

Let's Celebrate the Small Things!

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I am sitting here at this laptop trying to think of something to write and the inspiration won't come. Nothing, nada, zilch! Why did I get into this? I look out the window again ... maybe I'll see a lovely spring scene and it will motivate me ... no luck, all I can see is a ladybug crawling along my window sill. A ladybug?? It must be Regina sent to haunt me into working: ladybugs are her special sign ... but that is another story.

That little bug going across my window sill on those tiny legs, would be like me trying to walk ten miles across the Alaskan tundra, but she doesn't stop. Each day our lives are full of little things that scarcely make a dent in our consciousness; and yet those little things, if we really paused and thought about them, might color our whole day differently.

We live in such a frenetic, hurried kind of way most days: so much to do, so little time to do it. But what am I missing? That lady in the stationery store who gave me a big smile and let me go ahead of her, she really seemed happy

about it. The old guy in B. J.s who told me I should get a ticket for driving the handicapped cart too fast; the computer angel who gets me out of whatever I have gotten into, when I am ready to drop the laptop out the third story window; the patch of sun that lands right on my cat's head and makes her look so angelic. The time spent with old friends over a cup of coffee; the smell of candle wax and flowers in the stillness of the church before Mass; the endless acts of kindness performed so graciously by others.

These and a million other tiny acts of love are part of our lives, and they are so much more important than Dow Jones, or the politics of chaos, or one-upmanship.

Help us Lord, to see the beauty of the small things and the wisdom of the imperfect as we trudge, hobble, wheel or trip along the journey. Let us remember the ladybugs and the butterflies. Their lives are only moments, but *they have enough time.*

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