



From the Desk of Father Peter

God Wants Us to Become Confident

As Christians we are enriched in every way by the grace of God. God wants us to become confident in the vast resources we have inherited in Christ! Jesus is more than eager to provide us with every spiritual gift we need. Imagine: wisdom, knowledge, understanding, counsel, faith and fortitude are ours in abundance. On top of that, mercy, forgiveness, comfort, compassion and love are constantly flowing from the throne of our heavenly Creator. They are all offered to enrich our lives and the lives of everyone around us. So how do we receive these gifts? Well, when we pray, we need to be specific—and honest—about the needs we have. Being clear with ourselves and with God about what we are seeking and then taking time to rest quietly in God's presence will help open our eyes to the miracles God is pouring into us. At times, his answer will come in some unfolding event in our lives; or perhaps it will be a still, small voice in the quiet of our hearts or minds. Sometimes the understanding or fortitude or love we need will simply materialize at the right time. However these gifts come, one thing is sure: God, who calls us to be holy, is faithful. Life does not have to be too hard. Peace and hope are not beyond our grasp. They are not meant only for a chosen few; they are for every one of us regardless of our age, natural talents or station in life. It is not a matter of our efforts. Jesus is always there with us to help us, to keep us constant in this life and to make us ready to greet him when he comes again. Someone once said: "time is too slow for those who wait; too swift for those who fear; too long for



those who grieve; too short for those who rejoice. But for those who love, time is eternity.” So we should capture the moments of our faith wherever we are and whoever we are. None of us is here forever but the love of Christ endures forever.



Peace and May God bless us all.

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