King Robert the Bruce of Scotland had been defeated in battle and was pursued by his enemies. He hid in a cave and thought over his defeat and his difficulties. He had little hope left, and thought he should give up the struggle.

At that moment he saw a spider dangling by a long thread. It was trying to climb back up to its web, but kept falling back. The spider persevered and eventually succeeded in what it had set out to do.

King Robert the Bruce often told this story to remind others of the lesson he learned from the spider - to “stick with it” even though there are setbacks. He died on this day in 1329.

Let us pray:

Lord,
show me how to learn from others,
how to be patient,
and how to persevere. Amen.
This is an excerpt from the page of this date in ‘Praying Each Day of the Year’; a 3-volume book by Nicholas Hutchinson, FSC.

For details: http://www.matthew-james.co.uk/

Could make use of a search engine to research this topic further.

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