

Monday, 14 June 2021 – Weekly Inspiration from Rev. Jason

"Vocatus atque non vocatus, Deus aderit."

We do a good job of being mindful of God's presence, and invoking God, in certain, specific occasions. Weekly worship, for one. Or perhaps Bible Study, meetings, meal times, bedtimes...these are all occasions on which we are mindful to pause in a moment of prayer and ask for God to particularly be present with us. Or also, times of high stress and uncertainty, we pray for strength and guidance.

And then we go about our lives. It was once said that, in this world, we ought to believe as if God will take care of everything but act as if we alone can and must do it. I wonder if we take that a little too far, sometimes, and forget that - no matter what - God is already present; the spiritual exists in every moment and every facet of our regular days.

The phrase above was inscribed over the door of Carl Jung to help his patients and visitors remember this fact. Translated, it reads, "Bidden or not bidden, God is present." The Psalmist knew very well the truth of this sentiment. In Psalm 139, he writes, "If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall guide me, and your right hand shall hold me fast" (Psalm 139:8-10, NRSV). Deus aderit - God is present - in every facet of our everyday lives. The only thing that's missing is our own awareness of this, but even now is a good moment to pause and remember that God is already with us!

Prayer: Lord, there is no place we might go that you are not already there; there is no time that is separate from you. Help me to be aware of your presence, and to be a reminder to others that you are with us, also. Amen.