Psalm of Empowerment

Consult not your fears
But your hopes and your dreams.
Think not about your frustrations,
But about your unfulfilled potential.
Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in,
But with what is still possible for you to do
(Pope John XXIII)

Jesus, giver of all good things we stand with confidence bearing your promise in our new lives as we ask for gifts to help us on our way.

For the gift of Vision.
To see the things we sometimes miss because our eyes are so limited.
Give us your Vision.

For the gift of Conviction.
To live radically the Good News you have given us.
Give us your conviction.

For the gift of Hope.
To stand on tip-toe with all of creation to wait believingly for rebirth, for growth, for completion.
Give us your Hope.

For the gift of Reverence.
To be gentle with the mystery of each other's uniqueness,
To stand on holy ground and acknowledge the value of all creation.
Give us your Reverence.

Let the Lord fill our lives this day. Amen.
Our hearts are restless until we find our rest in you.

Invocation to Gather

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the holy One, is here; come bow before him now with reverence and fear. In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around; he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned. How awesome is the sight - our radiant King of light. Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place: he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace - no work to hard for him, in faith receive from him. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Albrecht Durer – Praying Hands

Encouragement from Paul

Does your life in Christ make you strong? Does his love comfort you? Do you have fellowship with the Spirit? Do you feel kindness and compassion for one another? I urge you then, make me completely happy by having the same thoughts, sharing the same love, and being one in soul and mind. Don’t do anything from selfish ambition, or from a cheap desire to boast; but be humble towards each other, never thinking you are better than others. And look out for each other’s interests, not just for your own. The attitude you should have is one that Christ Jesus had.

(St Paul writing to the community at Philippi, 2:1-5)

Reflection and Petition: One More Day

My love more dear than this life you are to me
Your kiss more clear than the crystal of the sea
Please save me I'm fallen here
I'm lost and alone

An angel weeps
I hear him cry
A lonely prayer
A voice so high

Dry all your tears
Come what may
And in the end the sun will rise
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One More Day was written by Sinead O'Connor for the movie, Veronica Guerin. In the mid-1990's Dublin was nothing short of a war zone, with powerful drug lords battling for control. Their most powerful opponent was not the police but the courageous journalist Veronica Guerin who covered the crime beat with unmatched intensity. As she uncovered the pushers and suffered continual death threats she became a national hero in Ireland. She was shot dead waiting in her car at a traffic light in 1996. One More Day was playing on her car CD player as drivers in nearby vehicles found her body. Her murder forced a dramatic revision of Ireland’s laws.