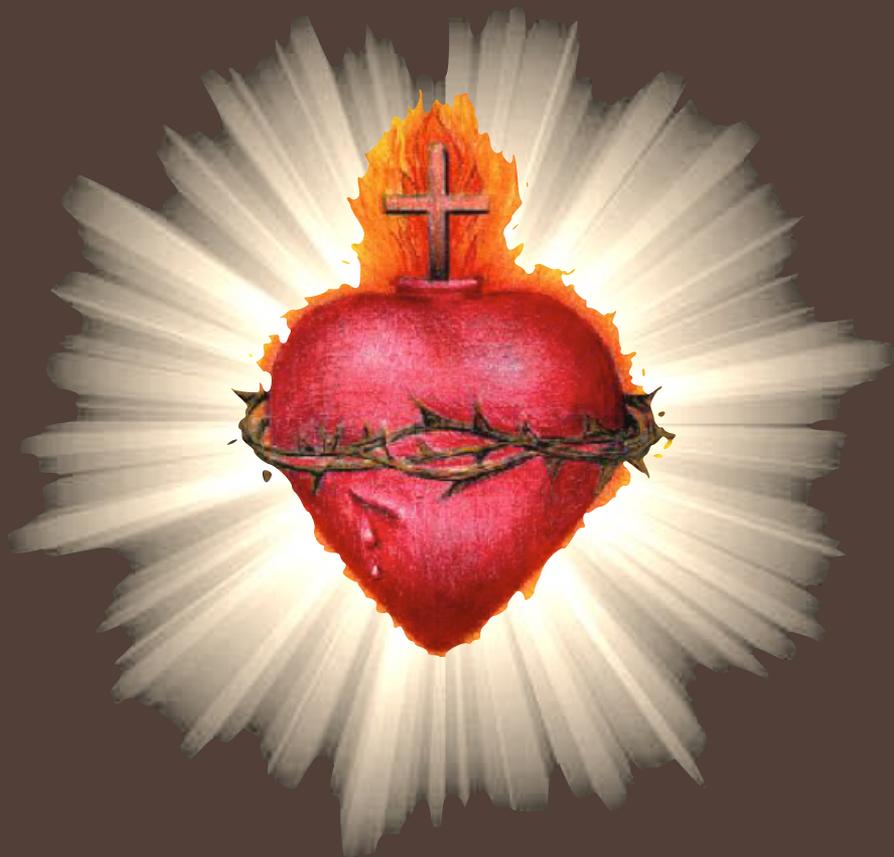


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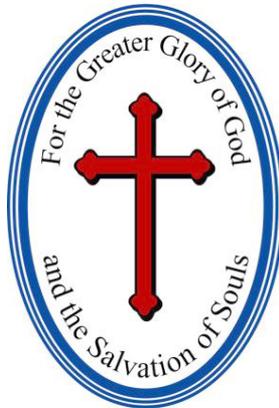
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# *The Hidden Sufferings of Christ*



The purpose of this book is to console Jesus by meditating on the hidden sufferings of His Most Sacred Heart, offering and uniting the hidden sufferings of all human hearts to His, and to implore His mercy for the salvation of souls who die every day unprepared to face God.

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This Book is Dedicated to Jesus in  
His Hidden Presence



The Most Blessed Sacrament

# Foreword

Dear Reader:

As we celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has asked us to focus in a renewed way on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy: we can only truly understand the mercy of God, Our Father by extending that mercy to others as disciples of His Son, Jesus. Our Christian tradition helps us to know that one of the most important works of mercy is to pray for the dead. In addition to the funeral Mass itself, the high point of our prayer for our deceased loved ones, we should also broaden that prayer and work of mercy to pray for those who are facing the final trial at the hour of their death. That is certainly the time they are most in need of God's mercy, as we pray so often in the Fatima prayer of the Holy Rosary; for it is at this time when the soul is making its final decision for or against eternal life.

I have worked with the Apostolate for the Dying for some time now and can assure you of the spiritual importance of their work. This beautifully illustrated book on the hidden sufferings of Christ is a very powerful way to participate in this important work of mercy.

As Christian disciples we are called to pray for each other and to help bring each other toward salvation, and this book is an important instrument for us to do just that.

May the Lord bless you in your devotion to His saving Passion, Suffering and Death, and may this prayer book help draw you more closely into His paschal mystery as you pray for your brothers and sisters in Christ.

- Fr. James Reutter

# Introduction

For two thousand years the world has heard and believed that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was crucified, and died a most horrendous death to save us from eternal damnation. The Church honors Our Lord through beautiful devotions, such as the Way of the Cross, in which we meditate on His physical sufferings. But what about the silent sufferings He deeply felt in His Most Sacred Heart? He was a man, subject to suffering like we all are. For three years He spoke and taught about God's love and mercy. His coming into this world was to save souls and bring them to the truth, to show us the Father and His infinite love for us. Every day He saw how closed the human heart can be, and how difficult it is for God's love to penetrate the hearts of men because of original sin. He was ignored and rejected, though He offered nothing but love and compassion. The interior sufferings of His loving Heart were perhaps greater than the pains and torments He suffered in His Body.

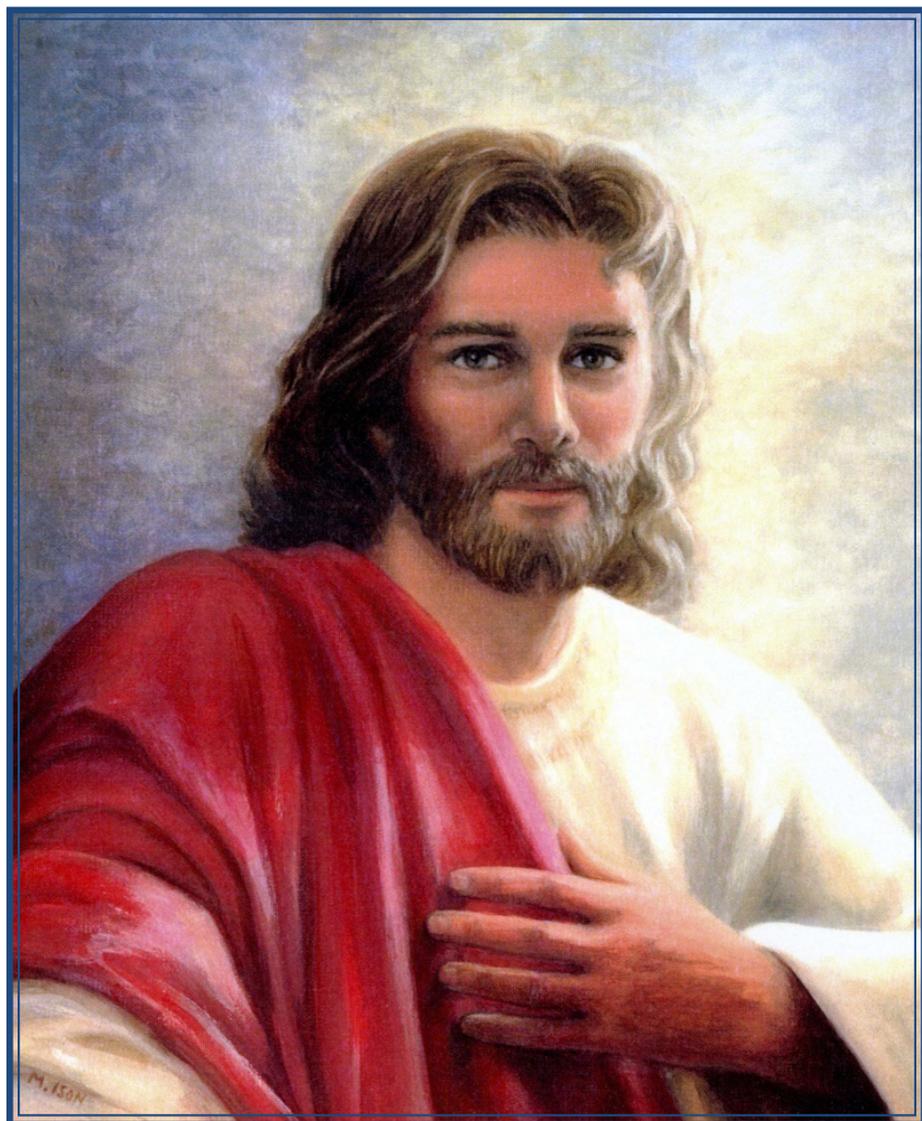
His silent and hidden sufferings are a great mystery. No one can penetrate the Divine Heart of the Son of God or comprehend His unimaginable sufferings. Neither man nor Angels can understand such an impenetrable mystery. We can only imagine it by pondering our own sufferings. The greatest suffering is always the one hidden in the depths of our hearts. We all experience that kind of pain in the difficulties of this earthly life.

Behind any suffering of the heart there is always the mystery of love. We suffer because we love. But how can our love compare to the infinite and eternal love of God? There is no love equal to God's love for us. Yet God is always waiting for some small sign of our imperfect love. He rejoices when we show Him gratitude and the desire to console Him. An act of our love offered to Him atones for a multitude of our transgressions. That's how much He loves us. He just wants our love!

These thirty one meditations have a three-fold purpose: to show gratitude to Our Lord and console His Most Sacred Heart; to implore His mercy and salvation for those who die unprepared to face God; and to unite the sufferings of all human hearts to His hidden sufferings. This book gives us the opportunity to read and reflect on the Scriptures every day as well. Jesus suffered and died to save us all. That was His great Passion.

***May you Cherish your month-long journey with Jesus. May He reveal His love and mercy to you. May you receive the grace of a true and lasting relationship with Him. And may He transform your heart into His own!***

*“Come with Me”*



***“Look into My Heart and see there the love and mercy which I have for humankind, and especially for sinners. Look into My Passion”.***

**St. Faustina Diary 1663**

# Preparation Prayer

Let us reflect on God's Word  
as we prepare our hearts for these meditations.

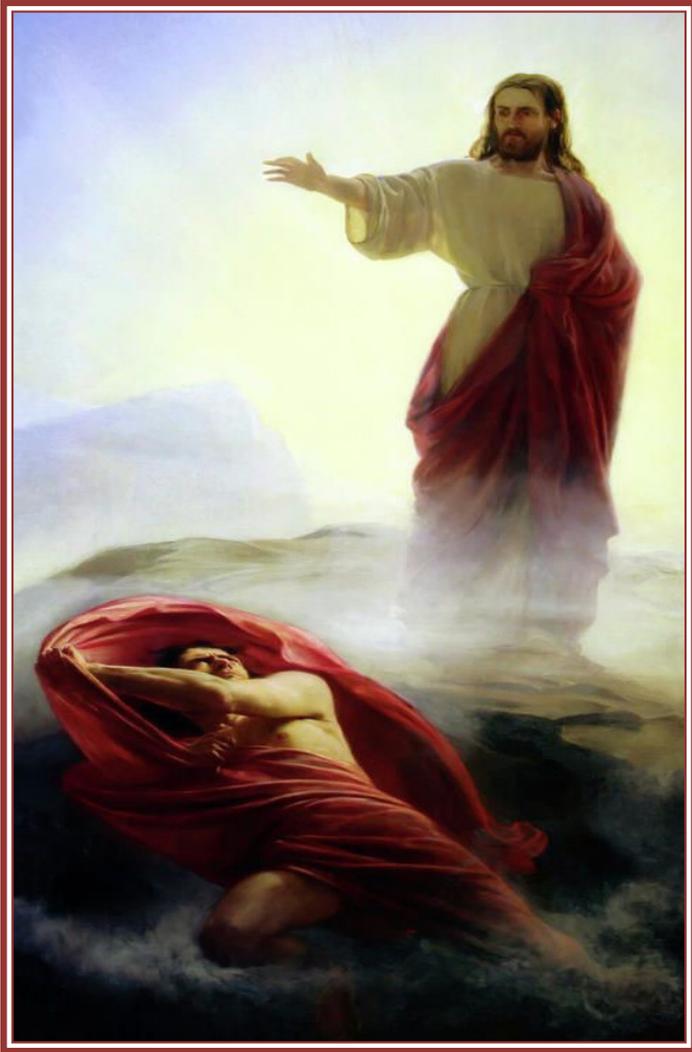
Luke, 10:21-22

At that very moment He rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, **“I give you praise, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.”**

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

**Note: Closing Prayer is on page 81.**

Day 1  
*First Suffering*



*The Temptation of Jesus in the Desert*

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." He said in reply, 'It is written: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.' (Matt. 4:1-4)

# Reflection



**L**ord Jesus, Loving Savior, help us to meditate on the sufferings of your Sacred Heart, when, alone in the wilderness, you stayed for forty days and forty nights. For all those long days and nights, dear Jesus, you had no food to eat, no drink to quench your thirst, no bed to sleep, and no place to rest your Sacred Head. In this weakened state of complete exhaustion, the devil came tempting you, offering everything your human body was in need of. But your love for the Father and for our salvation, was stronger than any human weakness. Doing the Father's will, was worth more than all the sufferings and pains. You showed us that we should adore and serve God alone. And silently you suffered, all for love of us.

*Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us and on those who will die this day.*

## Imagine Jesus saying:

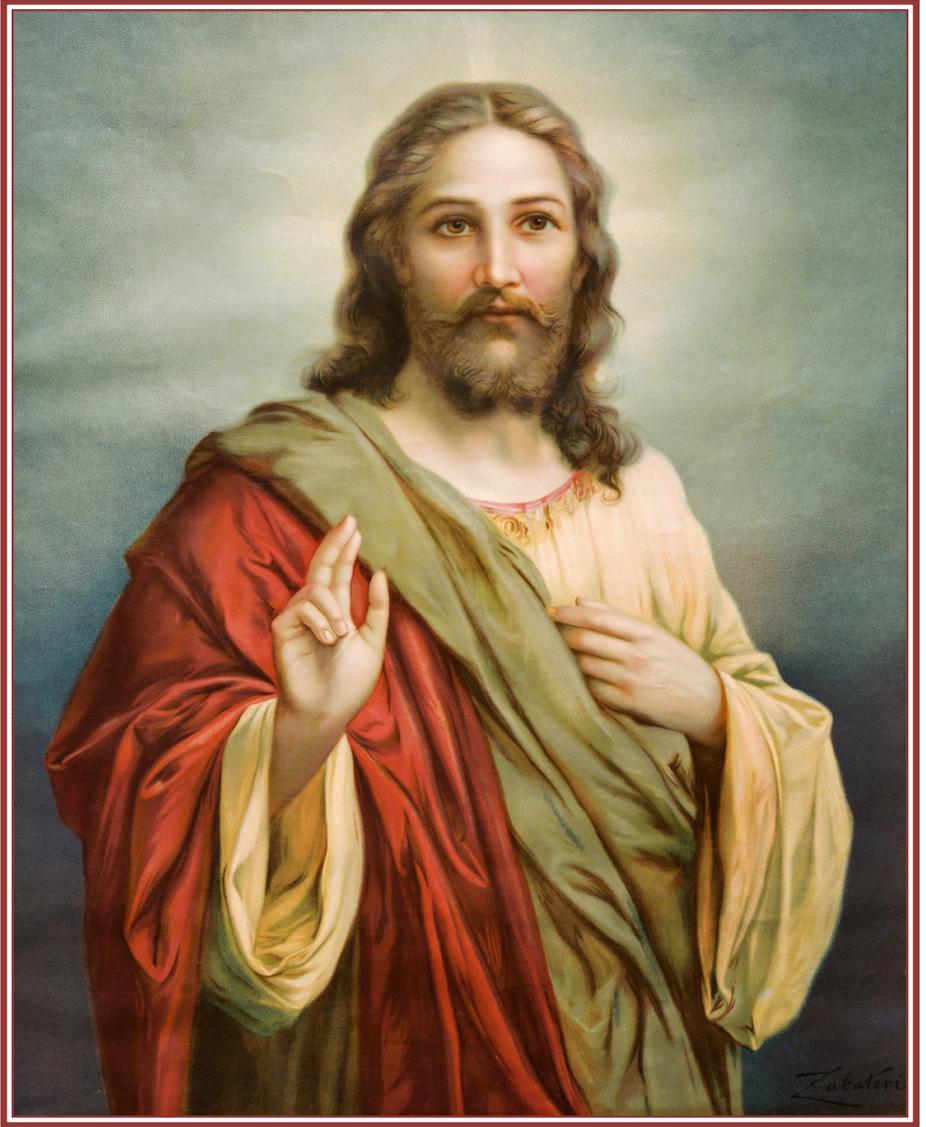
**“My greatest suffering was knowing that many of those for whom I suffered, would despise Me and ignore My loving sacrifice, my great pain! That was truly My most painful suffering....My thirst and hunger was for the salvation of souls. Console Me now, my faithful ones, meditate on the hidden sufferings of My Sacred Heart, for I am continually being despised, ignored, rejected, and blasphemed by those whom I love so much. My children, I long for your love! I love you!”**

## Prayer

**D**ivine Savior, let us console You by honoring the unspoken sufferings of Your Most Sacred Heart. Accept, we beg you, the hidden sufferings of all human hearts and unite it to Yours for the salvation of those who are leaving this world today. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, by the merits of your silent suffering and Your Most Precious Blood, have mercy on us and on those who are dying.

*~ We were in Jesus' Heart in that desert ~*

Day 2  
*Second Suffering*



Teaching about Adultery

**“You have heard that it was said, you shall not commit adultery. But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery in his heart.” (Matt. 5:27-28)**

# Reflection



Lord Jesus, Loving Savior, You search the human heart and know all of its weaknesses and frailties. You created us so wonderfully in Your image and likeness to be pure and holy. The Temple of the Holy Spirit dwells within us. Yet, because of original sin, human nature is weak and causes us to fall. The world is full of great temptations, and following our own desires we fall into the sins of the flesh. These sins are a cause of great suffering not only for individuals but for all the human race. You knew that Your teachings would be ignored and rejected by many of Your children. Your Sacred Heart, full of love and compassion for sinners grieved silently like only a Divine Heart could grieve.

*Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us and on those who will die this day.*

## Imagine Jesus saying:

**“Pure love, is the most beautiful flower in the hearts of My children; and from it flows the virtues that produce goodness, charity, joy, peace, happiness, and faithfulness. My Sacred Heart filled with Divine Love, suffers greatly for seeing the world filled with a false love. This deceiving love produces evil desires, the grave sins of lust, adultery, impurity, greed, falsehood, selfishness, and many other evils. How great are the sins that come from it!...Yet My children, remember that My Mercy is greater than all sin, and I wish every soul to be saved. I love you!”**

**I told Faustina: ‘Encourage souls to place great trust in My fathomless mercy. Let the weak and sinful soul have no fear to approach Me, for even if it had more sins than there are grains of sand in the world, all would be drowned in the immeasurable depths of My mercy.’ (Diary 1059)**

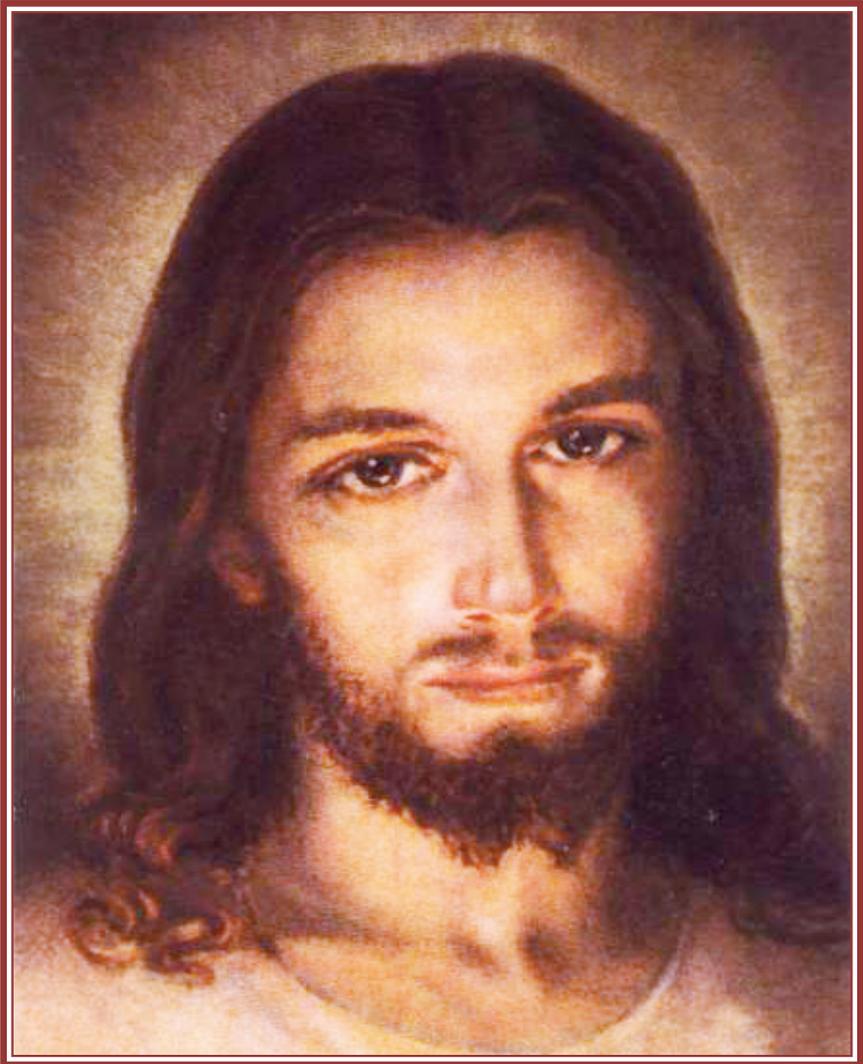
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*~ Jesus bore physical shame for our sins of the flesh. ~*

Day 3

## *Third Suffering*



### Love of Enemies

**“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for He makes His sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes the rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you what recompense will you have?’” (Matt. 5:43-46)**

# Reflection



**L**ord Jesus, Loving Savior, You taught us to show mercy and forgiveness to those who offend us; to love our enemies in order to live in harmony, peace and love. As You spoke to the people, Your most loving Heart suffered, knowing that a great part of humanity would not follow your law of love and forgiveness. You saw unrest, hatred, vengeance, and war spreading everywhere like a plague! You saw innocent lives suffering greatly even in the womb by wicked, merciless men and women, and many people killed as a consequence. Lord, teach us to love and forgive like You.

*Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us and on those who will die this day.*

## Imagine Jesus saying:

**“How I long to see My children living in My love!...For that reason I suffered and died. Do you know how much I love you? And do you wish to know the greatness of My mercy?... Desire to know My infinite love that I have for you. I know what lies in your hearts, and I suffer when I see hate and jealousy instead of love and forgiveness. My sorrowful Heart grieves for you My beloved souls. Learn to love and forgive, as I have loved and forgiven you. I love you!”**

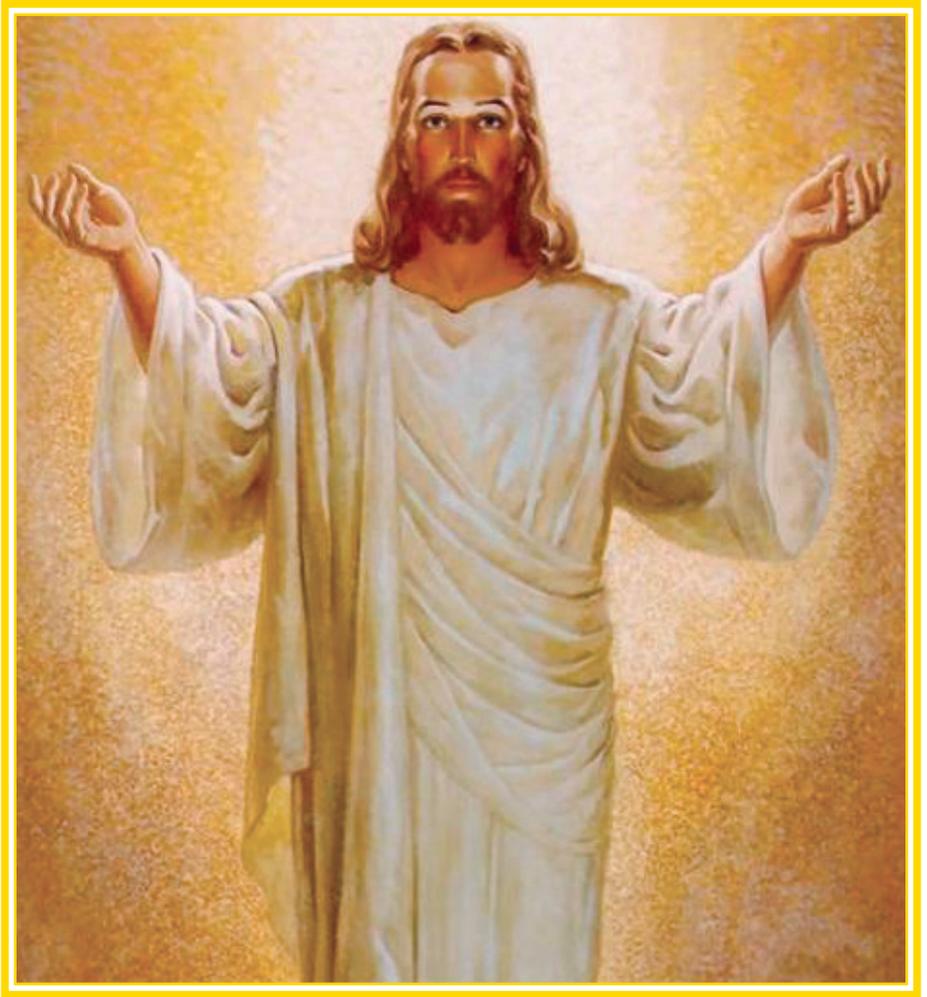
**In My infinite love I told Faustina: “...My daughter, write that the greater the misery of a soul, the greater its right to My mercy. Urge all souls to trust in the unfathomable abyss of My mercy, because I want to save them all. On the cross, the fountain of My mercy was opened wide by the lance for all souls. No one have I excluded!” (Diary 1182)**

## Prayer

**D**ivine Savior, let us console You by honoring the unspoken sufferings of Your Most Sacred Heart. Accept, we beg you, the hidden suffering of all human hearts and unite it to Yours for the salvation of those who are leaving this world today. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, by the merits of Your silent suffering and Your Most Precious Blood, have mercy on us and on those who are dying.

*~ Jesus loves with a passion even those who hate Him ~*

Day 4  
*Fourth Suffering*



*The Light of the Body*

**“The lamp of the body is the eye. If the eye is sound, your whole body will be filled with light; but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be in darkness. And if the light in you is darkness, how great will the darkness be.” (Matt. 6:22-23)**

# Reflection



Lord Jesus, Loving Savior, You are the Light of the world. You know how dark the human heart can be without You. Your Sacred Heart suffered greatly knowing that throughout the centuries many of us would choose to live in darkness, guided by the false lights of this world and never looking for You, the true Light that leads to salvation. Lovingly You showed us the way, blindly we rejected it. Help us, Lord, to embrace Your Truth and live guided by Your Light.

*Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us and on those who will die this day.*

## Imagine Jesus saying:

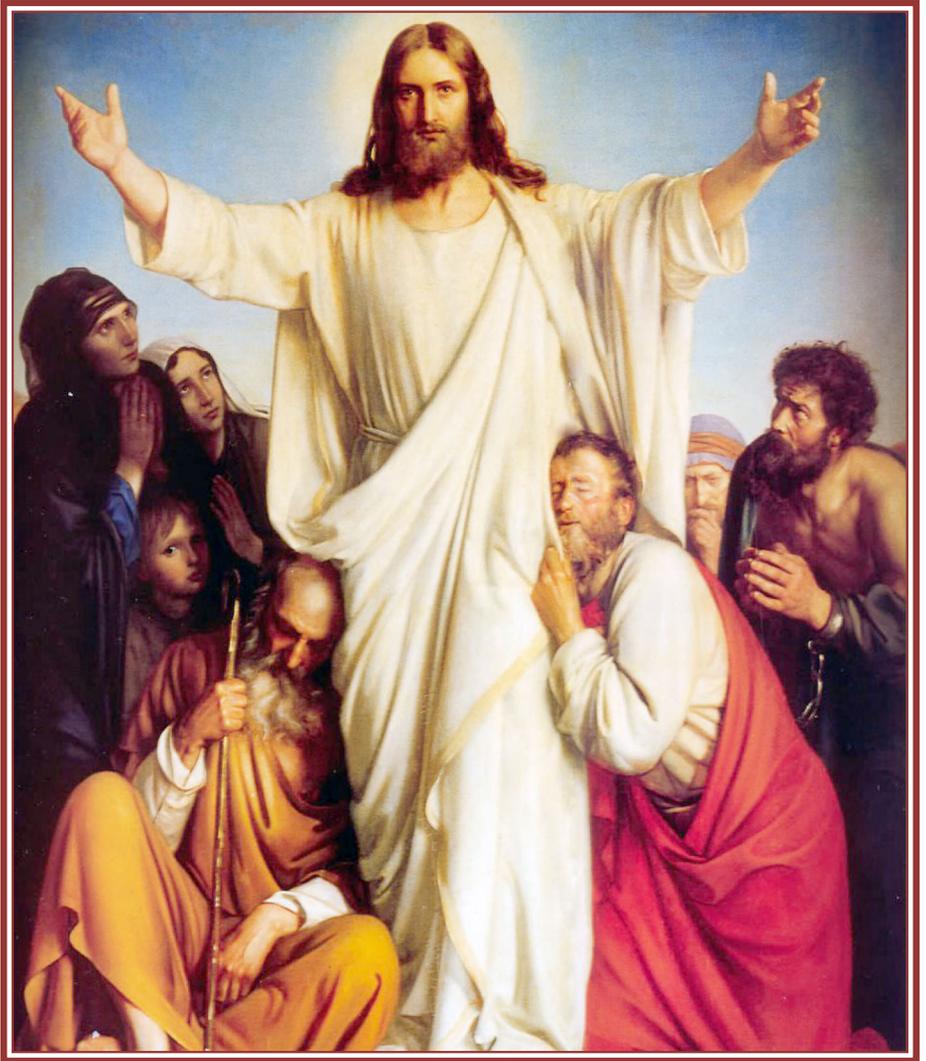
**“In My light there is no darkness and no shadows of any kind. Kindness and love, peace and joy are My continuing gifts for My poor blind children. You, My faithful ones, be My light for the blind, open their eyes by your example, by the way you live, by the way you love. Let My Light shine through you in all you say and do. And in this way, My aching Heart will be consoled and souls will be saved. My children, control your eyes from impurity and the darkness of sin. Keep them fixed on the truth that is Me, and My love for you. I love you!”**

## Prayer

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*~ Many souls close their hearts to the Light of Christ ~*

Day 5  
*Fifth Suffering*



**Dependence on God**

**“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they?” (Matt. 6:25)**

# Reflection



**L**ord Jesus, Loving Savior, how wonderful is Your love for us! Your loving care is so great!...Yet we still get anxious and worry about many things. With these loving words, You teach us that there is nothing we should fear as long as we trust and obey our Heavenly Father. Your Most Sacred Heart suffered silently, knowing that many of us would not believe nor trust in Your providence and would choose to go our own way, ignoring Your words and proudly thinking that we can live without you.

*Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us and on those who will die this day.*

## Imagine Jesus saying:

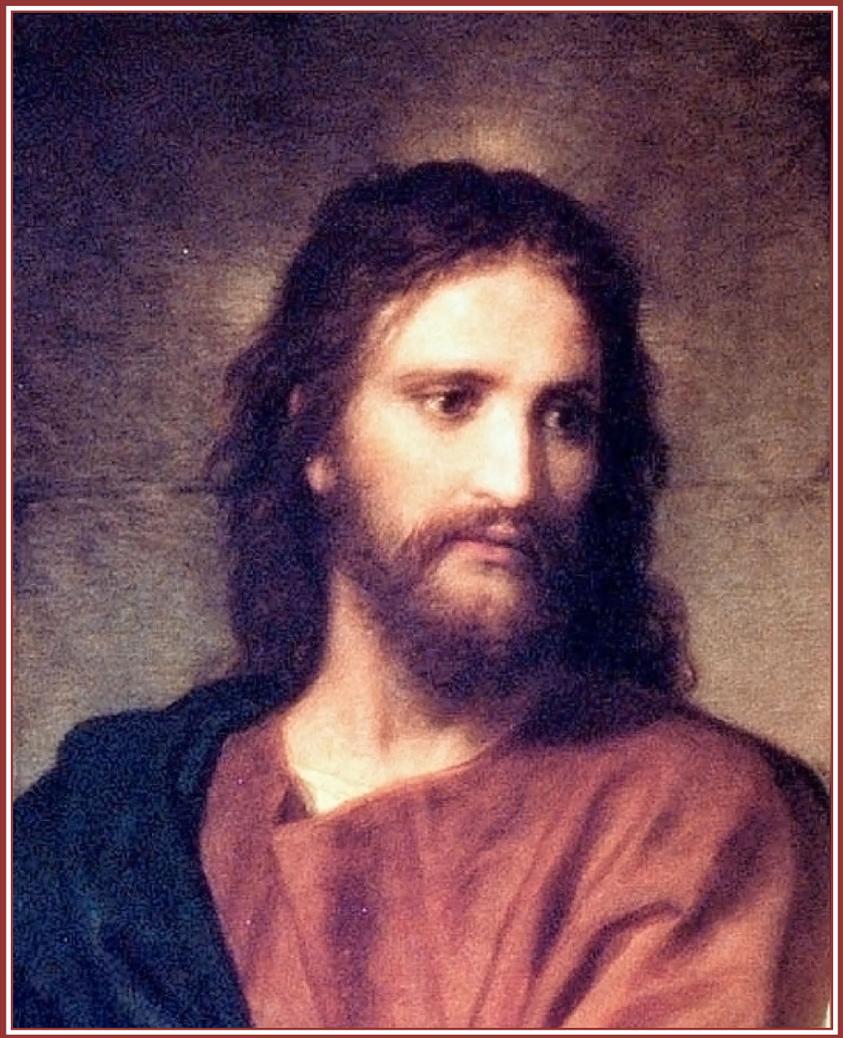
**“Poor beloved children! How easy it would be for you to live fruitful and happy lives if you would just trust, love and obey Me... I am your Savior, your Creator and God. My Divine Heart suffered so much because of My great love for you. I knew that nothing would make you happy outside of your Heavenly Father’s loving arms. How great is My sadness, My children... seeing, in time, a multitude of you turning your backs on My words!... ignoring My law of love and mercy.... Yet, I continue to love you and shower you with My graces. Turn to Me now, while there is still time. I love you!”**

## Prayer

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*~ Our distrust and selfishness wound the  
Heart of Jesus ~*

Day 6  
*Sixth Suffering*



***Judging Others***

**“Stop judging, and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap.” (Luke 6:37-38)**

# Reflection



**L**ord Jesus, Loving Savior, You created us to be brothers and sisters and not judges of one another. What a great responsibility You give us in this teaching!... It almost seems You have put our eternal salvation totally in our hands by the way we treat our brothers and sisters. Immense must be the sorrow in Your Sacred Heart seeing great injustices being done because of our many wrong judgments! Help us Lord, give us the gift of wisdom and understanding. Teach us how to love and forgive like You. Help us to transform our judgments into prayers for the good of all and to console Your Most Sacred Heart.

*Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us and on those who are dying.*

## Imagine Jesus saying:

**“Repeatedly I have showed you never to judge anyone, for only God knows what’s in the heart of each person. He alone is the Judge. I indeed suffered in the silence of My Sacred Heart, for I saw many of My children coming before Me with hearts full of unforgiveness and hate. I want you, My children, to forgive as I have forgiven, even those who crucified Me. I came down from heaven to earth to suffer and die to save all humanity, and in the Our Father prayer I gave you the last remedy: ‘Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.’ Forgive My children, always forgive. Never let yourselves get tired of forgiving, for forgiveness brings peace and joy to your hearts and to those around you, and your Father in Heaven rejoices. Remember, you will be forgiven as you have forgiven. I do not want any soul to be lost, for it causes Me the greatest agony. I have so many gifts waiting for you My dear children....I love you!”**

## Prayer

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*~ Jesus sees ALL that lies in our hearts ~*

Day 7  
*Seventh Suffering*



*False Prophets and The True Disciples*

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but underneath are ravenous wolves.”.....”Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name? Did we not drive out demons in your name? Did we not do mighty deeds in your name? Then I will declare to them solemnly, ‘I never knew you. Depart from me, you evil doers.’ (Matt. 7:15-23)

# Reflection



**L**ord Jesus, Loving Savior, pronouncing such serious words must have caused great pain in your Sacred Heart, for You wished everyone to be saved. We say we love You, Lord, yet we do not always follow Your will. We fall away from Your truths when we follow our own will, believing that our own ideas are better than Your truths. This will lead us to follow evil spirits, embracing lies instead of the truths of Your Holy Spirit. Sadly today, false spirits are all over this world covering it with sin and confusion. Give us the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, Lord. Help us to always follow Your truth.

*Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us and on those who will die this day.*

## Imagine Jesus saying:

**“My beloved children, I love you with a love beyond your comprehension. Silently, My Heart suffered great agonies, because many of you do not love Me. You love what you do, you use My gifts, and then forget Me, the giver. The world today is full of false prophets who go around spreading confusion and precepts of their own thinking, taking with them the foolish and ignorant. I suffered and died for all My children to be one, and I see great divisions and falsehoods. A true disciple will love Me first, and because of that love, he follows the truth. I am the Truth. I have not left you orphans. The Church, the Catholic Church, is the Mother I have left behind to guide and instruct. Therefore strive to follow Me by listening to her. The fruit of true love is obedience and humility. I love you!”**

## Prayer

**D**ivine Savior, let us console You by honoring the unspoken sufferings of Your Most Sacred Heart. Accept, we beg you, the hidden suffering of all human hearts and unite it to Yours for the salvation of those who are leaving this world today. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, by the merits of Your silent suffering and Your Most Precious Blood, have mercy on us and on those who are dying.

*~ Do we put faith in ourselves or in God? ~*

Day 8  
*Eighth Suffering*



The Calming of the Storm at Sea

He got into the boat and his disciples follow him. Suddenly a violent storm came up on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. They came and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" He said to them, "Why are you terrified, O you of little faith?" Then he got up, rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was great calm. The men were amazed and said, "What sort of man is this, whom even the winds and the sea obey?" (Matt. 8:23-27)

# Reflection



**L**ord Jesus, Loving Savior, how many times in the storms of our lives we let fear possess us, and we forget that You are always here with us in the turbulent waters of this life. This lack of faith and trust must cause deep sadness in Your Sacred Heart, for You long to help us in our everyday trials and tribulations. The world in which we live is being tossed around with great force by the evil one, and many times we feel confused and alone. Have mercy on us, Lord, and give us the grace to turn to You with faith and trust.

*Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us and on those who will die this day.*

## Imagine Jesus saying:

**“Many of those who want to follow Me, do so as long they feel My consolation. But once the test of faith comes, they don’t know what to do anymore, because their love for Me doesn’t have strong roots. Fear takes over their hearts, and they lose their faith in Me. This causes Me great sadness and My Heart grieves over their lack of trust. They think I am not with them anymore, and I am always there, waiting for them to call me for help. I wish to lovingly say to all of you, ‘My beloved children: Have no fear! O you of little faith, don’t you know that I am the calmer of every storm and the stopper of all evils? Put all your trust in Me, so I can help you and My Heart will be consoled. I am your Savior, the Prince of Peace. I love you!’”**

## Prayer

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*~ If our faith is weak, we cannot see the mighty power of God working in our lives ~*

Day 9  
*Ninth Suffering*



*The Compassion of Jesus*

Jesus went around to all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and curing every disease and illness. At the sight of crowds, His heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to His disciples, “The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.” (Matt. 9:35-37)

# Reflection



**L**ord Jesus, Loving Savior, how can we miss the pain hidden in Your Divine Heart? It is Your holy will to make us, the believers, partakers in the work of salvation. Lord, we know that without You we can do nothing. You are the Vine and we are the branches. We need to be united with You in a relationship of love. Help us to understand Your great love for us. Help us to be humble and faithful servants in the salvation of souls.

*Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us and on those who will die this day.*

## Imagine Jesus saying:

**“As I was speaking, My Sacred Heart was greatly saddened for I knew how much good could be accomplished and how many souls could be saved, if there were well equipped and faithful servants to guide and instruct! Great are the multitude of sinners I’m waiting to lift up from sin and ignorance. My dear faithful ones, pray for the missionaries in all lands. Pray for My dear priests, and for My bishops to persevere in My likeness, so that they may be faithful and loving shepherds. My children need to be instructed, so that they can have the desire to be intimate with Me at every moment. I deserve this, because of My love for you I suffered more atrociously than words can describe. If you could only know! Yet know this, that a word of love, an act of love, pays Me for all I have suffered. I love you!”**

## Prayer

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*~ Jesus desires faithfulness and acts of love from us ~*

Day 10  
*Tenth Suffering*



**Courage Under Persecution**

**“Therefore do not be afraid of them. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known...And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna...Everyone who acknowledges Me before others I will acknowledge before My heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before My heavenly Father.”  
(Matt. 10:26-28-32)**

# Reflection



**L**ord Jesus, Loving Savior, how many times You have said: **“Do not be afraid!”** Your divine words are beautiful to ponder and reflect on their meaning. You know what’s best for us. Your words give us freedom and peace, and the courage to trust in You always. It gives us the wisdom to acknowledge You before others in times of persecution. Your Sacred Heart suffered, knowing that many of us would not believe in Your loving words, though You constantly proved how much You loved us. You suffered for those who will not be acknowledged by You on their judgment day. Lord, how important it is to trust in Your words, and to abandon ourselves into Your loving arms, bringing to mind your sweet words: **“Do not be afraid!”** ...Truly, fear is useless, what is needed is trust. Lord, help us to trust in You!

Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us and on those who will die this day.

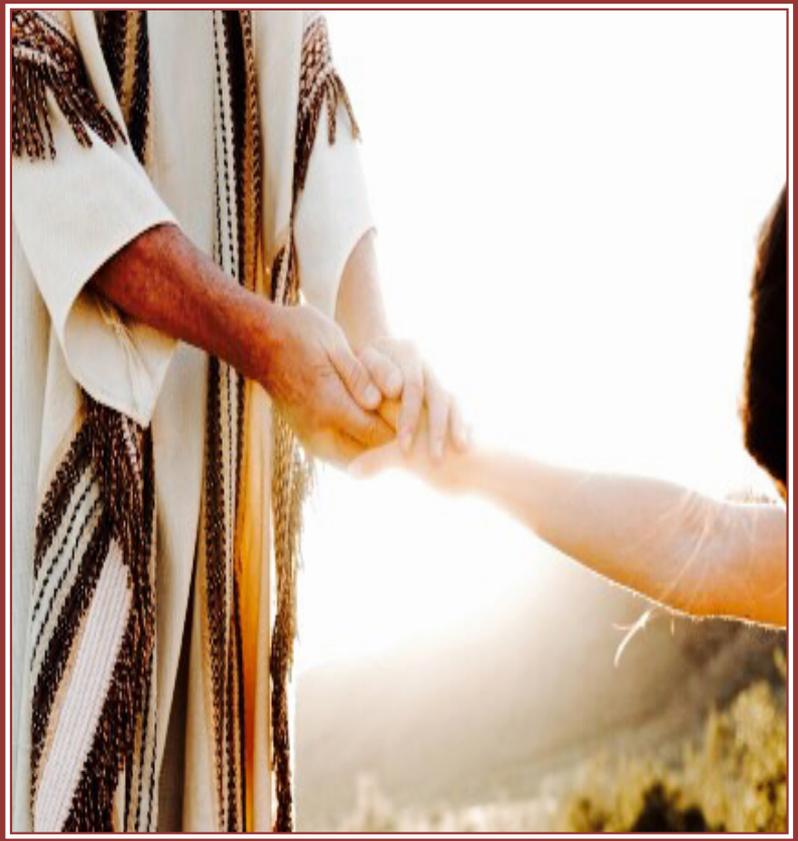
In your faithful love you told St. Faustina: **...“My child, do you fear the God of mercy? My holiness does not prevent Me from being merciful. Behold, for I have established a throne of mercy on earth--the Tabernacle--and from this throne I desire to enter into your heart. I am not surrounded by a retinue of guards. You can come to Me at any moment, at any time; I want to speak to you and desire to grant you grace. My mercy is greater than your sins and those of the entire world. Who can measure the extent of My goodness? For you I descended from heaven to earth; for you I allowed myself to be nailed to the cross; for you I let my Sacred Heart be pierced with a lance, thus opening wide the source of mercy for you. Come, then, with the trust to draw graces from this fountain.”** (Diary: 1485)

## Prayer

**D**ivine Savior, let us console You by honoring the unspoken sufferings of Your Most Sacred Heart. Accept, we beg you, the hidden suffering of all human hearts and unite it to Yours for the salvation of those who are leaving this world today. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, by the merits of Your silent suffering and Your Most Precious Blood, have mercy on us and on those who are dying:

*~ Jesus patiently waits for us to trust in Him ~*

Day 11  
*Eleventh Suffering*



*The Gentle Mastery of Jesus*

**“Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For My yoke is easy, and My burden light.” (Matt. 11:28-30)**

# Reflection



**L**ord Jesus, Loving Savior, Your words are so full of love that we can almost taste its sweetness in our mouths! You want to give us everything we need to have a good life with peace and love in union with You. Sadly, most of us ignore Your loving invitation and go through this life carrying the great burden of self will, doing whatever we please and falling often into sin and despair. Your Loving Heart silently suffered for the rejection of Your infinite and merciful love.

*Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us and on those who will die this day.*

## Imagine Jesus saying:

**“Most of you know how sad and painful it can be when a loved one rejects your wise, loving and kind invitation to follow the right path. They ignore your advice though you try everything to make them understand. They keep refusing, and ignoring you and your love, they keep walking the wrong path. How many times have I invited My children through the Gospels, and through holy men and women I have placed in their lives to teach, counsel and guide!...My Heart suffered for you, My dear ones, who have ignored My infinite love. I see all your great sufferings and pains, your mistakes and all of your sins; and I just want to hold you in My arms and consoling you, help you understand how much you are loved. Yes, come to Me, for no one else can give you what I alone can give: forgiveness, peace and joy that will last forever. Come, follow Me, console My Sacred Heart. I love you!”**

## Prayer

**D**ivine Savior, let us console You by honoring the unspoken sufferings of Your Most Sacred Heart. Accept, we beg you, the hidden suffering of all human hearts and unite it to Yours for the salvation of those who are leaving this world today. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, by the merits of Your silent suffering and Your Most Precious Blood, have mercy on us and on those who are dying.

*~ Are we saying Yes to Jesus' loving invitation? ~*

Day 12  
*Twelfth Suffering*



*A Tree and Its Fruits*

**“Either declare the tree good and its fruit is good, or declare the tree rotten and its fruit is rotten, for a tree is known by its fruit. You brood of vipers, how can you say good things when you are evil? For from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks. A good person brings forth good out of a store of goodness, but an evil person brings forth evil out of a store of evil. I tell you, on the day of judgment people will render an account for every careless word they speak. By your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.” (Matt. 12:33-37)**

# Reflection



**L**ord Jesus, Loving Savior, how careful we should be when we open our mouths to speak!...So many useless, unkind, hateful, impure and evil words we can speak each day!...In comparison, kind and loving words are few. How powerful and destructive a few words can be!...And at the same time, much good can be done when we speak words of love, kindness and forgiveness. How many hearts we can lift up from sadness, hurt, despair, suffering and pain...How powerful is our tongue!

*Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us and on those who will die this day.*

## Imagine Jesus saying:

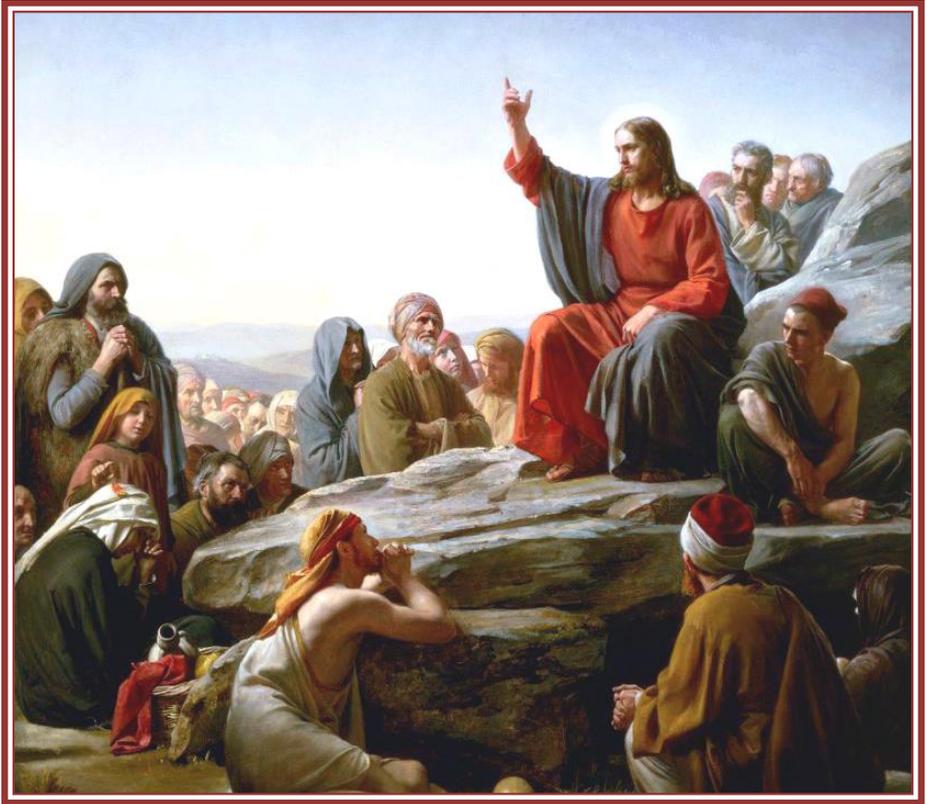
**“The tongue is a very powerful member of the human body, it always reflects what’s in the heart. You can do more good with the tongue than with many of your other members, for with it, mankind decides for peace or for war. It can decide death or life, good or evil. God sees words coming from the mouths of people like torrents of either crystal clean water, or torrents of the most horribly muddy water that has a foul stench. Measure your words My children, before you speak them and see where they are going to fall. For it causes God great offense and My Sacred Heart suffers great sadness. Because, I, as the Judge, will let you decide your eternal destiny according to the words you have spoken. Remember the words you say, good or bad, always fall upon you, and you carry them to eternal life. I love you!”**

## Prayer

**D**ivine Savior, let us console You by honoring the unspoken sufferings of Your Most Sacred Heart. Accept, we beg you, the hidden suffering of all human hearts and unite it to Yours for the salvation of those who are leaving this world today. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, by the merits of Your silent suffering and Your Most Precious Blood, have mercy on us and on those who are dying.

*~ The tongue is the mirror of our hearts ~*

Day 13  
*Thirteenth Suffering*



**Parables**

The Parable of the Sower...The Parable of the Weeds among the Wheat...  
The Parable of the Mustard Seed...The Parable of the Yeast...“I will open my  
mouth in parables. I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation  
of the world.” (Matt. 13:35-36)

# Reflection



**L**ord Jesus, Loving Savior, through the parables, You explained and taught us in so many figurative ways about the love of the Father and the Kingdom of Heaven. You came to reveal these mysteries in a most perfect way. You show us how to live a life of grace and love. You revealed to us that You are the Way, the Truth and the Life. You knew in Your Sacred Heart that for many, Your words would be rejected because of their lack of faith and closed hearts. Silently Your Sacred Heart grieved for these souls whom You love so much and came to save!

*Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us and on those who will die this day.*

**M**erciful Jesus, Your work of salvation will continue until the end of time, You told St. Faustina: **“The flames of mercy are burning Me. Oh, what pain they cause Me when they do not want to accept them! ...Tell aching mankind to snuggle close to My merciful Heart, and I will fill it with peace. Tell all people, My daughter, that I am Love and Mercy itself. When a soul approaches Me with trust, I fill it with such an abundance of graces that it cannot contain them within itself, but radiates them to other souls...How painfully distrust of My goodness wounds Me! Sins of distrust wound Me most painfully.”** (Diary: 1074-1076)

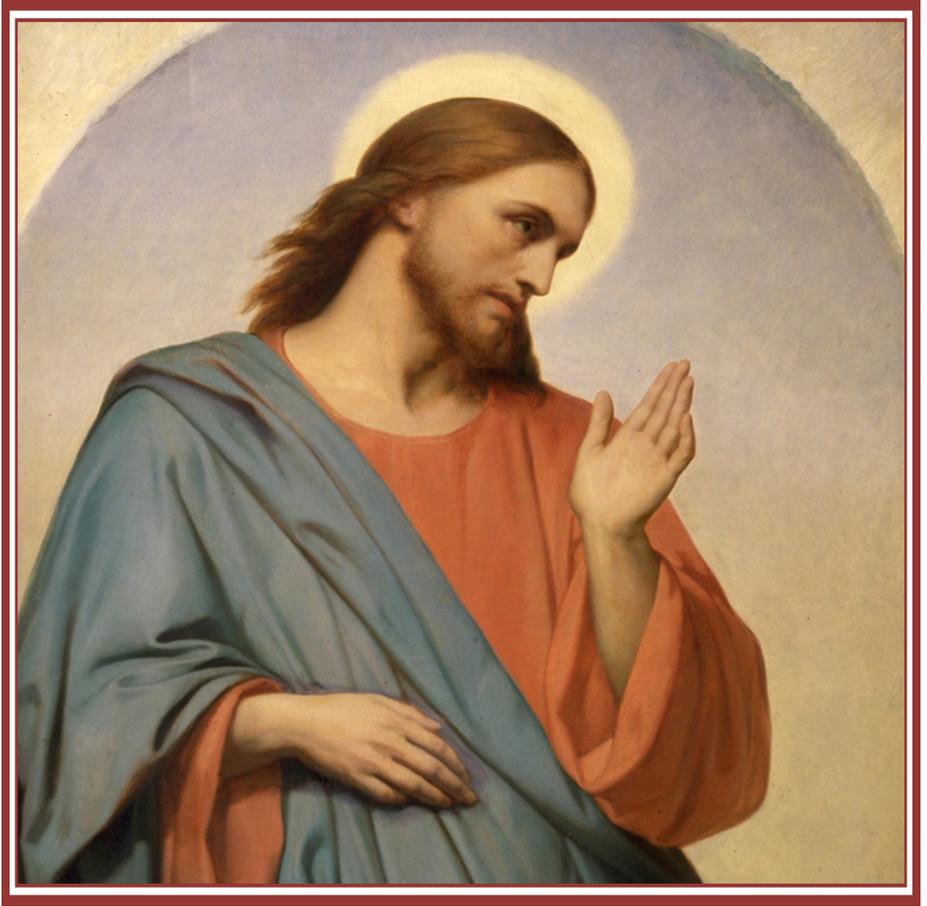
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*~ My sins of distrust in Jesus' words painfully wounds His Heart ~*

Day 14

## *Fourteenth Suffering*



### The Rejection at Nazareth

He came to His native place and taught the people in their synagogue. They were astonished and said, “Where did this man get such wisdom and mighty deeds? Is He not the carpenter’s son? Is not His mother named Mary and His brothers James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas? Are not His sisters all with us? Where did this man get all this?” And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and his own house.” And he did not work many mighty deeds there because of their lack of faith. (Matt. 13:54-58)

# Reflection



**L**ord Jesus, Loving Savior, lack of faith is like the worst of all diseases. It prevents a person from living the fullness of life intended for us. It makes us blind to the truth. The rejection of those closest to You must have caused great sadness and sorrow in Your Sacred Heart. These people, who every day were waiting for the Messiah to come, had the awesome blessing to see You, the Messiah growing up in their midst! At least, they could have asked Your Mother, to seek the truth about You... For these were Your neighbors and friends You wished would rejoice with You, and be honored to have You as their best friend. But how many times have we too, not recognized You in our everyday blessings, in every brother and sister?... Lord, fill our hearts with the gift of faith and true love for You.

*Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us and on those who will die this day.*

## Imagine Jesus saying:

**“A person without faith is like an uncompleted person. Faith is the fundamental part of every human being, that is the connection between the creature and the Creator. My Heart grieved immensely because people did not recognize the Creator amongst them. They took offense at Me because they did not care, nor try to understand who I truly was. You, My faithful ones, through your faith, love and actions, show Me,--The True I Am--, to your brothers, sisters, neighbors, and to the whole world. Never stop studying more about Me. I can assure you that even if you lived for thousands of years, you would never reach the end of learning. I Am. Without beginning and without end, and I am among you. I love you!”**

## Prayer

**D**ivine Savior, let us console You by honoring the unspoken sufferings of Your Most Sacred Heart. Accept, we beg you, the hidden suffering of all human hearts and unite it to Yours for the salvation of those who are leaving this world today. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, by the merits of Your silent suffering and Your Most Precious Blood, have mercy on us and on those who are dying.

*~ Is my faith “complete” to see Jesus in my midst? ~*

Day 15  
*Fifteenth Suffering*



*The Feeding of the Four Thousand*

Jesus summoned His disciples and said to them, “My heart is moved with pity for the crowd, for they have been with Me for three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, for fear they may collapse on the way. The disciples said to him,” Where could we ever get enough bread in this deserted place to satisfy such a crowd?” Jesus said to them, “How many loaves do you have?” “Seven,” they replied, “and a few fish.” He ordered the crowd to sit down on the ground. Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, gave thanks, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied. They picked up the fragments left over- seven baskets full. Those who ate were four thousand men, not counting women and children. (Matt. 15:32-37)

# Reflection



**L**ord Jesus, Loving Savior, in this Gospel the infinite love of Your Sacred Heart shines with great light! And your compassion for us poor sinners, invites us to love you, to trust in you. How much you love us Lord!... After healing their broken bodies and lifting up their spirits, you fed them with the powerful miracle of the loaves and fishes. Sadly, there is no record in this Gospel account of anyone coming to you to say: thank you, Lord Jesus! You gave them so much love along with the food!...What have you received back, Lord?...Your loving Heart filled with compassion, silently suffered for not receiving any sign of gratitude or love from these people whom you love so much. Merciful Lord, fill our hearts with love and gratitude for You.

*Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us and on those who will die this day.*

## Imagine Jesus saying:

**“My beloved children, what more could I have done for you? I fed you in the desert, I fed you on the mountain. I continue to feed you now with My own Flesh and Blood. Yet, most of you would not care to eat this true Bread from Heaven, and instead, fill yourselves with the false foods of this world. Hidden in My Sacred Heart was great suffering because of you, My children, whom I love so much! Turn to Me now, while there is still time, so that I may cleanse you from your sins in the fountain of My Divine Mercy. I can then feed you with the Bread of eternal life. I love you!”**

## Prayer

**D**ivine Savior, let us console You by honoring the unspoken sufferings of Your Most Sacred Heart. Accept, we beg you, the hidden suffering of all human hearts and unite it to Yours for the salvation of those who are leaving this world today. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, by the merits of Your silent suffering and Your Most Precious Blood, have mercy on us and on those who are dying.

*~ Are we feeding ourselves with the Bread of Life? ~*

Day 16  
*Sixteenth Suffering*



The Healing of a Boy with a Demon

“...Lord, have pity on my son, for he is a lunatic and suffers severely; often he falls into fire, and often into water. I brought him to your disciples, but they could not cure him.” Jesus said in reply, “ O faithless and perverse generation, how long will I be with you? How long will I endure you? Bring him here to me.” Jesus rebuked him and the demon came out of him, and from that hour the boy was cured. Then the disciples approached Jesus in private and said, “Why could we not drive it out?” He said to them, “Because of your little faith. Amen, I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.” (Matt. 17:15-21)

# Reflection



Lord Jesus, Loving Savior, great must be the hidden suffering in your loving Heart! In Your words:” O faithless and perverse generation...” we can feel your sadness and desperation. After so many miracles, signs and wonders, their faith was still so little and weak!...Your words were not only for the disciples and the people of that era, but for all ages until the end of time. After two thousand years, we should by now have a strong faith and trust in You. Yet, most of us are exactly like them. Great are the weaknesses of the human heart, Lord, and how hard it is for us to act in faith and to believe!.. Give us Lord, Your Holy Spirit. Increase our faith in You. We wish to console your Sacred Heart by putting all our trust in You.

*Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us and on those who will die this day.*

## Imagine Jesus saying:

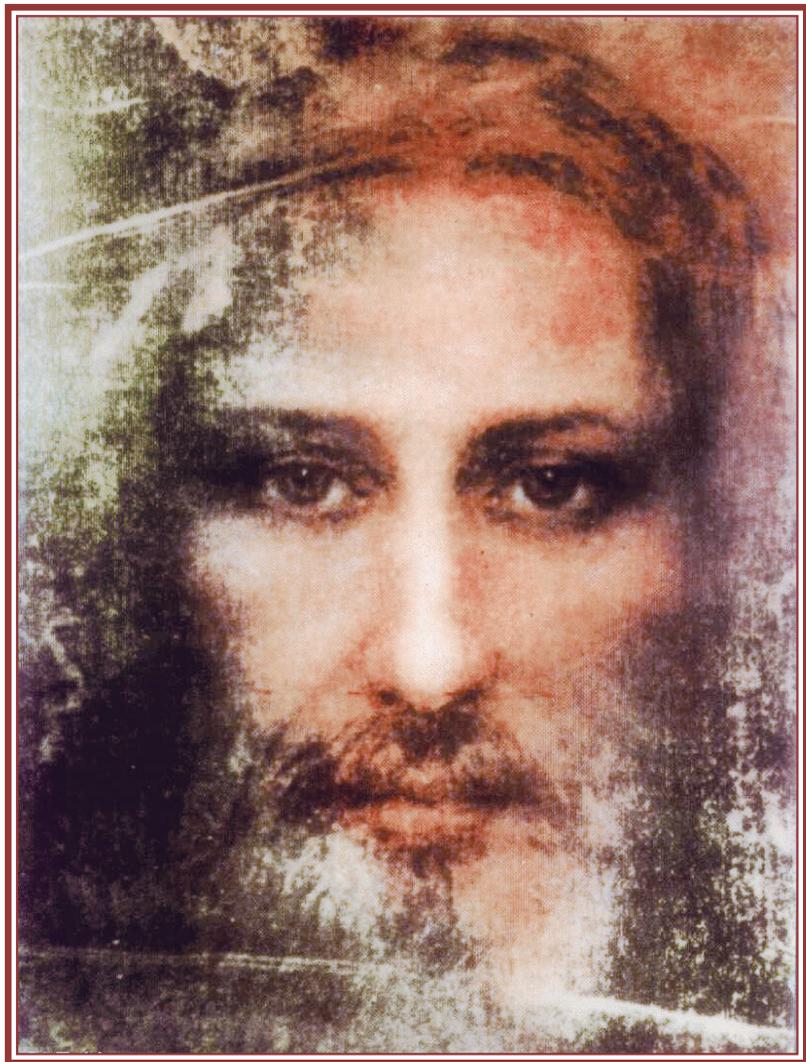
**“Beloved children of Mine! How weak are your hearts!...and how ignorant your minds... The only hope for you is My infinite merciful love. Because I know of your nothingness, I have pity on you. There’s so many miracles everyday around you, and you don’t see them! O how My Heart suffers... I long for you to see just how powerful you can be, sons and daughters of God, if you just trust in Me and try to live in My Divine love. I say to all and especially to those who are at their last hour: Have faith, My dear ones, even if it’s the size of a mustard seed, and I will save your souls. Just say, Jesus I trust in You! Console My Heart. Trust in My Merciful love. I love you!”**

## Prayer

*Divine Savior, let us console You by honoring the unspoken sufferings of Your Most Sacred Heart. Accept, we beg you, the hidden suffering of all human hearts and unite it to Yours for the salvation of those who are leaving this world today. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, by the merits of Your silent suffering and Your Most Precious Blood, have mercy on us and on those who are dying.*

*~ Do we truly see the everyday miracles in our lives? ~*

Day 17  
*Seventeenth Suffering*



*The Second Prediction of the Passion*

As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is to be handed over to men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day.” And they were overwhelmed with grief. (Matt. 17:22-23)

# Reflection



**L**ord Jesus, Loving Savior, You always knew the reason for your coming into this world. As you announce such sad news to your disciples, Your Sacred Heart greatly grieved, knowing that soon You would be suffering the most gruesome and cruel torments this world has ever known. How can we ever thank you for all that You suffered for love of us?

*Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us and on those who will die this day.*

## Imagine Jesus saying:

**“How many agonies My Sacred Heart suffered for love of you, My children!... For My Passion was always before Me, and no one could understand My pain. The only thing I ask of you is love. True love will pay for all My sufferings and agonies.” I told Faustina, ‘Pray for souls that they be not afraid to approach the tribunal of My mercy. Do not grow weary of praying for sinners. You know what a burden their souls are to My Heart. Relieve My deathly sorrow; dispense My Mercy.’ I love you!” (Diary: 975)**

## Prayer

**D**ivine Savior, let us console You by honoring the unspoken sufferings of Your Most Sacred Heart. Accept, we beg you, the hidden suffering of all human hearts and unite it to Yours for the salvation of those who are leaving this world today. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, by the merits of Your silent suffering and Your Most Precious Blood, have mercy on us and on those who are dying.

*~ Let us make the effort daily to console  
Jesus in His Passion ~*

Day 18  
*Eighteenth Suffering*



*The Greatest in the Kingdom*

**“Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” He called a child over, placed it in their midst, and said: “Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me. Whoever causes one of these little ones who believes in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone hung around his neck and be drowned in the depths of the sea.” (Matt. 18:1-6)**

# Reflection



Lord Jesus, Loving Savior, You love children with a most tender love because of their innocence and trust in You. Silently Your Sacred Heart suffered and cried for the innocent little ones who every day are being horribly abused, robbed of their innocence and purity at a very tender age. The world dictates evil instead of God's values to our children. Family life is being torn apart and true values are being challenged, even to the extent of changing Your laws and truths. Every day thousands of unborn babies are killed in their mother's womb without pity... Lord God, have mercy on us!

*Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us and on those who will die this day.*

## Imagine Jesus saying:

**"The crimes done to the little children causes Me great sorrow and pain. Yes, 'Woe to the world because of things that cause sin!' Every sin upsets the whole creation and from a single one everyone suffers. But when the sins are against the innocent children, all Heaven cries! I love them so tenderly!...Little children are the joy of My Heart. I grieve for them, for My beautiful little ones. But I grieve also for the blind and merciless ones who caused them to sin and those who kill them. Repent, My poor blind children, for my mercy is much greater than all your sins, and I am always waiting for the repentant sinners to come to Me to be forgiven and covered with My Divine Mercy. I love you!"**

## Prayer

Divine Savior; let us console You by honoring the unspoken sufferings of Your Most Sacred Heart. Accept, we beg you, the hidden sufferings of all human hearts and unite it to Yours for the salvation of those who are leaving this world today. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, by the merits of Your silent suffering and Your Most Precious Blood, have mercy on us and on those who are dying.

*~ Sins committed against children greatly wound the Heart of Jesus ~*

Day 19  
*Nineteenth Suffering*



*The Entry into Jerusalem*

The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying “Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest.” And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, “Who is this?” And the crowds replied, “This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee.” (Matt. 21:9-11)

# Reflection



**L**ord Jesus, Loving Savior, very profound was Your Heart's silent suffering, hearing the crowd crying out the "Hosannas" and knowing that in just a few days the same crowd would be crying out, 'Crucify him! Crucify him!' St. Faustina wrote in her diary: "**The Hosanna's reverberated as a painful echo in His Sacred Heart.**" Dear Jesus, is there anyone who can possibly understand how much You suffered for love of us? Thank you, Lord! Teach us to suffer for love of You.

*Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us and on those who will die this day.*

## Imagine Jesus saying:

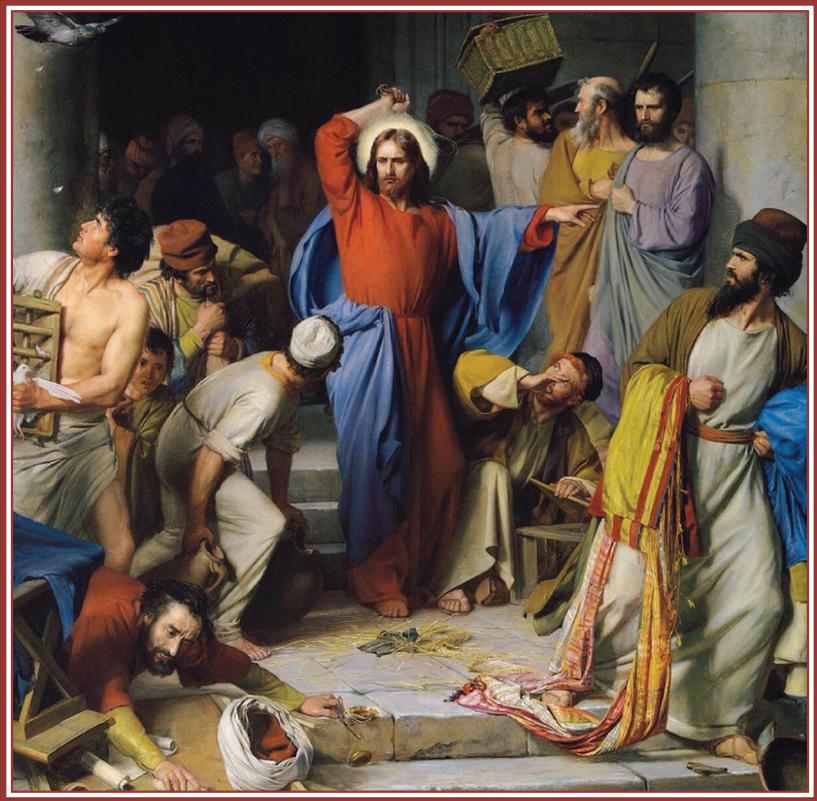
**"My suffering was very great for I knew what was coming. I knew how these people would forget this glorious day and quickly change their minds, like the wind changing from north to south, or from east to west. The love and admiration they had for Me on that day, would quickly turn into hate. Yet, My love for them grew even deeper, like a mother who loves the sick child with an even deeper and tender love. Oh, how I longed for their love!...for the love of all of you, My people. Yes, I long for your love even more than the deer longs for springs of water. I love you!"**

## Prayer

**D**ivine Savior, let us console You by honoring the unspoken sufferings of Your Most Sacred Heart. Accept, we beg you, the hidden sufferings of all human hearts and unite it to Yours for the salvation of those who are leaving this world today. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, by the merits of Your silent suffering and Your Most Precious Blood, have mercy on us and on those who are dying.

*~ Jesus is still being rejected by His own people ~*

Day 20  
*Twentieth Suffering*



*The Cleansing of the Temple*

Jesus entered the Temple area and drove out all those engaged in selling and buying there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves. And he said to them, “It is written: “My house shall be a house of prayer, but you are making it a den of thieves.” (Matt. 21:12-13)

*Reflection*



**L**ord Jesus, Loving Savior, is there anyone who cannot see and feel the pain and sorrow in Your Sacred Heart? At that moment you saw all the abuses, ingratitude, indifferences, lack of honor and great blasphemies committed

against You in many of the churches where You are present. The hidden suffering in Your Heart is very deep because of Your infinite love for us! Forgive us Lord, and fill our hearts with awe and gratitude for the extraordinary gifts of Your Divine Presence in the Most Holy Blessed Sacrament. Accept our gratitude for Your Church and the Priesthood. As temples of the Holy Spirit, make our hearts overflow with love and adoration for You. This quote from a 1950s holy card, illustrates beautifully how we should behold the holy Church You left for us: *“Enter this door as if the floor within were gold; and every wall of jewels all of wealth untold; as if a choir in robes of fire were singing here; nor shout nor rush but hush...for God is here!”* Lord help us to feel Your presence every time we enter the Church.

*Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us and on those who will die this day.*

### *Imagine Jesus saying:*

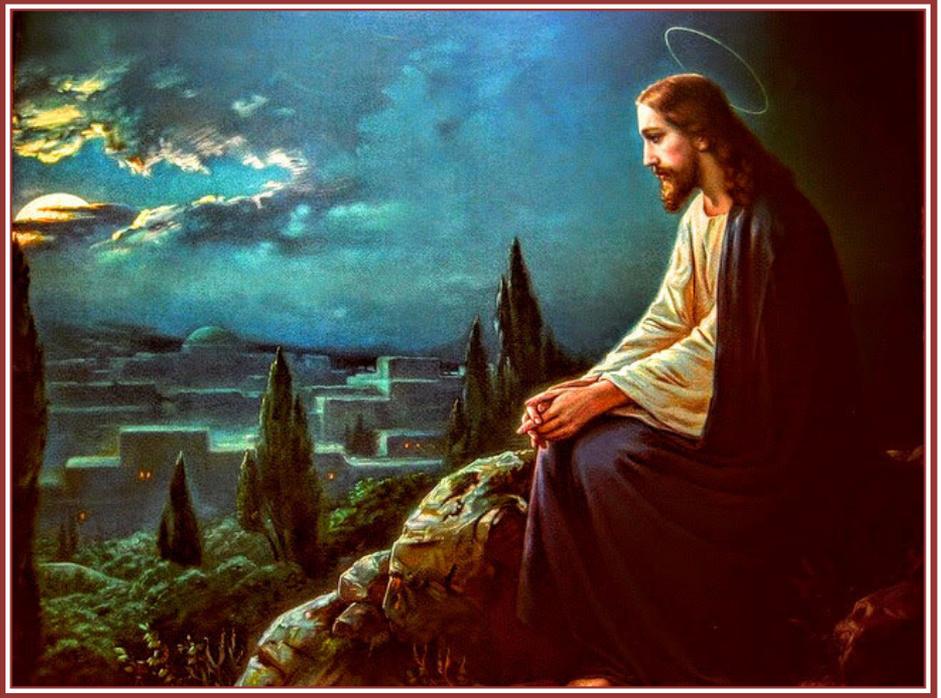
**“The zeal for My Father’s house consumed Me, and My suffering was very great indeed! In the cleansing of the Temple I saw before Me all the abuses I would receive in the Church of the new covenant, in the Tabernacles of the Catholic Church. This is to be a sacred place of prayer, a place where the creature meets its Creator. For I, your God and Savior, reside there. I, the Bread of Eternal Life! Where I am, there must be silence and respect, for I am there for you. Talk to Me, be attentive to My presence there in the Tabernacle. It is in the silence that I speak to the hearts of My children. I am there night and day full of infinite love for you. My Heart grieves, seeing today the increase of evil in My children’s hearts. Confusion and divisions are everywhere. My House is being robbed of its sacredness and turned into a social gathering. My people really don’t know Me!... Lack of faith, love, and gratitude are the offenses committed against Me. In many churches I am being kept in the background and the sacred place is not sacred anymore. My children, give honor, respect and love to your Savior, your Redeemer, your God! I love you with an everlasting love!”**

### Prayer

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*~ Do I approach His Tabernacle  
with respect and awe? ~*

Day 21  
*Twenty-First Suffering*



*The Lament over Jerusalem*

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how many times I yearned to gather you together, as a hen gathers her young under her wings, but you were unwilling! Behold, your house will be abandoned, desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” (Matt. 23:37-39)

# Reflection



**L**ord Jesus, Loving Savior, what a beautiful image of your love for us! Like a mother with a broken heart, crying out for her lost children, You cried out over Your beloved Jerusalem. Your loving Heart, full of sorrow and infinite love, longed to have all of Your children in the embrace of Your arms, in the infinite love of Your Sacred Heart, but they would not listen to you!...Lord, let us console You by loving You for those who do not.

*Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us and on those who will die this day.*

## Imagine Jesus saying:

**“My words were filled with sorrow, for I saw all the prophets and holy people I have sent throughout the centuries, ignored, ridiculed, rejected, and killed. I sent them as a sign of My love and mercy. I come now to show them the last sign of My love, knowing that what they did to My chosen ones, they would also do to Me. I saw the tremendous sufferings that was soon to come over Jerusalem and also over the whole world. My Sacred Heart suffered immensely, for My children would not listen to My words and therefore missed my visitation, bringing upon themselves suffering and pain. If they only knew the depths of my love!**

**I told Faustina: “...In order that you may know at least some of My pain, imagine the most tender of mothers who has great love for her children, while those children spurn her love. Consider her pain. No one is in a position to console her. This is but a feeble image and likeness of My love.” (Diary 1447)**

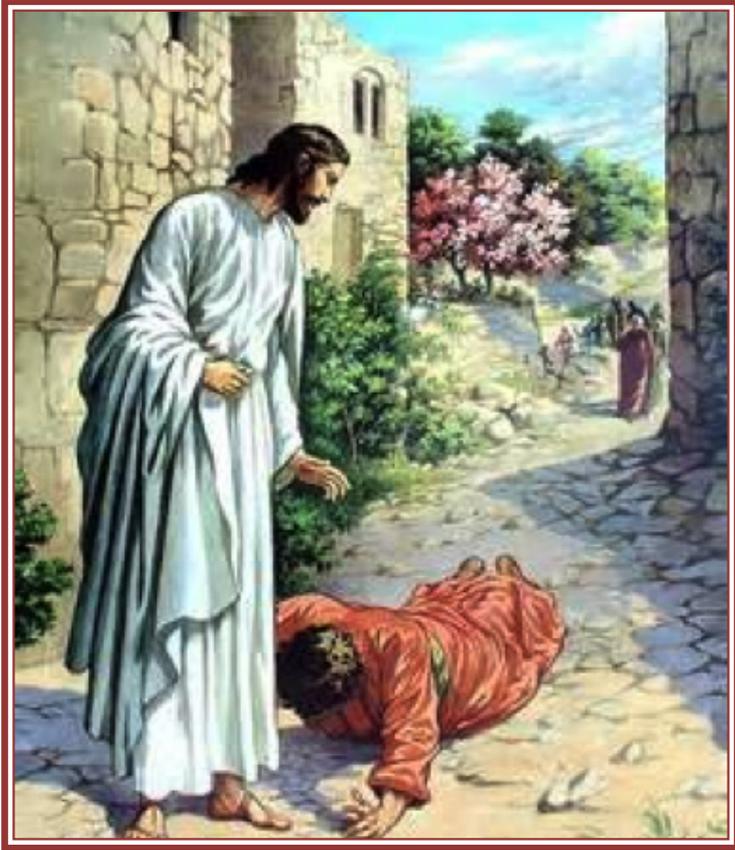
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*~ How many times do we reject and hurt  
Jesus by our actions? ~*

Day 22

## *Twenty-Second Suffering*



### *The Cleansing of Ten Lepers*

As he was entering a village, ten lepers met him. They stood at a distance from him and raised their voice, saying, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" And when he saw them, he said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" (Luke 17:11-18)

# Reflection



**L**ord Jesus, Loving Savior, with a disappointed and sad voice you said: **“Ten were cleansed were they not? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks?”** Ingratitude is a great sin, for it reveals lack of love and appreciation for you, dear Lord. We are all guilty of this sin. You give us everything we need; not even a split second can we live without your grace. In these ten lepers we see all humanity, the gifts and blessings are for all, but only a few appreciate and say thank you. Please, forgive our great ingratitude Lord! We thank you for Your mercy and infinite love.

*Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us and on those who will die this day.*

## Imagine Jesus saying:

**“What I desire from my children is love. Love pays for everything. A heart full of love is a heart full of gratitude and appreciation for every little thing done for them. No one who really loves is selfish. I just want your love, dear children. The more you love Me, the less you offend Me, the more gifts and graces you receive. And at the end of your earthly life, I will give you eternal life with Me in the glory of Heaven. Strive to love Me as I love you, and appreciate My love and mercy. Be grateful, for great is the suffering in My Heart because of the sin of ingratitude, which I am constantly receiving. Meditate more often on My goodness and loving care for you. I love you!”**

## Prayer

**D**ivine Savior, let us console You by honoring the unspoken sufferings of Your Most Sacred Heart. Accept, we beg you, the hidden sufferings of all human hearts and unite it to Yours for the salvation of those who are leaving this world today. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, by the merits of Your silent suffering and Your Most Precious Blood, have mercy on us and on those who are dying.

*~ Do I forget the Giver of all my gifts? ~*

Day 23

## *Twenty-Third Suffering*



### The Betrayer

When it was evening, he reclined at table with the Twelve. And while they were eating, he said, "Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me."... "The Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born." (Matt. 26:20-24)

# Reflection



**L**ord Jesus, Loving Savior, nothing is more painful to a human heart than being betrayed by a loved one, or a dear friend. How terribly painful it must have been for You to announce such sad news to your disciples! You knew exactly which one of them would betray You. You loved him as you loved all the others. And hidden in Your Sacred Heart was great, deep sorrow that no one could understand. Many in the world today betray You Jesus, just like Judas. Forgive us, and give us the grace to always be Your faithful disciples.

*Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us and on those who will die this day.*

## Imagine Jesus saying:

**“Because I loved Judas, the sorrow in My Heart was very deep, for his greatest sin was that he did not trust in My mercy. For three years he saw so many great miracles of My mercy, and how I forgave great sinners and healed so many broken bodies and hearts, even raising people from the dead. His closed mind and heart, could not receive the light of grace that would help him see the truth. Every day he saw My love in action, and like many today, he just did not care nor appreciate it. How many closed minds and hearts like his are living in the world today!... That always causes Me the greatest suffering, for I can do nothing with such souls.**

**I revealed to Faustina the depths of My unfathomable Divine Mercy: “Were a soul like a decaying corpse so that from a human standpoint, there would be no (hope of) restoration and everything would already be lost, it is not so with God. The miracle of Divine Mercy restores that soul in full. Oh, how miserable are those who do not take advantage of the miracle of God’s mercy! You will call out in vain, but it will be too late.” (Diary 1448)**

## Prayer

**D**ivine Savior, let us console You by honoring the unspoken sufferings of Your Most Sacred Heart. Accept, we beg you, the hidden sufferings of all human hearts and unite it to Yours for the salvation of those who are leaving this world today. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, by the merits of Your silent suffering and Your Most Precious Blood, have mercy on us and on those who are dying.

*~A closed mind and heart cannot receive  
the light of His grace ~*

Day 24  
*Twenty-Fourth Suffering*



The Lord's Last Supper

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, "Take and eat; this is my body. Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, from now on I shall not drink this fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it with you new in the kingdom of my Father." (Matt. 26:26-30)

# Reflection



**L**ord Jesus, Loving Savior, from the depths of Your Divine Mercy, You instituted the sacrament of Your love, for You did not want to leave us orphans. But Your Sacred Heart was sorrowful and in agony. You knew that in just a few hours Your loving hands which blessed the bread and wine, transforming them into Your Body and Blood, would soon be mercilessly pierced and nailed to a cross. Those divine and blessed hands that healed and blessed so many people!...

*Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us and on those who will die this day.*

## Imagine Jesus saying:

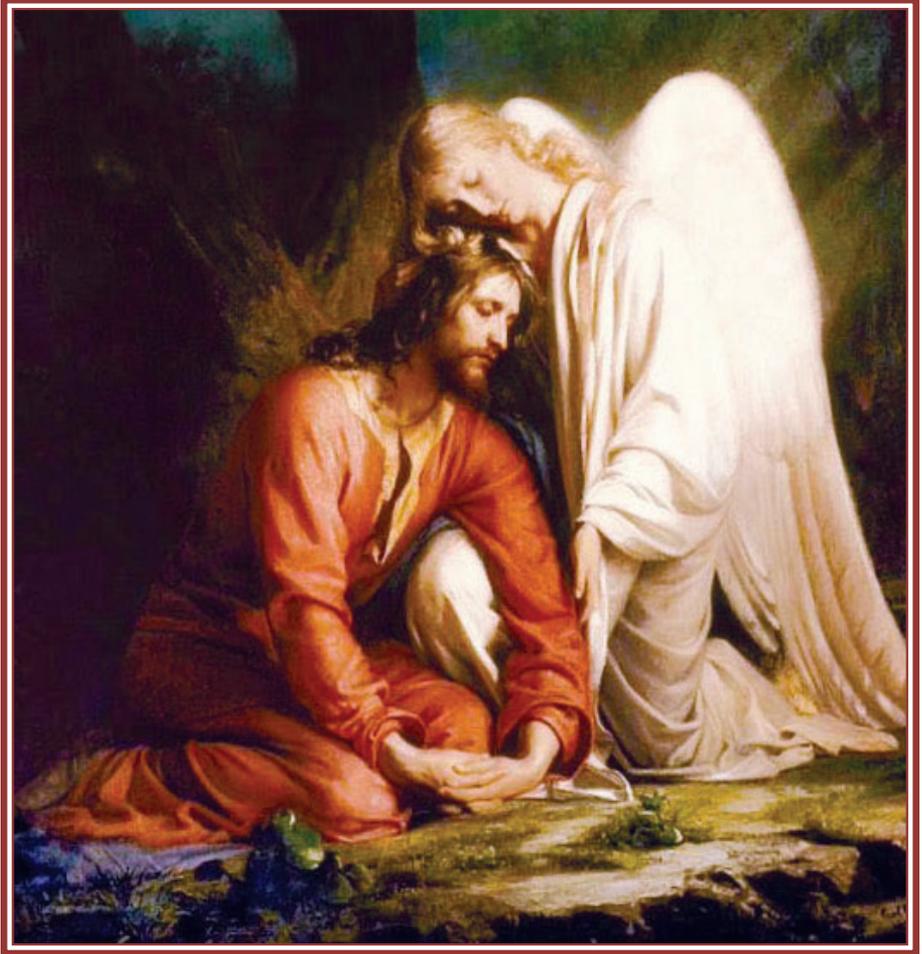
**“No one could measure or understand the depths of Divine Love, and how I longed to give My people this gift which surpasses all other gifts. I wanted to continue living among you, My dear children, but My divine love was not content in just being among you. For I, as God, am always here, sustaining all creation. I am the giver of all life. My love wanted a perfect union with you!... Yes, this is an invention of My love! Nothing in this life could be compared with a union of the Creator with His creatures. Think about this next time you come to receive Me in Holy Communion. My Heart grieves when this union is stained by sin, ignorance and carelessness. I, who am perfect and pure, want to impart My purity and holiness on you, but how can I if you are not prepared to receive it? Like a bride prepared to meet her husband on their wedding day, prepare your hearts to receive the Bridegroom of your souls. I love you!”**

## Prayer

**D**ivine Savior, let us console You by honoring the unspoken sufferings of Your Most Sacred Heart. Accept, we beg you, the hidden sufferings of all human hearts and unite it to Yours for the salvation of those who are leaving this world today. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, by the merits of Your silent suffering and Your Most Precious Blood, have mercy on us and on those who are dying.

*~ Is the tabernacle of my heart cleaned  
to receive Jesus? ~*

Day 25  
*Twenty-Fifth Suffering*



*The Agony in the Garden*

Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to feel sorrow and distress. Then he said to them, "My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me." He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will." (Matt. 26:36-39)

# Reflection



**D**ivine Savior, for the first time You told your disciples how great was the interior pain in Your Sacred Heart...So great, even unto death!...You were looking for their love to console Your agonizing Heart. O Merciful Savior, deep and intense was Your suffering, to ask that this bitter cup be taken away from You. Yet, Your perfect love for the Father, and Your infinite love for us poor sinners did not hinder You from fulfilling the will of Your Father.

**When He returned to His disciples He found them asleep. He said to Peter, "So you could not keep watch with me for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." (Matt. 26:40-41)**

**D**ear Jesus, how terribly alone You must have felt!...No one to comfort You, no one to console You! In Your great sorrow You looked for consolation from Your friends, the ones You have chosen to be close to You, just to find them asleep.

**Withdrawing a second time, he prayed again, "My Father, if it is not possible that this cup pass without my drinking it, your will be done!" Then he returned once more to find them asleep, for they could not keep their eyes open. He left them and withdrew again and prayed a third time, saying the same thing again. Then he returned to his disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Behold, the hour is at hand when the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners. Get up, let us go. Look, my betrayer is at hand." (Matt. 26:42-46)**

# Reflection



**D**ear Lord, Son of God, You were looking for human companionship, for someone to be with You in that dark hour of Your immense agony. Though You were always in union with the Father, Your human nature also desired the comfort of our love and friendship. How great must have been Your pain when You came back an hour later, only to find Your chosen ones sleeping again!...In this terrible hour of suffering You received no comfort from Your friends! And Your Sacred Heart felt the great loneliness of our poor human hearts, when hurt and abandoned.

*Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us and on those who will die this day.*

## Imagine Jesus saying:

**“In My immense suffering I found no one to comfort Me, to keep Me company, to help Me in My sorrow. Yet, it was for love of you, My poor children, that I suffered pains and sorrows unimaginable to the human heart. My loneliness and My sorrow was like no other. My every pore sweated blood, revealing My intense interior agony, My internal crucifixion. All human misery was laid upon Me and I felt so alone!... Oh Peter, My chosen one, could you not keep watch with Me for one hour?... Nothing is more painful for the human heart than to love and not be loved. My deepest hidden pain was knowing that in My disciples, I was seeing all the coming generations who would not care about My love and how much I suffered for their salvation. So many of My children are like the disciples, sleeping and taking their rest... I am always looking for faithful friends to keep Me company to console My Sacred and sorrowful Heart. Would you be the one? I love you!”**

## Prayer

*D*ivine Savior, let us console You by honoring the unspoken sufferings of Your Most Sacred Heart. Accept, we beg you, the hidden sufferings of all human hearts and unite it to Yours for the salvation of those who are leaving this world today. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, by the merits of Your silent suffering and Your Most Precious Blood, have mercy on us and on those who are dying.

*~ Am I willing to console the agonizing  
Heart of Jesus? ~*

Day 26

## *Twenty-Sixth Suffering*



### Peter's Denial of Jesus

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. One of the maids came over to him and said, "You too were with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it in front of everyone, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about!" ..... Another girl saw him and said to those who were there, "This man was with Jesus the Galilean." Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man!" A little later the bystanders came over and said to Peter, "Surely you too are one of them; even your speech gives you away." At that he began to curse and swear, "I do not know the man." And immediately a cock crowed. Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had spoken: "Before the cock crows you will deny me three times." He went out and began to weep bitterly. (Matt. 26:69-75)

# Reflection



**L**ord Jesus, Loving Savior, we can all relate to Peter's denial, for we are all sinners. But how many of us truly know You, as Peter did? He saw You performing great miracles, he ate with You, he left everything to follow You, he was the only one who said that You were the Son of God, the Messiah, and he saw You in the glory of the Transfiguration. He defended You in the Garden of Gethsemane. You chose him to be the head of the Apostles and the rock on which the Church would be built! How incomprehensible is the mystery of our human weakness! Your Sacred Heart grieved for poor Peter, and for all of us poor sinners who will deny You many times, either through our thoughts, words or actions.

*Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us and on those who will die this day.*

## Imagine Jesus saying:

**“My Heart was in such pain!...I was surrounded by hatred, darkness and evil, and who like wild beasts wanted to destroy Me. There was no one there to give Me a word of comfort, a word of love. No one to pity Me in My suffering. One of the two disciples who followed Me, denied that he knew Me, and in his denial I saw My beloved priests, My chosen ones, and how many of them would fall prey to their own weaknesses and sins. I saw the rejections of men and women through the ages. How many times have I said: Pray always! Be vigilante at all times and pray. Pray that you may not undergo the test. Just a few hours before in the Garden of Gethsemane, I told My disciples to pray, but they fell asleep. The test came for Peter, and as he was denying Me for the third time, I turned and looked at him with love and compassion. Our eyes met, and he remembered My words. In shame and sorrow, he began to weep bitterly. With great love and mercy, I continue to say to all of you, My beloved children, My beloved Priests, My beloved Religious: Pray, pray, pray always! The spirit is ready, but the flesh is weak. Turn to My mercy, and trust in My love. I love you!”**

## Prayer

**D**ivine Savior, let us console You by honoring the unspoken sufferings of Your Most Sacred Heart. Accept, we beg you, the hidden sufferings of all human hearts and unite it to Yours for the salvation of those who are leaving this world today. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, by the merits of Your silent suffering and Your Most Precious Blood, have mercy on us and on those who are dying.

*~ We are weak and sinful, yet, His mercy strengthens us ~*

Day 27  
*Twenty-Seventh Suffering*



**Sentence of Death and the Scourging**

The governor said to them in reply, “Which of the two do you want me to release to You?” They answered, “Barabbas!” Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus called Messiah?” They all said, “Let him be crucified!” But he said, “Why? What evil has he done?” They only shouted the louder, “Let him be crucified!”.....Then he released Barabbas to them, but after he had Jesus scourged, he handed him over to be crucified.” (Matt. 27:21-26)

# Reflection



**L**ord Jesus, Loving Savior, how great is the weakness of sin that blinds us from seeing and understanding the depths of Your infinite love! In the scourging, Your Flesh was torn and Your Blood was shed to atone for the sins of the flesh. What words can we say, Lord, to describe all You suffered for love of us? We asked for our Creator, the Author of all life, to be put to death!... Lord, why do we not comprehend Your great love for us?

*Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us and on those who will die this day.*

## Imagine Jesus saying:

***“Isaiah prophesied about Me saying, ‘The Lord God opens my ears that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.’ Who can measure the depths of My love for you, My beloved children? Who can comprehend God’s humility and compassion? And who can fathom His immeasurable Divine Mercy? I came to save the human race and open the gates of paradise, closed by the disobedience of Adam and Eve. They chose Me, the Innocent One, to take the place of a great sinner, to atone for the sins of the guilty. Great was My hidden suffering in the scourging!... I was atoning for the sins of the flesh, the sins of impurity which cause the loss of many souls, the souls that I desire so much to save. With infinite love and unimaginable pain I shed My Precious Blood for you, beloved children. Help Me now, My faithful ones, to save the souls of those who are lost in a life of impurity, a very great sin in the world today. Offer Me your weakness, your sorrows and your pains, unite them to the infinite power of My Precious Blood that I may free those bound to the slavery of sin. I love you!”***

## Prayer

**D**ivine Savior, let us console You by honoring the unspoken sufferings of Your Most Sacred Heart. Accept, we beg you, the hidden sufferings of all human hearts and unite it to Yours for the salvation of those who are leaving this world today. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, by the merits of Your silent suffering and Your Most Precious Blood, have mercy on us and on those who are dying.

*~ Do we truly comprehend that His Stripes strengthen us in our weak flesh? ~*

Day 28

## *Twenty-Eighth Suffering*



### Mockery by the Soldiers and The Carrying of the Cross

They stripped off his clothes and threw a scarlet military cloak about him. Weaving a crown out of thorns, they place it on his head, and a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, “Hail king of the Jews! They spat upon him and took the reed and kept striking him on the head. and when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him off to crucify him. As they were going out, they met a Cyrenian named Simon; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross. (Matt. 27:28-32)

### *Reflection*



**L**ord Jesus, Loving Savior, King of kings, Lord of lords! You permitted Your poor blind creatures to treat You in such an inhumane manner. It is hard to conceive a human being doing what they did to You. Only a heart blinded

by evil and sin, can be so cruel and void of compassion. They mocked and beat their Creator while He was suffering for their salvation. This is the consequence of sin and the great mystery of Your Divine Love for us! Are we not treating You today, even worse than your executioners? For we possess the truth... We know that You are the true Son of God, the Messiah, our Savior! Thank you Lord, for loving us poor sinners, and for saving us.

*Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us and those who will die this day.*

### Imagine Jesus saying:

**"No words can describe what I suffered in My passion. Tremendous was the suffering in My body, but even more in My Divine Heart crushed with humiliation and sorrow. How grave is sin, and how much I suffered because of it!...Then completely exhausted they placed the heavy cross on My shoulders... No human being could take such torture, and My human body wanted to give up. But the fire of Divine Love was burning deep in My soul; and with the strength of My will and My Father's love, I embraced the cross.... Kissing it, I start to walk to be crucified. Afraid that I could die before reaching Calvary, they pressed Simeon of Cyrene to help Me carry the cross. He was the first person to help Me. What an honor for a man to help the Savior of the world save souls!...I let him do so, so you can understand that I am calling you too, My faithful friends, to help Me in the work of redemption. Remember that I said, 'Pick up your cross and follow Me.' This means suffering, My children. But remember that as Simeon of Cyrene was by My side, so am I always by your side, helping you carry your cross. Offer Me all your sufferings, and not only yours, but those of the whole world. Offer Me the sufferings of the innocent ones, the victims of war and hate, the blood of the babies killed and ripped off from their mother's womb, the blood of the martyrs who shed their blood for My love, the pains of the sick and dying, the lonely, the poor and forsaken, the great suffering hidden in the silence of every heart. Offer Me everything, so that no pain, no suffering will be wasted. Very many souls are saved at the hour of death, because of your sufferings united with mine. I love you!"**

### Prayer

**D**ivine Savior, let us console You by honoring the unspoken sufferings of Your Most Sacred Heart. Accept, we beg you, the hidden sufferings of all human hearts and unite it to Yours for the salvation of those who are leaving this world today. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, by the merits of Your silent suffering and Your Most Precious Blood, have mercy on us and on those who are dying.

*~ O great lover of our souls, dear Jesus,  
may we embrace our cross and unite it with Yours,  
for our sins and those of the whole world ~*

Day 29  
*Twenty-Ninth Suffering*



**The Crucifixion**

After they had crucified him, they divided his garments by casting lots; then they sat down and kept watch over him there....Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, if you are the Son of God, and come down from the cross." Likewise the chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him and said, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. So he is the king of Israel! Let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him.....From noon onward, darkness cover the all land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice,.. "My God, my God, why have forsaken me?" (Matt. 27:35-43, 45-47)

# Reflection



**H**ow cruel and blind we can be without Your grace Lord! Your executioners wanted You to prove to them that You were the Son of God. Don't we do the same when we doubt You, and Your love for us?... The darkness of sin covered the whole land and laid upon You. You felt the abandonment of all Your friends, all those You love so much, and worst of all, by God, Your loving Father! Terrible is the loneliness of the human heart, but none can be compared with Your loneliness, Lord Jesus, Son of God, loving Savior.

*Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us and on those who will die this day.*

## Imagine Jesus saying:

**"I felt completely alone. Even seeing My Mother, John and the holy ones there, could not relieve My great loneliness, My terrible suffering. No one to console Me, and even My Father seemed to have abandoned Me. Only My Infinite Love for you and for My Father's will, could keep Me alive."**

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Women, behold your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home. After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I thirst." ...(John 19:26-27)

## Imagine Jesus saying:

**"My Heart, in deadly agony was thirsty, thirsty for souls, the souls I was suffering and dying for. I am still thirsty, thirsting for you living in this world of sin, blind to My infinite love. I long for your love, My beloved children, I thirst for you to love Me! What else could I have done to show you how much I love you? 'No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.' I died for you! I love you!"**

...So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth. When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, "It is finished." And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit. (John 19:29-30)

## Reflection



**L**ord Jesus, loving Savior, what an awesome and fearful moment when You, the Son of God, gave out Your last human breath!...There's nothing else You could have done to show Your mercy and love for us!...All our sins and weaknesses were punished in You; You paid the price for our sins. With Your Last Breath, You gave us new life! May that Most Precious Last Breath, penetrate the hearts and souls of the poor sinners who are about to expire, imparting to them Your Divine Mercy and Eternal Life.

*Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us and on those who will die this day.*

Saint Faustina's words: "...I saw the Lord upon the cross. From His hands, feet and side, the Most Sacred Blood was flowing. After some time, Jesus said to me, **"All this is for the salvation of souls. Consider well, My daughter, what you are doing for their salvation."** I answered, "Jesus, when I look at Your suffering, I see that I am doing next to nothing for the salvation of souls." And the Lord said to me, **" Know, My daughter, that your silent day-to-day martyrdom in complete submission to My will ushers many souls into heaven. And when it seems to you that your suffering exceeds your strength, contemplate My wounds, and you will rise above human scorn and judgment. Meditation on My Passion will help you rise above all things."** (Diary, 1184)

## Prayer

*D*ivine Savior, let us console You by honoring the unspoken sufferings of Your Most Sacred Heart. Accept, we beg you, the hidden sufferings of all human hearts and unite it to Yours for the salvation of those who are leaving this world today. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, by the merits of Your silent suffering and Your Most Precious Blood, have mercy on us and on those who are dying.

*~ We draw closer to Jesus when we  
contemplate and adore His Holy Wounds ~*

Day 30  
*Thirtieth Suffering*



The Blood and Water

But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance into his side , and immediately blood and water flowed out. An eyewitness has testified, and his testimony is true; he knows that he is speaking the truth, so that you also may come to believe. (Matt. 19:33-35)

# Reflection



**L**ord Jesus, Loving Savior, even after dying You continue to give. You gave everything you can possibly give, even to the last drop of Your Precious Blood! And Your Sacred Heart which has suffered so much for love of us, is now open wide by the soldier's lance, inviting us to enter in and be part of Your divine life! Such wonderful love no one can comprehend!

*Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us and on those who will die this day.*

## Imagine Jesus saying:

**"I came on a mission of love to save all peoples, to redeem the world. The infinite Love of My Sacred Heart that I have for souls was the strength behind My horrible suffering. And My Heart was open wide by the soldiers lance for all of you, beloved children, for you to enter in and live in My love. Now, it is you who should open your hearts to Me and let Me in, that I may transform you into Myself. Come, wash your souls in the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart, and receive My unfathomable Mercy, My compassion and My infinite Love. I love you!"**

## Prayer

**D**ivine Savior, let us console You by honoring the unspoken sufferings of Your Most Sacred Heart. Accept, we beg you, the hidden sufferings of all human hearts and unite it to Yours for the salvation of those who are leaving this world today. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, by the merits of Your silent suffering and Your Most Precious Blood, have mercy on us and on those who are dying.

*"O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the  
Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us,  
I trust in you!"  
(Diary, 187)*

Day 31  
*Thirty-First Suffering*



*The Appearance on the Road to Emmaus*

And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walk with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, “What are you discussing as you walk along?” They stopped, looking downcast....” Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?”

And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him...."

Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, He interpreted to them what referred to Him in all the scriptures.... As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in and stay with them....while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and open the scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:13-32)

## Reflection



**L**ord Jesus, Loving Savior, how immeasurably great is Your love and Your divine patience for us poor sinners!...After all You suffered for our salvation, the first thing You do after Your Glorious Resurrection, is to come back to Your grieving disciples. You came in a most humble and hidden way, and patiently explained to them the mystery of Your Passion, Death and Resurrection. Though their hearts were burning within them, they recognized You only in the breaking of the bread. You had celebrated for us the very first Mass at the Last Supper. And now You celebrate the second Mass for them, the very first one after the Resurrection. And, though they could not see You anymore, You remained there, hidden in the Eucharist! Such an amazing mystery! Lord, help us to recognize that it is You, we receive in Holy Communion, and to receive You with all the love that our hearts are capable of!

*Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us and on those who will die this day.*

## Imagine Jesus saying:

“I have revealed to you My infinite and merciful love. There was nothing else left for Me to do in order to save your souls from eternal damnation. All My hidden and silent sufferings were covered with Divine Love and infinite mercy, that was the strength behind My bodily weakness. I love every soul with a Divine Passion and greatly desire to save you all. That is the reason I told Faustina; “Pray as much as you can for the dying...” The hour of death is the last chance a soul has to obtain salvation. It is the single hour in which every soul is in most need of prayers. What I said to Faustina I say to you all: Pray for the dying as much as you can. This would give Me many souls and My Heart will be consoled. I have not left you orphans, I am here, very much alive in every Tabernacle of the Catholic Church. There, before My silent and hidden Presence, you can obtain unaccountable graces for yourselves, and for souls. Come, be with Me with faith, trust and love. My Eucharistic Heart is filled with divine love always waiting for you. Console Me there, for I am still suffering greatly by men’s indifference, blasphemies and ingratitude. Console Me in My loneliness and abandonment. Join yours, and all the hidden and unspoken sufferings of the human heart, to My Passion; and offer them to the Father for the salvation of sinners at the hour of death. Nothing pleases me more than people praying for the salvation of souls..... I Love You!”

### Prayer

*Divine Savior, let us console You by honoring the unspoken sufferings of Your Most Sacred Heart. Accept, we beg you, the hidden sufferings of all human hearts and unite it to Yours for the salvation of those who are leaving this world today. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, by the merits of Your silent suffering and Your Most Precious Blood, have mercy on us and on those who are dying.*

*~ Let us console You, Dear Jesus,  
by uniting our hearts to Your Adorable Heart. ~*

## *Last Reflection*



### *The power of the Holy Mass for the dying*

Saint Faustina wrote in her Diary: “When I immersed myself in prayer and united myself with all the Masses that were being celebrated all over the world at that time, I implored God, for the sake of all these Holy Masses, to have mercy on the world and especially on poor sinners who were dying at that moment. At the same instant, I received an interior answer from God that a thousand souls (132) had received the grace through the prayerful meditation I had offered to God. We do not know the numbers of souls that is ours to save through our prayers and sacrifices; therefore, let us always pray for sinners.” (Diary, 1783)

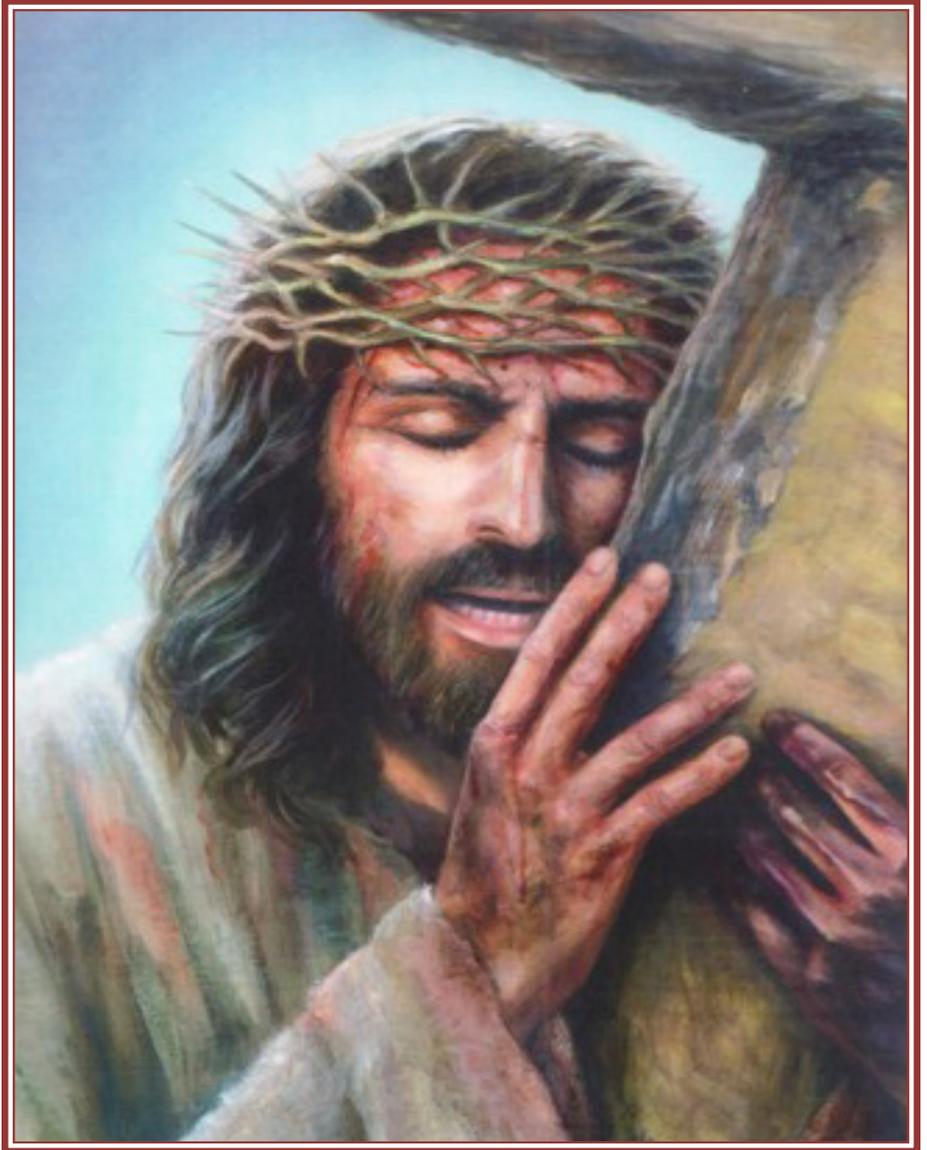
She also said: “Oh, how much we should pray for the dying! Let us take advantage of mercy while there is still time for mercy... I realize more and more how much every soul needs God’s mercy throughout life and particularly at the hour of death.” (Diary, 1035-1036)

*~ St. Michael the Archangel, we offer you  
all the Holy Masses offered each day throughout  
the whole world that you may take the  
Chalice of Jesus’ Precious Blood and offer it to  
God the Father for those who are in their  
final hour of earthly life. ~*

*“Let us pray for the dying today, those for whom tomorrow will be too late.”*

*Venerable Mary Potter*

*No Greater Love*



*The Unfathomable Mercy of God*

# *Closing Prayer*

Eternal Father, we adore You and we thank You for  
Your Infinite Mercy and wonderful love.

We thank You for the gift of Your Divine Son,  
Our Lord Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

By the merits of His Hidden Sufferings, and  
His Most Precious Blood, heal the hidden sufferings  
of our sinful hearts.

May Our Sorrowful Mother, who carried  
His sufferings in Her Immaculate Heart, intercede for us.

May the Holy Spirit inflame our hearts with true  
love and gratitude for our Most loving Savior, who  
suffered and died for our salvation.

May the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus grant pardon and mercy  
to the dying and to all humanity. Amen

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St. Jerome once said, "Ignorance of the scriptures is ignorance of Christ." This book is perfect for those who feel a tugging at their heart to read the Bible more often or even everyday, and have never been able to do so. These meditations offer you a way to begin. After this month, your heart may be ready to continue reading and growing with the Bible. This book is a beautiful gift from Jesus. He's calling His children to know Him better and appreciate the great suffering He endured for our salvation. He did this out of infinite love for us and as we spend time meditating on these great mysteries, we grow closer to Him.

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