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Ordinary Time—The Holy Trinity

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16



Dear Friends,

I recently came across this lovely prayer. It was found on the body of a Russian soldier, Aleksander Zatzepa, who died during World War II. It was composed just moments before the battle in which he lost his life. It has been named A Soldier's Prayer.

O God, hear me!
Not once in my life have I ever spoken to you,
but today I feel the urge to make you an act of worship.

You know that even from my infancy they always told me that you didn't exist...
I, stupid, believed them.

I had never marveled at your great works.

But tonight, I looked up from out of a shell hole at the heaven of stars above me!
And fascinated by their brilliant magnificence,
All at once, I understood how terrible the deception...

I don't know, O God, if you will give me your hand.
But I say this to you, and you understand.

Isn't it strange, that in the midst of a terrible inferno, the light should appear to me
And I should have discovered you?

Beyond this I have nothing to say to you. I am happy just because I have known you.

At midnight we must attack,
But I have no fear, you are looking out for us.

And even though up to now I haven't been your friend,
When I come, will you let me come in?

But what's this? Am I crying?

My Lord God, you see what has happened: only now I've begun to see clearly...

Farewell, my God, I am going. It's scarcely possible that I'll return.

Strange; Death now has no fear for me.

Jesus reveals for us the radical Love that we name God. The Love that is within God we name Trinity—The Lover, the Beloved, and the Love between them. Three faces of love, each one perfectly emptying out love into the other and back again, one continuous flow. That same love overflows the Trinity and creates all that is. We call that overflowing love “Grace.” And God's grace creates all that is, and God calls it good. God's only desire is that we should love God back. Then we are drawn into the very life of God. It does not matter if we come to that love early or late. God's offer of love is always there for everyone. Take the offer!

Peace,

Fr Ron

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