

Prayer Poems

Poetic Reflections for Sundays and Feastsdays
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Doubters

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“O, you of little faith, why did you doubt?”
(Matthew 14:31b)

Doubters

Language is filled with doubt words:

...if only...uncertain
...perhaps...distrust
...maybe + any others you find your self using daily.

We, like Peter, at times, try to walk on water. Sometimes, water is called thin ice.

Like Peter, we often sink!

Why?
Faltering Faith.

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Jesus nails and names doubt.
"O, you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Focused faith, eyes on the Lord saved Peter.
Focused faith frees us to swim the waters of life, rather than sinking into the sea.

Jesus is our life guard. He is alert to our fears, if's, and maybe's.
The watchful eyes of Jesus' presence, quickly move to our cries for help.
With Him at our side, in the storms of life, He brings belief, relief, and trust to ride out our storms.

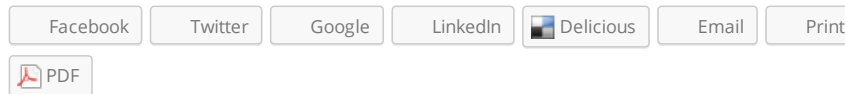
Somehow, somewhere, someone suddenly appears ghost-like out of nowhere.
It is then when we have courage to walk on water-wave after wave.

Will you answer the cries of other's drowning in their storms of disbelief?

For Reflection and Sharing:

1. What are some other words that show uncertainty in decision-making?
2. Has there been a ghost-life figure in your experience of storm times?
3. Why are each of us aptly called ghosts-like figures in other's lives?
4. Why do people try to go it alone?
5. Why do we fail to reach out to others in distress?
6. What are some life-guard qualities we need to develop to help those in need?

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Sister Mary Helen Chasar August 7, 2014 at 9:27 am



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God bless us, as we strengthen each other to greater trust in Him.

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Sr. Juliemarie McDonald, SND September 23, 2014 at 9:45 am



Helen, trust seemed to be the favorite word of St. Julie. I think this is why she was such a risk taker. May we be like her in our Journey to Jesus. srjm

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