

Day 5

“God our Lord gives to all sufficient grace to serve him and to preserve themselves from sin . . . all our good and evil consists in making good or evil use of his grace. We are much consoled in seeing that God our Lord sees our intentions, desires and motives for going to Japan.”

*Letter to the Jesuits of Europe from Malacca in Malaysia
22nd June 1549*

Reflection

- Reflect on the strengths of character with which God has blessed you.
- How do you use these strengths for the good?
- How do you sometimes use them for evil?

Prayer

**Lord Jesus,
it is so easy to be tempted
as you were tempted in the desert;
to make poor decisions
for quick gains and satisfaction;
to turn the wonderful gifts of your generosity
towards unworthy and selfish ends.
Give me, day by day,
the same Spirit of strength
with which you faced down
those desert temptations
of power, wealth and honour;
that my desires and motives,
my words and actions,
may always be for the greater glory of God,
my Lord.
Amen.**