

# Walking with Christ

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## Be the Light of Jesus Christ



Several years ago I was in a large International Airport and as my family and I were going on vacation. As we were waiting for our flight we did what all Americans love to do, we went to get something to eat. As we sat down in the airport cafeteria I could not help but notice a young man a couple of tables away pausing to say a prayer of Thanksgiving to God, for the meal he was about to receive. By my estimation he was not Christian. He had a dark complexion and raised his arms and hands in a way that is customary for those of Islam faith. Regardless, I found his simple gesture and example of faith and prayer to be admirable. This young man was not looking to change the world, he was not looking to make a political statement he was not looking to radically change anyone and he was not looking for praise. He was simply thanking God for his daily bread. However, in his piety and by his example he stirred a love of God and perhaps even an examination of conscience for those around him. And we should do the same!

My friends, we are called to practice our faith both publicly and privately so that the world around us shall know that we are Christians. And in the words of Saint Francis we are charged to: ***“Spread the Gospel of the Lord and when necessary use words.”*** Our faith is a beautiful gift from God, share it with others. And by your example and your witness you may very well touch someone’s heart. Sharing our faith publicly, discretely and quietly is all that God asks. You have the ability and opportunity to shape minds and hearts for Jesus. Therefore, never keep your love of God bottled up. Be the man or woman Jesus calls you to be and allow the Holy Spirit to guide you. Live your faith publicly and devoutly, and be the light of Jesus Christ for our dark world. Perhaps even follow the example of a young Muslim man and together we shall change the world.

May Almighty God Bless You Today and Always.