

## **Does it matter? Grace is everywhere. . .**

My devotional reading included the story of a man sitting with someone who was dying. They were waiting for the local priest to arrive. As the man grew closer to death, he asked his friend to find his rosary. The friend did. Together they prayed. Still no priest. The friend grew concerned. He voiced his frustration that the priest hadn't arrived. When the dying man heard him, he uttered these words, "Does it matter? Grace is everywhere..." As he finished, he died.

I suspect those were very comforting words to the man as he died. In his life, he had discovered an important truth. God's grace finds us anywhere we are. In his dying moment, the man was able to profess to his friend his trust in God. As the doors closed on life, he professed his faith that God's grace would be found beyond the doors of death.

It is a profound faith that finds God's grace everywhere. When we understand how encompassing God's grace is, our lives are changed. When pain and suffering come, God's grace enters our suffering. When relationships are strained or broken, God's grace is there for healing. In the joys of life, God's grace rejoices. If we struggle with our faith, God's grace remains faithful. At the end of life, God's grace opens the doors to eternal life. God's grace is everywhere.

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