The Father's Good News Letter
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they want to spend love time with me so I must choose, in obedience and love, where God would like me to be.

Eileen's Prayer for Obedience

Oh Father God, our Father, my Father, sometimes I find it so difficult to obey because I am so self-centered, Father. Please help me, Daddy; I need Your help to suppress my humanness. It is so easy to obey, why do I make it so difficult, Father? Is it my humanness rushing forth? Please help me, Father. Give me the daily grace to be obedient as Jesus was obedient, Father. I can't do it all alone because I am so human, Father, and I am so filled with self but I know that by obeying, Father, I'm getting rid of self and I'm becoming more Christ-like.

Oh, Father God, please my Father, help me to be Christ-like by being obedient. He was obedient, Father, unto death. You will never ask this from me, Father, and if You ever did, how can I obey when I can't even obey in the smallest things. I know the rules of my vocation, Father, whatever it may be, and I know You give me the daily grace to become holy in my vocation but there's no holiness, Father, without obedience. Help me to suppress my own will. It is so easy to obey and I make it so difficult. Send the Light of Your Holy Spirit upon me, Father, and enkindle in my heart a fire of burning love for Jesus and in this burning love, Father, I will obey Him. I will obey those around me and my life will be one complete offering of obedience and will. I need Your help desperately, Father. I need Your daily graces for I can't make this road all alone. Father, please help me. All the Angels and the Saints in Heaven intercede for me in this virtue of obedience. I know it is essential for my holiness and I want it so desperately. Please help me, Father.

Mary, my dearest Mother, you are ever so humble and so obedient, help me to be obedient. I need you as an intercessor, Mary; go to the Father and go to Jesus and acquire this daily grace I need to be obedient as Jesus was obedient.

Oh Divine Holy Spirit send a painless arrow into my soul and make me fully aware, through the Light of the Spirit, how essential obedience is in this daily living, that it is not old-fashion, it is an up-to-date word and very essential and unique to my holiness, my spiritual growth.

I thank You, Father God; I thank You for being my God but most of all, my Adorable Daddy. I love You so much, Father. I praise and I bless You and I thank You.

FAVORS GRANTED

If you have had any favors granted through Eileen's intercession, please write us a note. If it can be verified by a physician, please get a note on official stationary.

Oración por la intercesión de Eileen George (Prayer in Spanish)

Padre amoroso, en tu amoroso diseño, has elevado a Eileen George a una profunda e íntima unión con tu divinidad, y le has revelado los misterios de tu reino. Ella inspiró a las almas a la sed de santidad, y prometió obtener por nosotros, cuando por fin llegó a su hogar celestial, las gracias como las flores que descienden de lo alto. Si es Tu Voluntad, glorifica a tu sierva Eileen concediendo mi petición de _____, la cual pido por su intercesión y en el Nombre de Tu Hijo, nuestro Señor Jesucristo, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, Dios por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

Padre Nuestro. Ave María. Gloria.

Con aprobación eclesiástica

+ Robert J. McManus, Obispo de Worcester

To obtain a holy card with this prayer in English, Korean or Italian, please write to the ministry. Available on the website in 13 languages. If you experience a favor through Eileen's intercession, please ask your doctor for documentation and forward all information to the ministry.

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A word from Father Jay Finelli

Many people want to be in ministry. They long to travel around like Eileen, speaking to the people and healing the sick. Her ministry looked very exciting from the outside. Meet-the-Father Ministry took Eileen and her teaching throughout the United States, Canada, Italy, Germany, South Korea, the Philippines, Bangladesh, Taiwan, Aruba and Dutch West Indies, North Korea, Red China, and many other places. She had a ministry to priests by the age of 37.

Ministry was not something Eileen chose. She was sent by her Bishop and spiritual director with the blessing of her husband. Eileen preferred to be at home with her family. During one of her retreats, Eileen told the people that they were not to pray over one another. She had the Bishop's permission for her own ministry and did not want to cross the line out of respect for his authority. Before travel, either Eileen or Fr. Raphael, her spiritual director, would write to the Bishop of the diocese where she was invited to request his permission to do ministry in his diocese and to ask for his blessing. Eileen often said that we cannot function properly without obedience to the Church.

Eileen (bottom left) on stage with priests in Seoul, Korea
12,000 people gathered for her preaching - May 18, 1986

This tells us a lot about Eileen's relationship with the Father. Only God would require we live a life of obedience. The devil or self interest tells us our will is most important. We read in the Letter to the Hebrews: "Obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give account." (Heb 13:17) Obedience frees us to let go of our plans and accept God's will.

God love you!
Fr. Jay Finelli

Memorial Mass for Eileen George

November 24, 2019 - 3:00 pm

St. John's Church 44 Temple St. Worcester, MA 01604

Obedience

I would like to speak to you about the word “Obedience." Many of the people that I work with, and I can truthfully say most of them, find it very difficult to obey. You find this in families also, one child will be very obedient and another child will be the most disobedience child there is. But you know being a mother and a housewife I find in my own home it is very important that the children obey. Their life may depend upon it someday as maybe your life may depend upon your obedience. Obedience isn’t an old-fashion word, it is right up-to-date and it is oh, ever so modern.

Through the virtue of love, which is also a gift, I find obedience most essential. Obedience and love, as far as I’m concerned, run hand-in-hand. If you love God you obey His Commandments. If you love your vocation in life you obey the

Eileen with Claire Collins in front of
Gyeongbokgung Palace Seoul, South Korea - May 1986

rules of this vocation and this vocation can be a mother, a housewife, a father, a teacher, a monk, a brother, a priest, a sister, a doctor, a lawyer. There are rules in every vocation and you must be obedient to these rules and if you love your vocation of course you are obedient to the rules. Jesus loved His Father and **He was obedient even to death upon the Cross.** So how can we, as humans, in all dignity say obedience is old-fashion? No way, it is very up-to-date, it is essential for spiritual growth. I find it delightful to obey.

As a mother, I find it very difficult to have to keep laying down the rules to the children. Sometimes I feel like the dragon lady, “No, you can’t do this.” But I love these children; they have been given to me by Almighty God and I know to keep them alive, healthy, God-loving, I have to lay down the rules of this family to them and they must obey them. Not only must they obey them, they must find love in obeying them. They must want to obey them to keep the peace and the happiness of the home.

It is the same in Community life. It is difficult to be a Superior because you have to pray and ask God for His guidance though the Holy Spirit to give out orders to those that are in your charge, in your loving care. It is so easy to be a subject; all you have to do is to obey. Your Superiors, or your parents, or your bosses have to give an account to God for the orders they have given to you. They have to go through all of this; all you have to do is obey.

God will make them give an account of the orders they are giving to you. Even if it is wrong, you can obey, you can say, “God, I obeyed. Father, my Superior gave me this order, or my parents, and I obeyed.” Now, I don’t think any of us will tell our children to go jump in a lake or to throw themselves in front of a train, we would want the children to obey, nor would a superior do this, but we must learn to obey. If we obey we would find such a delight, such a joy, such a peace in our vocation.

Spiritual Growth

I find for myself it is very easy to obey. It is very easy for me to nod my head and say,“Yes, yes,” because my Father has revealed to me years ago, my Father in Heaven, Father God, the importance of obedience. There is no holiness, no spiritual growth without being obedient. It is so easy to grow spiritually by being a Subject, subject to obedience. It sounds kind of funny but it is true and it is delightful to say “Yes” all the time. But of course human nature steps in and our feathers get ruffled and our spurs stick out and we want to defy obedience. When you are restless like this can’t you stop for a moment and say, “This is never from God. God our loving Father gives me peace and love. When I obey I find peace and love so that’s the right thing to do.”

God is always there handing out graces to us to become obedient. The Lord Jesus was obedient and if we want to be Christ-like we must be obedient. Jesus was obedient unto death and we must be obedient unto death. Not just because we have to but because we want to be Christ-like. We cannot reflect Jesus to the Father unless we are obedient. It is a very important part of our life. So you see it is not old-fashion, it is right up-to-date because holiness is right up-to-date. It is not for the people of the old times. We must become modern saints; saints with the virtues of love and obedience as Jesus was all love and all obedient to His Father.

I find it very easy to get on my knees at night and say, *“Father, I tried so desperately to please You today. I was obedient, obedient to my vocation.”* And how is a mother obedient? I obey the rules of a spouse, of a mother - I wash, I cook, I iron, I clean, I bake; this is obedience. There are not always written rules to obedience. Every vocation has its own rules and silently we obey these rules; it does not have to be a direct command.

Again, I am saying it is so easy to be a Subject and to say “Yes” all the time. All you have to give an account to our Heavenly Father for is obedience. I would much rather be a Subject, obeying all the time and just saying “Yes”, then a head Superior or a head of a house or an association where I have to make the rules because I adhere to the rules from the Father. It takes a lot of consideration and prayer but being a Subject all you have to do is say “Yes.” They have to give an account to God for the orders.

When we find that there is disorder in our vocation, whatever it may be, nine times out of ten, if not the whole 10 times, it is because we are rebelling, we don’t want to obey the rules. But this is our humanness, so we have to pray each day to the Father and to the Holy Spirit to implant within us the grace to obey always, in every occasion. You see, obedience is giving your will to the Father. When you keep your will that is when we start disobeying. And don’t we all want to do the Father’s will? Don’t we all want to give back to God the most precious gift He has given to us, our free will? He will not take it from us; so we can disobey, as the bad angels disobeyed God, or we could obey as Michael the Archangel and the good Angels. What side are we on, check your obedience.

A Leader's Responsibility

Yet, on the other hand, as I am part of the headship of the household, Superiors of Convents, Monasteries, associations and different groups, you have a great responsibility of being the leaders, as I have a great responsibility. Am I pushing my weight around making people that are subject to me jump through hoops, demanding, commanding? You must always give an order by praying about it. You, as a person in position, need to pray for the light of the Holy Spirit. You need to be twice as loving, as I have to be twice as loving to the little ones beneath me or subject to me. I can’t act as a tyrant ordering, ordering, ordering. You must work together in love. This is how you should act as headship of any group or family or association.

You have a great responsibility to those that God has entrusted to you. You mustn’t use this power to destroy others but to build up a loving relationship with those that look to you for headship. You must build a beautiful relationship of love and understanding and yet not be a jellyfish. “Well, if you want to do it, it’s okay.” Or, “If you have time maybe you’ll do this for me.” No, you must work together with love and understanding with those that are under your loving care. They will delight in obeying your slightest wish because there is great love and understanding in the group.

No, obedience is not old-fashion, it is not out-dated. It is very much alive as our love of Jesus Christ is alive; we are subject to His Father. *If we want to be Christ-like we must wear the coat of obedience around the crown of love for the Lord.* They go hand-in-hand -- obedience and love. I have never yet heard of a disobedient saint or of someone who is trying to achieve perfection, “Oh, he or she is climbing if only they weren’t so disobedient” -- no way, holiness is in obedience. Obedience is one of the highest stepping stones to the Kingdom. Love is the highest but obedience is pretty close. So when someone tells you obedience is old-fashion now you know what to say to them.

Love and Obedience

I think it was Rilke who said this, “Love, consist in this, that two solitudes protect and touch and greet each other.” Think about this, it’s very beautiful. I say, “Holiness consist that two solitudes protect and touch and greet each other.” Those two solitudes being love and obedience: where there is love there is obedience, where there is obedience there is love -- love for your vocation, love for Father God, love and respect for your own Community.

You know when you are obedient as when I am obedient the grace of Almighty God is with you because God is love, God is perfection. When you are disobeying and doing your own free will and not what you have been ordered to do there is no grace there for that option, because God would be a contradiction if He gave you the graces to be a naughty person, a disobedient person.

All your graces come from obedience. If I wanted to go to a prayer meeting and my husband said stay home tonight and be with the family but I said, oh, no, I feel holy tonight I want to go to the prayer meeting. I would not be receiving the graces that God wants to give me. He wants me to receive the graces by being home that evening, being subject to my husband, being subject to my family. Not that they want to rule me,

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