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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
June 23, 2013

**Collect:**

Grant, O Lord,  
that we may always revere and love your holy name,  
for you never deprive of your guidance  
those you set firm on the foundation of your love.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**Reflection:**

This Collect for the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time comes from the eighth century *Gelasian Sacramentary*. Like most ancient Collects it is both brief and profound.

The prayer begins with a request that we may always revere and love the holy name of the Lord. The word translated from the Latin text as “revere” is “fear”. The Latin joins the inseparable twins of fear and love. Moderns tend to be uncomfortable with the word fear because we tend to equate it with terror. But the *fear of the Lord* is more related to our fascination with the power and presence of the divinity to which we are inexorably drawn. Fear of the Lord, our attraction to the Lord, leads to love of the Lord.

This foundation of his love gives us the assurance that, as his children, he will always be with us to pilot us through the complexities of life.

**Prayer:**

Loving God, we long to see you in your holy place. Grant us the confidence to follow in your footsteps and to do your work and your will.

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