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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 24, 2014

Prayer after Communion:

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray,
the healing work of your mercy
and graciously perfect and sustain us,
so that in all things we may please you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Reflection:

Praying this prayer in conjunction with the readings of this day expands our understanding of the mystery of Christ and his Church. In Year A, we rehear themes of God's justice and inscrutable wisdom that culminate in the words to Peter, "What you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." In Year B, we pledge not to forsake but serve the LORD and with Peter proclaim, we will not leave, we do believe in your words of eternal life. In Year C, while wrestling with who is first and who is last, all nations are drawn to the LORD to recline at table in the kingdom of God.

We are called to proclaim and share the mercy of God which this prayer says is a healing work among us. Our prayer here is asking God to "perfect and sustain us" in that effort to keep in our hearts this mercy of God so that we may please the Lord in all things.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, guide us in the understanding of your ways so that we may do more than proclaim you the divine Savior. Guide us to manifest to the world the goodness of your presence in the mercy we share with those around us.

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