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Mystagogical Reflection on the Collects of the *Roman Missal*
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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
November 10, 2013

Collect:

Almighty and merciful God,
graciously keep from us all adversity,
so that, unhindered in mind and body alike,
we may pursue in freedom of heart
the things that are yours.
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 begins by recalling two lasting attributes of God. He is almighty. He is merciful. With these attributes he can use divine power to free us from pain, fear, ill, and even lasting death. What a gift this is for us when we often encounter unpleasant situations that diminish our lives. Through the love of the “God of the Living” (Luke 20:38) we can be free from the pains and sufferings that we experience in this life.

While we are coming to the end of Ordinary Time, the truth learned through the Death and Resurrection remains with us throughout all of our days. In his Death, he destroyed adversity. In his Resurrection, he restored life to all. Therefore, we have the freedom to hope, to have faith, and to live knowing the love that God has for us. We do not fear death or destruction. This is the foundation of our relationship with the one true God.

Prayer:

Lord, increase our faith so that we may trust in your mercy and love.

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