

We praise, glorify, love, and worship the Almighty, Holy, Triune God, † Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and always and forever.

I, B., have been taught by God that whoever faithfully strives to fulfill His Holy Will will experience His grace, love, and joy time and again.

The Holy God helps us in doing good deeds and also enlightens us toward goodness and toward good prayers, which He if it is His Holy Will instills in our hearts.

In my experience, a person who does not strive daily to fulfill God's Holy Will and does not desire it from the heart, will repeatedly fall into a kind of spiritual darkness. Even if they wish to be a good Christian, they can be influenced by the devil through false thoughts, words, and deeds, and led astray from what is good.

I have experienced this myself on several occasions in recent years, when Julijana Ebert and I were writing prayers in the Holy Spirit.

When I faithfully and conscientiously strove to fulfill the will of the Holy God during the week, I was able to experience that God the Holy Spirit was at work within me and gave me words.

On the other hand, whenever, for example, I "imposed" my own will in everyday life and did what I wanted to do, I was subsequently overcome by a kind of spiritual confusion and bewilderment.

The Savior told Julijana, without my ever having asked, that I had closed my heart to Him. Julijana, too, told me several times in the Holy Spirit that I had closed my heart to the Holy God.

I used to wonder about this, because I didn't understand how anyone could even "close their heart to God."

This truth also applies to priests: If they do not strive day and night and pray that the Lord will help them and grant them the grace to fulfill His will, they can fall into spiritual darkness and, even if they continue to desire it, find it difficult to recognize and fulfill God's will.

It is a realization and experience that, I am convinced, is of great importance to all people. That is why I am writing it down here, because I have experienced this myself on numerous occasions.

Unfortunately, priests preach very little about this, even though this topic is so important.

Even if, out of thoughtlessness, carelessness, or laziness, one does not listen fully to God or only "sometimes, when it suits one," one may become spiritually blinded and confused, even if the one later wishes to fulfill God's will earnestly once again. It may take some time before a person, after sincere repentance and conversion, once again clearly recognizes and perceives what the Almighty, Holy, Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit wants from them.

This is also part of the gift of discerning spirits.

A person must humbly ask God for this gift and strive daily, seriously, faithfully, and conscientiously, to fulfill the will of Almighty God.

It is not God's fault if He seemingly "says" nothing to us, if He does not inspire us with thoughts, or if we cannot discern any guidance from the Holy Spirit.

Rather, a person must repeatedly examine his own heart and ask himself whether he has truly opened himself to God.

I have carried this insight in my heart, for I consider it very, very important, especially for candidates for the priesthood.

If a priest wishes to do the will of the Holy God, and he should desire this from the heart, he must strive toward it and ask the Holy God again and again in prayer what His Holy Will is.

Once the priest has made a decision, he should humbly ask God once more whether this decision is in accordance with His Will.

This request for this important gift should never be omitted from daily prayer.

The devil can intervene very quickly. In my experience, even the slightest inattention or indecision can lead to a person becoming confused, tempted, blinded, or influenced, and thereby suffering harm or being weakened. The person may then no longer feel capable of changing anything; it can feel like a kind of weariness and exhaustion.

If a person yields to the devil in any matter and imposes their own will against God's will, they be repeatedly tempted in that very matter, even when they believe they are doing something good.

Without God's will, nothing will ultimately amount to true good, especially when a person does something to be praised or recognized by others.

Everything must be done in God and with God.

Otherwise, a person close their heart, even if they do not consciously intend to do so.

It is therefore very important to reflect on this and to examine how one can put this insight into practice in daily life: in prayer, at work, and also in one's free time.

All for the highest glory
of the Almighty, Holy, Triune God. Amen.