

IGNATIAN PILGRIMAGE - STORY



I ask for what I desire as we begin this topic



I pray that my entire being become open to God's grace



I imagine these texts being addressed to me, and note my response

Grace: Become present to me in this journey Lord

So having left that place he went along, as was his custom, thinking about his intentions. After his arrival at Montserrat, having said a prayer and come to an arrangement with the confessor, he made a general confession in writing, and the confession lasted three days. He also arranged with the confessor that he should give orders to have the mule collected, and that his sword and dagger should hang in the Church at the altar of Our Lady.

The time when he had thought of leaving for Jerusalem was approaching, and so at the beginning of the year 1523 he left for Barcelona in order to board ship. Although some people were offering to accompany him, he didn't want to go except alone: his whole aim was to have God alone as a refuge... he wanted to have three virtues: charity and faith and hope... he wanted to have this trust and attachment and hope with regard to God alone.

Autobiography of Saint Ignatius of Loyola [17] and [35]

You have searched me, Lord,
and you know me.

You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.

You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.

Before a word is on my tongue
you, Lord, know it completely.

You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.

Where can I go from your Spirit?

Where can I flee from your presence?

If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,

even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me
and the light become night around me,"
even the darkness will not be dark to you;
the night will shine like the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

Psalm 139 (1-12)

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Have you ever thought of doing a pilgrimage? What would your intentions be? Do you plan on leaving anything behind like Ignatius? Who would you be doing this journey with?