

Day 3

“May God our Lord grant us in time the gift to perceive his holy will. He wishes that we should always be ready to fulfil it whenever he manifests it to us and lets us feel it within our souls. To fare well in this life, we must be pilgrims, ready to go wherever we can serve God our Lord the more.”

*Letter to Francisco Mansilhas SJ from Negapatam in India
7th April 1545*

Reflection

- Do I look for signs of what God wants of me: in my prayer, in moments of silence, in what others say to me?
- Am I ready to follow where God leads?
- Or do I always set the agenda for everything I do?

Prayer

**Father, you speak to me in the silence
and in the empty spaces of my life.
Give me ears to hear your voice in stillness
and in the gentle breeze;
eyes to see your presence in things
that seem so insignificant at the time.
Free me from the relentless whirl of activity,
from the obsessions which limit me
and snatch away my freedom to answer your call.
Like St Francis, may I too become a pilgrim,
called to walk the path you set before me,
wherever it may lead
but always safe in the knowledge
that Christ walks beside me
unseen.
Amen.**