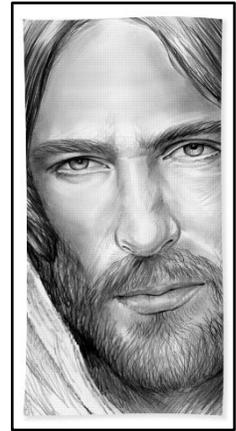


# CONCLUSION OF THE RETREAT: Gathering of Graces

Over the weeks of the retreat, you have learned to follow the lead of the Spirit. With the aid of the Spirit, review the retreat now to discern the key graces you have experienced. Don't replay the retreat day by day or week by week. Instead, go back to what is most significant. Remember in gratitude God's generosity to you and acknowledge your own generous cooperation with grace.

Review your journal. As you review your journal, try to summarize in brief statements the most meaningful insights and movements of the retreat. Some questions to consider:

- How has my awareness of God's presence in my life grown or shifted?
- What ways of praying were most meaningful or challenging for me?
- How have I grown in knowledge and love of Christ?
- When have I experienced greater interior freedom?
- Where is there still disorder or lack of interior freedom in my life?
- How do the good spirit and evil spirit usually operate in my life?
- Were there any spiritual insights gained from the weekly videos?



When answering these questions, be as concrete as you can.

The Scripture suggestions for this week are intended to assist you in your gathering the graces of the retreat. As always, rely on them as they are helpful.

## Optional Scriptures for Prayer for this Wrap Up Week

I pray for the following grace: a deepening awareness and gratitude for God's faithful presence in my life.

- Day 1: Romans 8:14-27 (*Living in the Spirit.*)
- Day 2: Romans 8:39 (*A hymn to God's glory; nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ.*)
- Day 3: Psalm 63:1-8 (*"I will bless you as long as I live."*)
- Day 4: Ephesians 1:15-23 (*The power and hope Christ offers believers.*)
- Day 5: John 15:1-8 (*The vine and the branches.*)
- Day 6: John 15:9-17 (*"I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete."*)
- Day 7: Psalm 118:21-29 (*"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever."*)

### **A Prayer by Pedro Arrupe, SJ**

More than ever I find myself in the hands of God.  
This is what I have wanted all my life from my youth.  
But now there is a difference;  
The initiative is entirely with God.  
It is indeed a profound spiritual experience  
To know and feel myself so totally in God's hands.

Pedro Arrupe, SJ (1907-1991)

*Text taken from Kevin O'Brien, SJ: The Ignatian Adventure:  
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### **Encountering the God Who Loves You**

May the journey you begun continue each day!

“All Christians are invited to a ‘renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ.’ Christ calls all people to himself in his Body, the Church, through the workings of the Holy Spirit, so that we can enter into a personal relationship with God the Father.”

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