

Freshness

*I*t is a new day
Honor its newness
A wise teacher taught his pupils
Do not pray today just because you prayed yesterday
Do not pray out of habit
Do not pray out of the formula of the text
But pray with attentiveness to this hour
The hour that has not happened before
and will not happen again.

As I enter this day, let my eyes be open to the novelty of each moment
The past is important. “Then” and “There” should not be forgotten
But let me not forget the sanctity of the present
“Here” and “Now”
Let me not live redundantly
Let me not pray xeroxed.

But with respect for the unique possibilities of this day
“Freshness,” cried the pious master
“Let there be freshness in your life.”
No wrinkled prayers
No creased petitions
No worn feelings
In my life, in my prayers
Give me freshness.