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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Luke 18:9-14

Dear Parish Family,

At almost any moment of the day, someone can be found in the quiet of our church pouring out his or her heart to God in prayer. Some are fingering rosaries; some have hands held up in supplication. Others simply sit or kneel in silence. Did you learn the acronym for the kinds of prayer ACTS?

Adoration
Contrition
Thanksgiving
Supplication

Who am I to judge the authenticity of another's prayer? Perhaps the most genuine attitude of one before God is that of the humble person who is profoundly aware of his or her unworthiness in the presence of the Almighty. Fewer were more conscious of the pure gratuity of grace than was St. Paul. So moved was he by God's forgiving love that he allowed his life to be poured out like a libation at God's disposal.

It is said that as we grow closer to God we become more concretely aware of our sinfulness and, at the same time, profoundly grateful of God's overwhelming love and mercy.

How sincerely do I pray "O Lord, I am not worthy?"

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Bill Foley

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