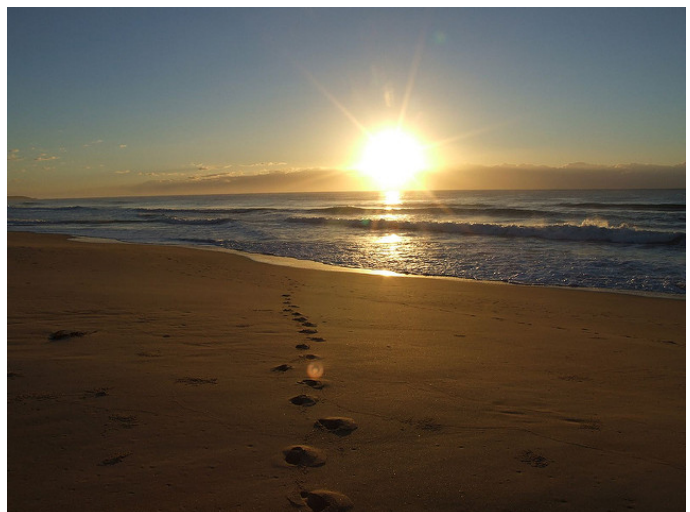


Prayer in Preparation for Chapter 2018
Week IV – God’s Invitation to Greater Freedom
November 12 – 18

I pray for the following graces: to grow in interior freedom; to become more aware of disordered attachments that block God’s love for me and my love for God and Others.

November 12	Luke 1:26-38	The Annunciation
November 13	Mark 10:17-27	Rich Young Man
November 14	Principle and Foundation	See back of Paper
November 15	Philippians 3:7-16	Know Christ
November 16	Principle and Foundation	Repetition
November 17	John 3: 22-30	John’s Last Testimony
November 18	Luke 1: 26-38 Review and Savor the Week	Repetition of The Annunciation



“Have for God an expansive love which includes all that love is capable of and all that a heart can love in God and for God; an exalted love full of purpose and ardor, transcending the mass of creature; a profound heartfelt love which is at your heart’s center and cannot be uprooted by any created power. Maxims of Perfection Chapter IX:2

First Principle and Foundation

The goal of our life is to live with God forever.

God who loves us, gave us life.

Our own response of love allows God's life to flow into us without limit.

All the things in this world are gifts of God,
presented to us so that we can know God more easily, and make a return of love more readily.

As a result, we appreciate and use all these gifts of God insofar as they help us to develop as loving persons.

But if any of these gifts become the center of our lives, they displace God, and so hinder our growth toward our goal.

In everyday life, then, we must hold ourselves in balance before all of these created gifts insofar as we have a choice, and are not bound by some obligation.

We should not fix our desires on health or sickness, wealth or poverty, success or failure, a long life or short one, For everything has the potential of calling forth in us a deeper response to our life in God.

Our only desire and our one choice should be this:

I want and I choose what better leads to the deepening of God's life in me.

- St. Ignatius as paraphrased by David L. Fleming, S.J. from the beginning of the *Spiritual Exercises*