

June 13, 2008
Friday of the Tenth Week in Ordinary Time

Readings of the day may be found on the following link:

<http://www.nccbuscc.org/nab>

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-16

Psalms 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14

Matthew 5:27-32

Jesus said to his disciples...

How many times do parents use a similar phrase? In fact they often say something to the effect of. "How many time do I have to tell you...!" It is of course a rhetorical question. They do not really expect an answer. I wonder if God ever thinks about us in the same way. "How many ways do I have to send you the message about how to live?" It takes courage to listen to the words of Jesus, mainly because we are being asked to rise to a tall standard. We are being called to live a life that is beyond anything we can imagine, let alone what we can imagine ourselves capable of doing or being. We forget that we have all that we need to live this life. We are, after all, created in the image and likeness of God. We have God's everlasting love and support. And grace abounds—it is there for the taking. All we have to do is say yes.

"I do not at all understand the mystery of grace - only that it meets us where we are but does not leave us where it found us."

-Anne Lamott

How have you experienced grace today?