

Image Reflection

GREGORY AND AISLING

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Observe Gregory as close to his heart he holds his first born, his tiny daughter who is just a few hours old. Sense his love for Aisling, his wonder and his watchful care. Imagine his thoughts and dreams for this little soul. See Aisling's expression of trust, contentment and peace as she cuddles into her father's chest, lulled by his breathing and heartbeat. Sit in the peace and tenderness of this picture letting the love of God your father surround you.

Reflect a little

God constantly holds you in the palm of his hand and never forgets you (Is 49:15) is familiar with all your ways (Ps 139:3) meets all your needs (Matt 6:31) and plans for your future (Jer 29:11). Recall your first experience of God's love. Remember your response and the emotions you felt. Over the years how did you recognise the signs of God's love? Has your love of God grown as the mustard seed grew? Are there times in your day set aside to spend with this God of love? Is your loving God calling you in more challenging ways into a deeper practical love through your present circumstances? Are there clues in the following messages?



A message to you from St Paul in Corinthians 13

'Love is patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude, selfish or irritable; it does not take offence and it is not resentful. Love ... delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, to endure whatever comes.'

A message to you from St Mary MacKillop

'Bear with one another, help one another, construe charitably one another's actions, judge not, leaving that most painful duty to those appointed for it' (1873). 'If we have love in our hearts, we shall have God with us' (1890).

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