

May 15

After a father scolded his 8-year-old son for being so unruly, the boy packed some of his clothes and his piggy bank, and announced: "I'm running away from home!"

The father calmly asked, "And what will you do when you get hungry?" "Then I'll come home and eat," the child replied. "And what if you find yourself out of money?" the father asked. "I will come home and get some," the boy answered. "And what if your clothes get dirty?" the father asked. "Then I'll come home and let Mommy wash them," the boy replied. The father turned to the mother and exclaimed, "This kid is not running away from home; he's going to college."

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Saints Speak

Spiritual reading is a regular, essential part of the life of prayer, and particularly is it the support of adoring prayer. It is important to increase our sense of God's richness and wonder by reading what his great lovers have said about him.

Evelyn Underhill, 1875-1941, Anglo-English writer and pacifist

It is a good thing to let prayer be the first business in the morning and the last in the evening. Guard yourself against such false and deceitful thoughts that keep whispering, "Wait a while. In an hour or so I will pray. I must first finish this or that." Thinking such thoughts we get away from prayer into other things that will hold us and involve us till the prayer of the day comes to naught.

Martin Luther, 1483-1546, German, Christian reformer/theologian

So commit yourself confidently and without hesitation, all that you are, and everything else, individually and in general, to the unfailing and totally reliable providence of God, in silence and in peace, and he will fight for you. He will liberate you and comfort you more fully, more effectively and more satisfactorily than if you were to dream about it all the time, day and night, and were to cast around frantically all over the place with the futile and confused thoughts of your mind in bondage, nor will you wear out your mind and body, wasting your time, and stupidly and pointlessly exhausting your strength.

St. Albert the Great, 1200-1280, *Cleaving to God. Chapter 4*