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**Mystagogical Reflection on the Collects of the *Roman Missal***  
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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
June 30, 2013

**Collect:**

O God, who through the grace of adoption  
chose us to be children of light,  
grant, we pray,  
that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error  
but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth.  
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:**

The oft recalled Scripture passage, “God is light; in him there is no darkness...” (1 Jn 1:5-7) may have inspired this 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> century Collect, which was added to the Roman Missal after the Second Vatican Council.

There is a certain Easter Vigil quality to this Collect, as we pray not to be wrapped in darkness, but rather to stand in the light of truth. To be wrapped in darkness of error is to reject God’s grace and goodness. To walk in the light means to live by the grace of God, according to his will for us, by loving our neighbor as Christ first loved us.

During these summer days when daylight lasts longer, perhaps we can ponder the ways that we walk in the light of Christ, the ways that we love the poor and vulnerable, the ways we bring the love of Christ to a world darkened by sin and corruption.

**Prayer:**

God of goodness and truth, teach us to live as children of the light. Give us the grace and courage to stand in the bright light of your truth in the midst of a world so very much in need of your grace and presence.

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