

Thomas Merton's Prayer

“My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.”

Thomas Merton, Thoughts in Solitude

Storytelling in small groups or personal reflection. One by one, each person shares their response to the first prompt below. Then go to next prompt and so forth. A person can pass.

- 1. Tell of a time when you had “no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me.”**
- 2. Share about one word, phrase, or sentence in Thomas Merton's prayer that caught your attention in your mind or evoked a feeling in your body.**
- 3. Share about having, or not having, a sense or feeling of trusting God in such a way to know and say, “I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.”**

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