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My Fraters,

My daily devotionals come from an assortment of places. It truly depends on how I feel at the time as I pull from such places as “Day by Day”, “the Upper Room”, and several different monks.

I was recently given a book entitled “If My People” by Jack Countryman. It is essentially a forty day cycle of prayers; along with quotes from past presidents as well as other famous people. What I would like to share with you is a prayer from Washington’s Prayer Journal, Mount Vernon.

“O eternal and everlasting God....increase my faith in the sweet promises of the gospel; give me repentance from dead works; pardon my wanderings, and direct my thoughts unto thyself, the God of my salvation; teach me how to live in thy fear, labor in thy service, and ever to run in the ways of thy commandments; make me always watchful over my heart, that neither the terrors of conscience, the loathing of holy duties, the love of sin, nor an unwillingness to depart this life, may cast me into spiritual slumber. But daily frame me more and more into the likeness of thy son Jesus Christ, that living in Thy fear, and dying in Thy favor, I may in thy appointed time attain resurrection of the just unto eternal life, bless my family, friends and kindred.”

An intense prayer from the “Father” of our country, words of wisdom to live by; during these days of celebration, of the birth of our nation.

“Take the helmet of salvation....” Ephesians 6:17

The original helmets were made of leather, bronze and sometimes iron. Their main purpose is to protect the brain housing group. In ancient days there was at times “crests” of colored horsehair to identify different ranks and leaders.

Jesus is our righteousness. The helmet is a requirement to keep a soldier safe in a battle zone. St Paul’s use of “salvation”, indicates that the helmet is our source of total deliverance. In Jesus we can find our total deliverance in every situation, whether it be spiritual, emotional or physical. He has to be our guide, our strength; we cannot do this alone.

Yours in Christ,
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Upcoming dates to remember:

August 14-18, 2021- 68th Triennial Conclave

Official visits will begin in September.