**Called *from* People, Places, or Situations**

Think of one transition in your own life (like a graduation, wedding, birth of the first child, retirement, a divorce, death of a loved one, loss of job, etc.) or in your family’s life (like a transition involving your parents, your children or grandchildren, your spouse, etc.).

Reflect on this life transition using the following questions as a guide:

1. What were the emotions you were feeling—excitement, anticipation, pain, loss, grief?
2. Did you experience a sense of loss during this transition? What was the loss?
3. Did the transition involve forgiving and possibly reconciling with someone or forgiving yourself?
4. How do you integrate the transition into your life—addressing the loss and embracing a “new” time in your life?
5. How did you experience God in your transition? What was God calling you from? Where did this calling lead you?

**The Road Ahead**

*My Lord God,*

*I have no idea where I am going.*

*I do not see the road ahead of me.*

*I cannot know for certain where it will end.*

*Nor do I really know myself,*

*and the fact that I think that I am following*

*your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.*

*But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you.*

*And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.*

*I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.*

*And I know that if I do this, you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it.*

*Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.
I will not fear, for you are ever with me,*

*and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.*

*Amen.*

Thomas Merton