

## Proclaiming God's Goodness and Provident Care

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**St Damasus I, pope**



***"The Lord is gracious and merciful..."*** (Psalm 145:8)

The Lord is gracious and merciful. We find these words often on the psalmist's lips. In the Old Testament, a life was spared, a battle won, a sickness left the person, a plague in the nation was averted. The people recognized God's hand in all of this and proclaimed how gracious and merciful God was.

These words of the psalmist remind me of the charism that is mine, as a Sister of Notre Dame, namely, that of proclaiming God's goodness and provident care. And not just proclaiming it, but of incarnating it.

This is personally very easy for me because God has been continually so good to me—in simple things like preventing a fall, or of reminding me of a phone call I promised to make, or of helping me accomplish an assignment that seemed overwhelming. And again in larger things like in granting me a grace I'd so longed for.

Currently my community is moving its provincial center from one city to another. There is inner turmoil connected with this and oh, so many details to think of! But when we stop to recall how God has always taken care of us in the past and knowing God will continue to do so into the future, we are all sustained. This is our way, at the moment, of proclaiming with the psalmist how gracious and merciful God is and of incarnating God's goodness in our lives.

This is today's challenge and privilege. It's yours for the taking.

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Isaiah 41: 13-20

Psalm 145: 1, 9-13

Matthew 11: 11-15