

Daily Devotional, October 21, 2021 Making the Most of Today

This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalms 118:24 (NLV)

I was watching the baseball playoffs last evening. As the game between the Braves and Dodgers was about to begin, the umpire came out in front of home plate and threw a new ball to the starting pitcher. A brand-new baseball. I couldn't help but remember as a young Little Leaguer standing on the pitcher's mound and catching the starting game ball from an umpire in the same way. As a young boy, I didn't get to see a brand-new ball except at the start of a game. The ball has a different feel. The seams are stiff and unfrayed, with almost a sharp feel to them. The leather is smooth and unscarred and after you rub it a little bit, you can get a really good grip on it. It's clean, and smooth, and feels great in your hand.

One of the great things that we have while living on this earth, is the blessing of a brand-new day each time we wake from our rest. Just like the fresh feel of a new baseball, that day can have a great feel to it, in fact, it can be anything that we choose to make of it. It can be just another gloomy day like any other, or it can be a new start on the problems we face. It can be a new opportunity to help others or a new chance to make amends with those we love. It can also be a day to give thanks for being well and alive and able to do God's work while we still have the ability to do so.

In this difficult time of uncertainty, let us each take this blessing of a new day for what it can be: a new chance to be the people God calls us to be. Let's not miss the opportunity!

Prayer: Lord, thank you for the blessing of this new day. Help us to be the people you created us to be and to make the most of this gift. Amen.