DRAW NEAR

Verse 1 Here I quiet my soul You are all that I seek Still within me the worries of life Here my heart is at peace

Chorus 1 I draw near I draw near to You (O) Jesus I do You draw near You draw near to me (oh)

Verse 2 Here I lay my life down Cast my cares at Your feet Jesus here in this moment with You I have all that I need

Bridge 1 Jesus You alone are my hiding place My all in all my ev'rything (REPEAT)

Chorus 2 I draw near I draw near to You (Jesus O Jesus) You draw near You draw near to me (Yes Lord yes Lord) (oh)

Miracle of miracles that I can come close to You That I can come near to You Miracle of miracles that I can come near to You That I can come near to You The door is open You made a way Thank You Jesus oh we praise Your name Oh the door is open You made a way Thank You Jesus oh we bless Your name Oh miracle of miracles that I can come close to You That I can draw near to You Jesus Jesus A miracle of miracles that I can come close to You That we can draw near to You oh The door is open You made a way Thank you Jesus oh we praise Your name The door is open yes You made a way Oh thank You Jesus oh

Bridge 2

Chorus 3 I draw near I draw near to You Yes Lord You draw near You draw near to me I draw near I draw near to You You draw near You draw near to me

GOOD, GOOD FATHER

Verse 1

I've heard a thousand stories Of what they think You're like But I've heard the tender whisper Of love in the dead of night You tell me that You're pleased And that I'm never alone

Chorus

You're a Good Good Father It's who You are It's who You are And I'm loved by You It's who I am It's who I am It's who I am

Verse 2

I've seen many searching for answers Far and wide But I know we're all searching for answers Only You provide Because You know just what we need Before we say a word

Bridge

You are perfect in all of Your ways You are perfect in all of Your ways You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Verse 3

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think As You call me deeper still As You call me deeper still As You call me deeper still Into love love love



THE SEARCH FOR GOD'S WILL JULY 2025 GATHERING NOTES



- 1. Prepare the Way
- 2. Modes of Discernment by St. Ignatius
- 3. Love in God's Will

PREPARE THE WAY

Before we seek to discern God's Will, it is crucial that we are properly prepared.

(Sources: What Does God Want? By Fr. Michael Scanlan and Discovering the Will of God: An Ignatian Guide to Christian Decision Making by Fr. Timothy Gallagher, OMV)

Discernment Absolutes:

1. Good/Evil ~ If there is a choice between Good and Evil ~ we choose the good.

2. God Honors Our Vocation ~ God never wills for us to make choices that hurt our vocation.

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Five Steps of Discernment Prep:

1. Love ~ We seek God's will out of love for Him.

- 2. KB Foundation ~ We keep our prayer and sacraments strong.
- 3. Disposition ~ We will God's will.
- 4. Write it Down ~ We record our preparation and discernment as we journey.
- **5. Journey with Another** ~ We discern with another when possible.

"We love because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19

"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Luke 11:9-10 (Gospel 7/27/25)

"... let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus ..." Hebrews 12:1-2 (2nd Reading 8/17/25)

MODES OF DISCERNMENT BY ST. IGNATIUS

God communicates with us in all three modes described by St. Ignatius. When God's will is made known to us, that is our Holy Ground ~ our place of comfort which we can return.

First Mode: The Lightning Bolt ~ We immediately know God's will with certainty.

Second Mode: The Slow Dance ~ God slowly unveils His will over time. **Third Mode:** The Huddle Up ~ No lighting or dancing, just a rough and real plan of action.

Second Mode Steps:

1. Visualize the Two Options ~ Do you experience consolation or desolation when visualizing each one?

2. Take Little Steps ~ Do you experience consolation or desolation when you take little steps towards one of these options?

3. Discuss with a Trusted Friend ~ Did you experience consolation or desolation during/after the conversation?

Points of Third Mode:

1. Sit, Detach, & Petition ~ Choose a tranquil time and place to put yourself before God and the choice. Seek the Lord's will without predetermined direction and ask God for a clear mind and a faithful will 2. Pro/Cons ~ Write down the advantages and disadvantages of the options.

3. Choice & Confirmation ~ Recognize which alternative brings greater glory to God and ask God to illuminate the choice He desires.

Rules for Third Mode:

1. View from Another Perspective ~ Which option would I suggest to a person who faces the same choice?

2. Deathbed Wisdom ~ When I am dying, which choice would I wish I had made?

3. In the Light of Eternity ~ What choice would I wish I had made to love God fully?

"If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts." Psalm 95:8 (Responsorial Psalm 8/3/25)

"Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1 (2nd Reading 8/10/25)

"Our soul waits for the LORD, He is our help and shield ... May your mercy, LORD, be upon us; as we put our hope in you." Psalms 33:20-22 (Responsorial Psalm 8/10/25)

"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. Colossians 3:2 (2nd Reading 8/3/25)

"God's will is our peace." St. John XXIII

LOVE IN GOD'S WILL

God seeks love and relationship with us. Living in His will brings us the greatest peace and joy, because in His will, we discover our origin, identity, and destiny.

"I am created to do something or to be something for which no one else is created; I have a place in God's counsels, in God's world, which no one else has . . . God knows me and calls me by my name." St. John Henry Newman

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