

My Dear Friends in Christ,

## Meditations on the “Our Father”... Part Eight

“Our Father...”

When examining the first chapter of Genesis, Creation, we see there is somewhat of a song with a refrain within the text that begins and ends each day of creation...

- *God said, "Let there be..."*
- *And so it happened.*
- *God saw how good it was.*

These opening and closing remarks to the days of creation, from light to water to fish and ultimately humanity, help us to further understand the prayer given to us by Jesus, especially the word *Father*.



*[As referred to in homilies, it is important to understand that the Bible is not a history book. It does however, contain history and because it is not meant to chronicle events with historical accuracy, this does not nullify the lessons to be learned from our ancestors or the involvement that God has had throughout history. The Bible is Salvation History... God revealing Himself to us and inspiring sacred authors to capture the truth of God, humanity and their relationship through thousands of years. This being said, the reality of creation does not contradict or negate the theory of evolution.]*

The God we have come to know through the creation story, referred to above and supplied last week, Genesis 1:1-31, tells of God pre-existing all things, even time itself, and how it was God's desire to create... *God said, "Let there be."* This creation timeline of one day after another does not have to be interpreted as six successive twenty-four hour days. For as it was written in the Second Letter of Peter 3:8, *"But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day."* What is most important to learn from these passages is that before *God said, "Let there be,"* there was nothing in existence save God, and after *God said, "Let there be,"* whatever God commanded came into existence. God as Father is the author/creator of all things... *And so it happened.*

As God is the author of all created things, we have also learned something very important about the nature of God. And Jesus said, *"Just so, every good tree bears good fruit, and a rotten tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a rotten tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. So by their fruits you will know them."* (Matthew 7:17-20) After the six days of creation, *God saw how good it (all of His work) was.* Everything that has come from God is good, therefore, God's nature is good, therefore, God as author as father is a father Who brings nothing but good into the world.

God “Our Father” is a good father.

God love you... Father Fernan

