



# Hope in the Future

## Reflection Three

### Passion for Jesus

Jesus said,

**“I have come to give you life and  
life to the full”**

John 10:10

**Jesus made us this promise.**

**What does this promise of Jesus mean to me?**

“I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since “no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord”



Pope Francis (The Joy of the Gospel 1)

### **The Bible helps us to know God.**

One of the Fathers of the Church wrote concerning Psalm 62/3

‘It blots out our sins and kindles in us a desire for God. It raises our souls up and inflames in them a mighty fire of devotion.

It makes us overflow with goodness and love and send us  
prepared to appear before God'

## Psalm 63

**A Davidic Psalm, while he was in the Judean wilderness.**

### *Joyful Trust in God*

- 1 God, you are my God!  
I will fervently seek you.  
My soul thirsts for you;  
my flesh longs for you in a dry, weary, and parched land.
- 2 So I have looked for you in the sanctuary,  
to behold your power and glory.
- 3 Because your gracious love is better than life itself,  
my lips will praise you.
- 4 So I will bless you as long as I live;  
I will lift up my hands in your name.
- 5 Just as I am satisfied with the choicest of foods,  
so my lips will praise you joyfully.
- 6 When I think of you in bed,  
I will meditate on you in the night watches.
- 7 For you have been my strength,  
and in the shadow of your wings I will shout for joy.
- 8 My soul clings to you,  
even as your right hand supports me.
- 9 But as for those who seek to destroy me,  
they will go down to the depths of the earth;
- 10 May they be given over to the power of the sword;  
may they become carrion for jackals.
- 11 But as for the king,  
he will rejoice in God.

Indeed, everyone who swears by God will exult,  
because the mouths of liars will be silenced.

**(Glory be to the Father.....)**

**'God is my God'**

**Psalm 62/3**

**How would I describe my personal relationship with God?**

**What is my THIRST for God? What do I long for?**

**Which part of Psalm 62/3 touches my inner being the most?**

**How do I make 'knowing God' my number one goal in life?**

**What part does the prayer of praise have in my life?**

**All is a gift from God**

**How do I open myself to receive God's gifts?**

**If love is at the heart of the CROSS how can  
I show this in my life?**

**'The Gospel, radiant with the glory of  
Christ's cross,  
Constantly invites us to Rejoice.'**

Pope Francis: Evangelii Guidium (The joy of the Gospel)



*'It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me.'*

St Paul Galatians 2:20

## **What does this mean for me?**

Prayer of Saint John Gabriel Perboyre CM

Born 1802 martyred in China 1840

O my Divine Saviour, transform me into Yourself.

May my hands be the hands of Jesus.

Grant that every faculty of my body

May serve only to glorify You.

Above all, transform my soul and all its powers

So that my memory, will and affection

may be the memory, will and affections of Jesus.

I pray You to destroy in me all that is not of You.

Grant that I may live but in You, by You and for You,

So that I may truly say, with St. Paul,

"I live - now not I - but Christ lives in me".



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