



IS GOD INTERESTED IN ME?



#33: What does it mean to say that God is love? God is love and there is nothing created that is not carried and surrounded by his infinite goodness.

#49: Does God guide the world and my life? God guides everything along the paths that only he knows, leading it to perfection. God influences both the great events of history and also the little events of our personal life.

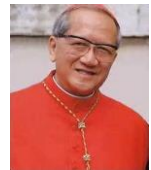
#338: What is grace? By grace we mean God's free, loving gift to us, his helping goodness, the vitality that comes from him. God devotes himself entirely to us and communicates himself to us in grace. Grace is everything God grants us, without our deserving it in the least.

#339: What does God's grace do to us? God's grace makes us capable of living in God's love and of acting on the basis of this love. Grace helps us to know, to will, and to do everything that leads us to what is good, to God, and to heaven (actual grace). Grace comes about in a special way in the sacraments.

SAINTS & INSPIRATIONAL STORIES

Cardinal Nguyen van Thuan

One day he prayed to Jesus: "I am happy here, in this cell because you are here with me, because you want me to live here with you. I have spoken much in my lifetime: now I speak no more. It's your turn to speak to me, Jesus; I am listening to you". He was also able to befriend his guards and eventually they smuggled a piece of wood and wire in so he could make a crucifix. "One night, a thought came. "You are still very rich. You have the love of Christ in your heart. Love them as Jesus loves you". The next day I set to work, first, by showing gladness and by smiling. I began to tell stories about my journeys in countries where people live in freedom. That stimulated the guard's curiosity and they asked many questions. Slowly, very slowly, we became friends."



GOSPEL



ANSWERS

For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. Notice the ravens: they do not sow or reap; they have neither storehouse nor barn, yet God feeds them. How much more important are you than birds!"

- Luke 12: 6-7, 22-34

ANSWER IN YOUR OWN WORDS: