

# 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.