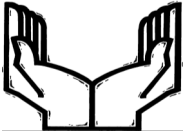


YOUR WILL BE DONE



Three Prayers of Abandonment

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to love as Christ loved does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore, I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

~ Thomas Merton

God has created me to do some definite service. God has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission—I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. I have not been created for naught. I shall do good. I shall do God's work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it, if I do but keep the commandments.

Therefore I will trust in God. Whatever, wherever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve God; in perplexity, my perplexity may serve God; if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve God. God does nothing in vain, but knows what all is about.

~ John Henry Newman

Lord, I abandon myself into your hands; Do with me as You will.

For whatever You do I thank You ..., I am ready for all, I accept all.

Let only Your will be done in me, As in all Your creatures, And I ask nothing else, my Lord.

Into Your hands I commend my soul;

I give it to You, O Lord, with the love of my heart.

For I love You, my God and so need to give—To surrender myself into Your hands.

With a trust beyond all measure, Because You are my God.

~ Brother Charles of Jesus