Day Nine: PRAYER AND WORK

The active life to be productive must have contemplation. When it (contemplation) gets to a certain height it overflows to active life and gets help and strength from the heart of God. This is the way the saints produced so much fruit, and we’re all called to be saints.

- St. Katharine Drexel

Brief pause for reflection

St. Katharine Drexel, model for the union of prayer and work, pray for us.

SAINT KATHERINE DREXEL
1858 -1955

Born a wealthy, educated Philadelphia socialite of the late 19th century, Katharine Drexel could have made of life what she chose. Her choice came out of her strong Catholic faith and deep compassion for the poor and oppressed among Native and African Americans.

On February 12, 1891 she made her first vows as a religious, founding the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament dedicated to sharing the message of the Gospel and the life of the Eucharist. St. Katharine established many ministries among the poor and led a life devoted to Eucharistic prayer and outreach to the poor.

St. Katharine died on March 3, 1955 and was canonized on October 1, 2000. Her feastday is March 3rd.

Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel
Open Daily 10 am to 5 pm with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament daily All are welcome!

CLOSING PRAYER:

I wish to be one who conscientiously takes part in the unfolding of God’s plans, and eventually have a glorious part in the final unfolding of time into the glory of God’s Kingdom in heaven. If we are disciples (of Jesus) we shall be happy to spend ourselves and be spent for the salvation of souls.

- St. Katharine Drexel

Brief pause for reflection

St. Katharine Drexel, pray for us.
Day Six: THE CROSS

(Christ) may be leading me out to a cross. If so, I can have no hesitation about following Him! I must follow Him closely, so that … I shall be near Him, my Good Shepherd, Who will help me to carry it, for He still bears His Cross in each one of His children.

– St. Katharine Drexel

Brief pause for reflection

St. Katharine Drexel, bearer of the cross, pray for us.

Day Seven: DEVOTION TO MARY

Teach me, O my dear Mother, the lesson of sacrifice. Help me, Mother, to take from the hands of Jesus, in the spirit of humble love, devotion to my daily crosses.

– St. Katharine Drexel

Brief pause for reflection

St. Katharine Drexel, daughter of Mary, pray for us.

Day Eight: BUILDING FOR ETERNITY

Out of our common todays and yesterdays we are building for eternity. No thought, no work of ours ever dies. We shall meet them all again, and in the world to come shall find our gathered harvest.

– St. Katharine Drexel

Brief pause for reflection

St. Katharine Drexel, woman of vision, pray for us.