

## *I will give you a new heart...*

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Ezek 36,23-28

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Beloved,

Even today the Word of God helps us in our weakness, our failures, our fragilities...

As ever the Word of God is very comforting, because it speaks of the will of the heavenly Father to enable us to live in his presence, which means enable us to live in freedom, love, fellowship, free from evil, from the passions...

The Lord says: *I will cause you to walk in my statutes, and you shall keep my judgments, and do them.*

The Lord, therefore, is not only a legislator, one who makes the rules, but he is a saviour, a liberator: *I will put my spirit in you.*

**He gives us the law through which we can live, and also gives us the ability to put it into practice, through the special gift of the Holy Spirit who comes to dwell in our hearts.**

Therefore, even today a word of consolation, which invites us to joy, to praise and gratitude.

At the beginning or at the end of the day, depending on when you hear this reflection, give thanks to God, be sure that there is no obstacle to your sanctification and communion with Him.

Then, let us pray with all our hearts so that God can give us his salvation.

Praised be Jesus Christ.