

## **Thomas Merton's Prayer**

**MY LORD GOD, I have no idea where I am going.**

**I do not see the road ahead of me.**

**I cannot know for certain where it will end.**

**Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.**

**But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you.**

**And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.**

**I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.**

**And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it.**

**Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.**

**I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.**