



Washing of the Feet

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Lord Jesus,

*What weaknesses did you see in us that made you
decide to call us, in spite of everything,
to collaborate in your mission?*

*We give you thanks for having called us,
and we beg you not to forget your promise
to be with us to the end of time.*

*Frequently we are invaded by the feeling
of having worked all night in vain,
forgetting, perhaps, that you are with us.*

*We ask that you make yourself present in our lives
and in our work, today, tomorrow,
and in the future yet to come.*

*Fill with your love these lives of ours,
which we put at your service.*

*Take from our hearts the egoism of thinking
about what is 'ours', what is 'mine',
always excluding, lacking compassion and joy.*

*Enlighten our minds and our hearts, and do not forget
to make us smile when things do not go as we wished.*

*At the end of the day, of each one of our days,
make us feel more united with you and
better able to perceive and discover around us
greater joy and greater hope.*

We ask all this from our reality.

We are weak and sinful men, but we are your friends.

Amen.

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