

Longing to see God

Little man, rise up! Flee your preoccupations for a little while. Hide yourself for a time from your turbulent thoughts.

Cast aside, now, your heavy responsibilities and put off your burdensome business. Make a little space free for God; and rest for a little time in Him.

Enter the inner chamber of your mind; shut out all thoughts. Keep only thought of God, and thoughts that can aid you in seeking Him. Close your door and seek Him.

Speak now, my whole heart!
Speak now to God, saying:

I seek your face; your face,
Lord, will I seek.

St Anselm, "Proslogion"

Eternal Trinity, Godhead, mystery deep as the sea, you could give me no greater gift than the gift of yourself. For you are a fire ever burning and never consumed, which itself consumes all the selfish love that fills my being. Yes, you are a fire that takes away the coldness, illuminates the mind with its light and causes me to know your truth. By this light, reflected as it were in a mirror, I recognize that you are the highest good, one we can neither comprehend nor fathom. And I know that you are beauty and wisdom itself.

Saint Catherine of Siena:
On Divine Providence