

May 5, 2019

Father,

Open my eyes to the evidence
Of your love in all things

Grant me the grace to rest in your joy,
To allow a smile to linger on my lips,
To dwell within a wonderful memory,
To walk back through sunlit places.

Grant me the grace to awake with hope,
To engage with life in all its variety,
To take in the beauty of others' joys,
To touch the souls of those I meet with thankfulness.

Grant me the grace to sing with faith,
To carry the truth in my heart always,
To rejoice at new life and
To have peace as I age.

Grant me the grace to experience love,
To breathe in sweet nearness,
To taste the kindness of friendship,
To feel the warmth of embrace.

Please help me not to miss
A single drop of heaven,
To catch each moment,
To drink in the great joy of life.

Amen

Music from this week:

Our Father [*Bethel*]; God I Look To You [*Battistelli*];
Here's My Heart Lord [*Crowder*]; King Of Love [*I Am
They*]; My God My King [*All Sons and Daughters*]

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Joy: Living a Life of Love

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1 John 4:7-12

Joy is a _____ that naturally _____ when it is
given the nourishment of _____

What is love? (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

Love is to be _____ of the other

Why love? (1 John 4:7-8)

Love _____ us with who we are _____ to be,
which leads to _____

How do we love? (1 John 4:11-12, 19)

To love, we must _____

Further Reflection: 1 John 4:19 tells us, when it comes to love, we can only give away what we have already been given. So I encourage you to continually return to the Father's love this week. Thank Him when His love flows easily through you. Sit with Him and receive His healing love when someone else's love falls short. When you find yourself struggling to love well, rather than just trying harder, open your heart to receive God's love so you have something to give away.