- 1. Be always with Christ and trust God in everything.
- 2. Pray as you can, not as you think you must.
- 3. Have a keepable rule of prayer done by discipline.
- 4. Say the Lord's Prayer several times each day.
- 5. Repeat a short prayer when your mind is not occupied.
- 6. Make some prostrations when you pray.
- 7. Eat good foods in moderation and fast on fasting days.
- 8. Practice silence, inner and outer.
- 9. Sit in silence 20 to 30 minutes each day.
- 10. Do acts of mercy in secret.
- 11. Go to liturgical services regularly.
- 12. Go to confession and holy communion regularly.
- 13. Do not engage intrusive thoughts and feelings.
- 14. Reveal all your thoughts and feelings to a trusted person regularly.
- 15. Read the scriptures regularly.
- 16. Read good books, a little at a time.
- 17. Cultivate communion with the saints.
- 18. Be an ordinary person, one of the human race.
- 19. Be polite with everyone, first of all family members.
- 20. Maintain cleanliness and order in your home.
- 21. Have a healthy, wholesome hobby.
- 22. Exercise regularly.
- 23. Live a day, even a part of a day, at a time.
- 24. Be totally honest, first of all with yourself.
- 25. Be faithful in little things.
- 26. Do your work, then forget it.
- 27. Do the most difficult and painful things first.
- 28. Face reality.
- 29. Be grateful.
- 30. Be cheerful.
- 31. Be simple, hidden, quiet and small.
- 32. Never bring attention to yourself.
- 33. Listen when people talk to you.
- 34. Be awake and attentive, fully present where you are.
- 35. Think and talk about things no more than necessary.
- 36. Speak simply, clearly, firmly, directly.
- 37. Flee imagination, fantasy, analysis, figuring things out.
- 38. Flee carnal, sexual things at their first appearance.
- 39. Don't complain, grumble, murmur or whine.
- 40. Don't seek or expect pity or praise.
- 41. Don't compare yourself with anyone.
- 42. Don't judge anyone for anything.
- 43. Don't try to convince anyone of anything.
- 44. Don't defend or justify yourself.
- 45. Be defined and bound by God, not people.
- 46. Accept criticism gracefully and test it carefully.
- 47. Give advice only when asked or when it is your duty.
- 48. Do nothing for people that they can and should do for themselves.
- 49. Have a daily schedule of activities, avoiding whim and caprice.
- 50. Be merciful with yourself and others.
- 51. Have no expectations except to be fiercely tempted to your last breath.
- 52. Focus exclusively on God and light, and never on darkness, temptation and sin.
- 53. Endure the trial of yourself and your faults serenely, under God's mercy.
- 54. When you fall, get up immediately and start over.
- 55. Get help when you need it, without fear or shame.