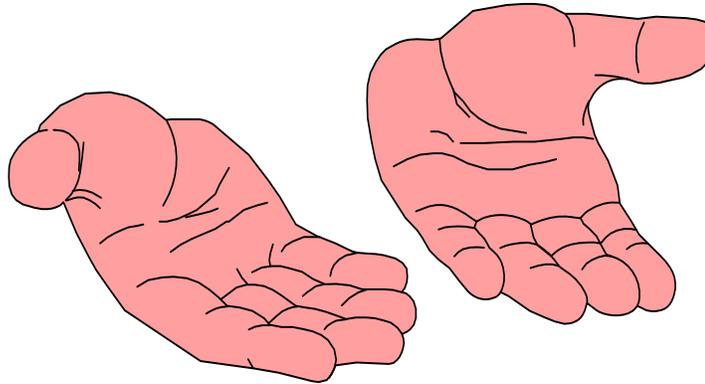


DEMONTREVILLE RETREAT WEEKEND



God's Hands are Saving Hands

SUNDAY MORNING

Focus = To come to know the goodness of God in the Saving Action of Christ on the Cross (Exercises of the "Third Week")

- To KNOW Christ in his passion and death.
- To LOVE Him in His love for us
- To FOLLOW him in my life in his passion and death

Seeing His love as SERVICE for us
So that we can be disciples and carry on his work

How to pray the Passion and Death of Jesus:

1. Praying the passion and death of Jesus commonly deepens our personal relationships – with Jesus, with the Father, with others, and even with ourselves. The prayer probes our inner self. You may expect to see some evidence of this special deepening.
2. Praying with the passion and death of Jesus is likely to be immensely complex – often leading us into a deepened sense and understanding of the human heart.
3. We need to trust the Holy Spirit and remain silent in front of the mystery of the Cross.
4. We don't like the kind of suffering that we encounter here – and, thus, we need to be especially patient with ourselves as we pray the passion.

Shock me with the Goodness of this Friday

Holy One,
Shock and save me with the terrible goodness of this Friday
And drive me deep into my longing for your Kingdom,
Until I seek it first --
 Yet not for myself,
But for the hungry
 And the sick
 And the poor of your children
For prisoners of conscience around the world,
For those I have wasted with my racism
 And sexism
 And ageism
 And regionalism,
For those around this mother earth and in this city
Who, this Friday, know far more of terror than of goodness;
That, in seeking first the Kingdom,
 For them as well as for myself,
 All these things may be mine as well:
Things like a coat and courage
 And something like comfort
 A few lilies in the field,
 The sight of birds soaring on the wind,
 A song in the night
 And gladness of heart.
The sense of your presence
 And the realization of your promise
 That nothing in life or death
 Will be able to separate me or those I love
 From your love
 In the crucified one who is Our Lord
 And in whose name and Spirit I pray.

Ted Loder, *Guerillas of Grace* (p. 122)