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## Thoughts to Carry with Us in the New Year

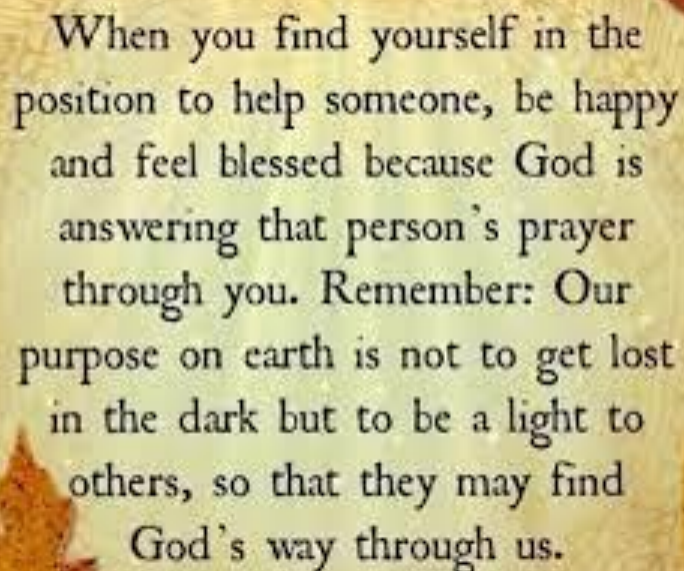
~ by Steve Mueller, *Words of Grace*

Jesus invites us to look for God's presence in ordinary life. Things that at first appear merely secular – family, community life, marriage, parenting, employment transfers, and changes in our lives – are not understood simply as “just the way things are” but are bearers of the mystery of God's presence.

In these events we learn to discover God's elusive presence. We can never limit our search for God to God's mighty deeds of long ago. God is always coming to us in our everyday situations, inviting and drawing us into a deeper relationship through things that we never thought were sacred.

God finds us where we are in order to be with us. When we can approach others around us, our religious community, our spouses, our family members, our co-workers as parables of disclosure of the mysterious presence of God, then our world is changed forever.

What if God is present in them? What about their divinity? What then? How would our behavior change toward them? These are the kinds of questions we will face when we begin to read our lives as parables of God's presence. And, when we do, we will know exactly what Jesus meant when he said, “The kingdom of God is here!”



When you find yourself in the position to help someone, be happy and feel blessed because God is answering that person's prayer through you. Remember: Our purpose on earth is not to get lost in the dark but to be a light to others, so that they may find God's way through us.

## Prayer Requests

### ***Sr. Lucille Souza, MSC***

Kindly unite in prayer for Sr. Lucille, who had a fall this past weekend and who has been hospitalized. Please pray that her injuries are not serious and that she will recover quickly.

## In Loving Memory

### ***Patricia Murphy Friel***

We are saddened to share the passing of Patricia Murphy Friel, Cabrini (College) University, Class of 1967. Patricia passed away on Sunday, January 7th. She is the mother of Christine Friel, Class of 2006. Please keep this Cabrini family in your prayers at this difficult time.

To read her obituary, please click [here](#)

### ***Sr. Beryl June Mallaun, MSC***



It is with great sadness that we share the unexpected death of Sr. Beryl June who passed away on January 6<sup>th</sup> at St. Cabrini Nursing Home in Dobbs Ferry, NY. Sr. Beryl June, was previously known to many of her students as Sr. Ignatius.

Let us pray for Sr. Beryl June as well as for her family and the MSC residents at St. Cabrini Nursing Home who mourn her loss. It is requested that in memory of Sr. Beryl June that you say the rosary for her; she was so faithful in praying her rosary daily. May she rest in God's eternal light.

### ***Susanne A. Miskovsky***

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Susanne A. Miskovsky who passed away suddenly on January 3rd. Susanne is the cousin of Sr. Catherine Garry, MSC. May she rest in God's eternal peace.

### ***Cathleen Geil***

Your prayers are invited for Cathleen, who passed away on January 4<sup>th</sup>. Cathleen is the sister-in-law of Bonnie Burke, the administrator at Cabrini Nursing Home.