to be followers of Jesus, to confront the troubles and anxieties of our age with the spirit and love of Jesus in a unifying and harmonious way. Thus we ought to be able to recognize and respond to new situations with fresh spiritual energy. “The Lord’s call to holiness is for all of us and must be strengthened with an ongoing spirit of faith. “The Spirit spurs us on, and we ourselves need one another to open ourselves to the power of the Spirit leading us.” (Pope Francis)

Prayer:

Blessed are those:



Who are learning to accept that the Spirit of God always works in mysterious ways; at a pace very different from my own impatient heart.



Who embrace their ongoing formation that often takes them in different directions from what they had hoped for in their lives.



Who welcome surprises that just happen—think of the marvelous interruption of grace of Pope Francis in our midst! No one predicted that. What a surprise!

Extra Step:

Sing a Song based on the Beatitudes during your personal prayer time.

