

## **Living Today Like Its Your Last**

Read as an Invocation for the Midwinter Board Meeting

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How would you live today?  
If you know it was to be your last?  
What would you say and do?  
What would you let pass?

Thinking about our end  
Can be quite beneficial.  
It can help us identify and put off the superfluous –  
Decide what's truly important – what's essential.

How will we be remembered  
When we're no longer here?  
That we had lots of "stuff" and lived a "good life"  
Or that we gave others help and hope – a reason to cheer?

When we focus our efforts on others.  
Take time to show concern and compassion.  
We meet not only their needs but ours as well.  
We can find purpose – a calm sense of satisfaction.

The question is - what would you do  
If you knew today really was your last?  
Who would you call, visit or serve?  
What and who would you hold fast?

Granted - one day's not much time.  
You may think trying to make a difference a waste.  
But thinking about it can change our focus.  
Give us a new sense of urgency and haste.

"You can't take it with you" is a saying.  
That's true and that's been around a long time .  
We can, however, give ourselves in service to others.  
Let our love and our "light" shine.

So, live today like it's your last.  
Give yourself in love and in service.  
Join others in trying to make a difference.  
Give your life a new sense of fulfillment and purpose!