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God's indispensable help

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Jesus said to his disciples: If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;

or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. (John 14: 7-14)

When believing in Jesus, the One who was sent by His Father to save us, we too become God's children. Such faith is impossible only by human means alone. We need help from the Trinity. Abandoning self-love, that is to say our own instincts our desires, is not easy for us. So let's never forget to humbly and constantly ask for Jesus's help to understand and to do His Father's will.