

Today

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My resistance is weak
The temptations are strong
Dear God, please be with me
All this day long.

First help me be temperate
In all that I do
So that when comes this evening
I'll be much more like you.

May the image taken with me
As I retire tonight
Be just a bit better
From success in today's fight.

Then let me not envy
What others do well
Lest the devil drive me
And that envy to hell.

Rather let me rejoice
At what others do fine
Knowing it comes from you
As do the gifts which are mine.

Let me never despair
When things aren't just right
In the faith that what's needed
Will result from your light.

Don't let me give up
However dark it may seem
May the thought of your image
Be ever my dream.

May I add to the sunshine
Of all whom I see
Reflecting the glow
That my soul sets in me.

Help me not be lazy
Lest my flounder in sloth
Have an impact on others
To discredit us both.

If I do something well
As I hope that I do
Let me always remember
It's done not by me but through you.

Of utmost importance
As I go through this day
Let faith, hope and charity
Be my guide on my way.

If illness should strike
May I not stop to complain
So long as my body...
Not my soul is in pain.

Tomorrow I may fall again...
Ignore what is right
But today lead me on, God;
At least 'til tonight.

For today comes just once
In the passage of time
May the fruits of your love for me
Therefore be mine.