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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
October 13, 2013

**Collect:**

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,  
at all times go before us and follow after  
and make us always determined  
to carry out good works.  
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 prayer is part of the 8<sup>th</sup> century collection from Pope Hadrian I. It was used for morning and evening (see Paul Turner, *Pastoral Companion to the Roman Missal*, © 2010, World Library Publications, p. 150).

Grace. It is the Virgin whom we acknowledge to be full of grace. Oh, to be bathed in and surrounded by grace. Oh, to be led and followed by grace. Oh, to be full of grace like her.

But that is what we are: full of grace. Bathed in God at Baptism. Then clothed in Christ. And illumined by him. So that we may look like him, act like him, and be like him. We know and we believe that Baptism is less for membership and more for mission.

We are full of grace at God's own choosing. After eating and drinking the Body and Blood of Christ, we are strengthened to put our hands and feet, our heads and hearts to kingdom work. That is why we are charged at Mass end: "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life."

**Prayer:**

Gracious God, fill us with your life and grace, that we may always be your good people doing good.

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