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MRT2662 Aspects of Spiritual Life/
MRT2661 Prayer

Tue 13 September 2005

11.45 – 13.45

Answer FOUR questions, TWO from EACH section:

SECTION A: Spiritual Life (MRT 2660)

1. *Life with Christ in the Spirit* is the main concern of Christian Spirituality. What are the main elements of the spiritual life?
2. A spirituality is the expression of a dialectical personal growth from the inauthentic to the authentic. Explain.
3. "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us" (Rom 5,5). Comment on the presence of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Christian.
4. Karl Rahner speaks of human existence as "spirit in the world". How are we to understand this in our lifelong quest for integration?

SECTION B: Prayer (MRT 2661)

5. Sacred Scripture presents prayer as being a dialogue with God. How is this concept developed particularly in the Old Testament?
6. The prayer wanted by God is the prayer made *in the Lord's name*, in his reality as a Pray-er. Comment on **two** of the main characteristics of Christian prayer.
7. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says that "*by prayer of petition* we express awareness of our relationship with God". Explain.
8. J.P.Caussade speaks of four types of purities we need to work upon in order to reach true prayer. Elaborate.