

LIFE WITHOUT END!



For personal prayer

HAPPINESS WITHOUT END
(from Psalm 16)

*Keep me, O God, for I fly to you for refuge.
I say to the Lord, "You are my God.
My happiness lies in you alone."
The Lord is my portion and my cup; in your hands is my destiny.
I bless the Lord who counsels me;
even in the night my heart exhorts me.
I keep the Lord ever before me;
with him at my right hand, I shall stand firm.*



*And so my heart rejoices; my soul is glad.
Even my body shall rest in safety,
for you will not abandon my soul to the power of death.
You will show me the path of life,
fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand, happiness forever.*

For personal reflection

Is it possible to open the door to life without end? Yes, if it is the door of faith, which is opened by the key of listening. Listening to Jesus is not only the principle of our transformation, but also the real possibility of opening ourselves to life without end.

The inaccessible, invisible God makes himself known through the Beloved Son, given for us. "Whoever sees the Son and believes in him has eternal life," that is, the very life of God. In biblical language, to "see" is the result of an obedient and loving listening: the one who listens to the eternal becomes eternal. The eternal and the present touch and embrace definitively in Jesus, and in him, our thoughts, affections and behaviors are slowly purified in a journey that is never completely finished. Nicodemus, the nighttime admirer who did not have the courage to become a disciple, received a great revelation: "God so loved the world that he gave his own Son" (Jn. 3:16).

For God, the eternal hides himself in love. To love means to give oneself completely in Jesus; but to give oneself it is necessary to know how to love much. In Jesus every person is called to become like God in a love that simply gives: for the joy of giving, without expecting a return. The Gospel of believable love enlightens the Church's road toward the joy of the unending Easter.