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INTO MY LIFE

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What peace does your baptism give you in your daily life? How can you contemplate and celebrate your baptism more often?

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