

Week Four Take and Receive

TAKE AND RECEIVE

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will—all that I have and call my own. You have given it all to me. To you, Lord, I return it. Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace. That is enough for me.

Prepare in your normal manner, asking for the grace that brings gratitude and response.

Day 1: God's gifts to me

God creates me out of love and desires nothing more than a return of love on my part. All my natural abilities, along with Baptism and Communion and the special graces lavished on me, are only signs of this desire to share divine life. How shall I respond? Pray Take & Receive.

Day 2: God's self-giving to me

God gives me more than gifts—God literally gifts me with the fullness of divine life in Jesus, the Word through Whom all is created, Who became flesh and dwells with us. Jesus is present by his body and blood in Communion; Jesus gives me the Spirit that allows me to call God, Abba, Father! I am the redeemed image and dwelling place of the divine. Moved by Love, how shall I respond? Pray Take & Receive.

Day 3: God's labors for me

God loves me so much that God enters into the struggle of my life. Like a potter with clay, a mother in childbirth, a mighty force giving life to dead bones, God labors to share divine life and love. We see this work clearly in the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus. Once more I question myself how I can make a response? Pray Take & Receive.

Day 4: God's unceasing giving and gifting

God's love shines down upon me like the light rays from the sun. God showers divine love upon me—our delight and joy is to be called God's children, to know that God is always with us. God is ever calling me to a fuller and better life. What I can respond to such a generous Giver? I once again pray Take & Receive, finishing with the Lord's Prayer.

Day 5: Final Colloquy with the Risen Jesus, then Take & Receive