

Seeking Divine Providence with Thanksgiving in The Great & Small Events & Encounters of Everyday Life

A Meditation on Providence – with Fr. Mychal Judge, OFM¹

Lord, take me where You want me to go,
let me meet who You want me to meet,
tell me what You want me to say,
and keep me out of Your way.²

PSALM 84:11

Because Lord JEHOVAH is GOD, our Sustainer and our Helper; Lord JEHOVAH will give love and honor and will not withhold His good things from those who [seek to] walk in perfection.³

JAMES 1:17

Every good and perfect gift descends from Above, from The Father of Lights with Whom there is no change nor a shadow of variation.⁴

A Prayer - “Thank You, Lord, for Life!”

Thank You, Lord, for life. Thank You for love. Thank You for goodness. Thank You for work. Thank You for family. Thank You for friends. Thank You for every gift because we know that every gift comes from You, and without You, we have and are nothing.

As we celebrate this day in thanksgiving to You, keep our hearts and minds open. Let us enjoy each other's company, and most of all, let us be conscious of Your presence in our lives, and in a special way, in the lives of those who have gone before us. Father, we make our prayer in JESUS' Name, Who lives with You forever.⁵ AMEN.

¹ Fr. Mychal Judge, OFM (5/11/1933 – 9/11/2001 Daniel J. Wakin. New York Times. 9/27/2002. <http://www.nytimes.com/2002/09/27/nyregion/killed-on-9-11-fire-chaplain-becomes-larger-than-life.html>) Fr. Judge was a Franciscan Catholic Priest and Chaplain with the New York City Fire Department. He is listed as the first to die in the terrorist attack on the world trade center in New York, NY on September 11th, 2001. He died after giving Last Rites to a dying NY City Firefighter at Ground Zero.

² Fr. Mychal Judge, OFM. Poem, “Mychal’s Prayer.” Saint Mychal Judge. Retrieved 5/02/2015. <http://saintmychaljudge.blogspot.com/2007/03/reserved-3.html>. Some have called for his canonization as an official Saint of The Catholic Church.

³ Aramaic Bible in Plain English, PSALM 84:11.

⁴ Aramaic Bible in Plain English, JAMES 1:17.

⁵ Sermon, “Thank You, Lord, for Life.” Fr. Michael Judge, OFM. Fr. Judge’s Last Homily, 9/10/201. <http://saintmychaljudge.blogspot.com/2007/03/reserved-3.html>.