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Mystagogical Reflection on the Collects of the *Roman Missal*
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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 1, 2013

Collect:

God of might, giver of every good gift,
put into our hearts the love of your name,
so that, by deepening our sense of reverence,
you may nurture in us what is good
and, by your watchful care,
keep safe what you have nurtured.
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 distinguished sacramental theologian Louis-Marie Chauvet based his theology on the notion that God comes to us as free gift. The only response we humans can offer is gratitude for God's gratuitous gift of self.

In this Collect, we prepare to hear God's Word by acclaiming God as the giver of gifts, especially the gift of "love of [God's] name". We pray that God may nurture goodness within us, and keep safe that goodness by "watchful care".

For those who revere and are illumined by the Church's liturgical and sacramental life, it is important to remember that love of God arises not only from what's in our head but, more importantly, from the Spirit who dwells in our heart.

In what ways do we love God's name? What does authentic reverence look like in our life? How do we respond to God's free gift of self in Word and in Sacrament?

Prayer:

Gracious God, grant to us a deepened sense of reverence, so that under your watchful care, we may love your name more fully and respond to you in prayerful gratitude.

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