



## Prayer of Thomas Merton

*a Trappist monk of the Abbey of Gethsemani, Kentucky (1915 – 1968)*

My Lord God,  
I have no idea where I am going.  
I do not see the road ahead of me  
I cannot know for certain where it will end.

Nor do I really know myself,  
and the fact that I think that I am following your will  
does not mean that I am actually doing so.  
But I believe that the desire to please you  
does in fact please you.  
And I hope I have that desire in all I am doing.  
I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.

And I know that if I do this,  
you will lead me by the right road.  
Though I may know nothing about it.  
Therefore will I trust you always  
though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.  
I will not fear, for you are ever with me.  
And you will never leave me to face my struggles alone.

Amen.

