

Priming the Pump: Suggestions for Further Reflection

As I begin this retreat, what do I DESIRE from God? What do I NEED from God?

Where am I in my journey? Am I stuck or rooted?

Where have God's presence and love been obvious in my life?

What have I noticed about myself during the past months? About others? about God? How has my solitude enhanced my contemplative nature?

How does prayer shape my life?



“Every Moment”

I rarely let the word “No” escape from my mouth because it is so plain to my soul that God shouted, “Yes! Yes! Yes!” to every luminous moment in Existence. (Hafiz)

“I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore, I have continued my faithfulness to you.” (Jer 31:3)

“I set before you life or death, blessing or curse. Choose life!” (Dt 30: 19)

“Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.” (Jn 15:4)

Write a poem describing how you enter this week of retreat. Below is a possible format.

First line: one noun _____

Second line: two adjectives _____

Third line: three verbs _____

Fourth line: four-word phrase _____

Fifth line: noun that repeats the idea in line one in another way _____