

Dacci oggi il nostro pane

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As the Father has sent me, so I send you

The Father has sent Christ Jesus, full of grace, wisdom, Holy Spirit: as Saviour, Redeemer, Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world; as Prince of the peace, eternal life and our resurrection; as Lord and Judge of the living and the dead; as Light of the people. He has sent him to manifest his name and his glory to every population of the earth and to take all the faults of the humanity upon himself to atone them. Christ Jesus has come and he has made himself obedient to the Father until the death and a death on the cross. Jesus sends his Apostles in the same way: full of grace, wisdom, Holy Spirit to be light of the world and salt of the earth; to manifest his name and his glory to every man of every race, population and country, inviting everyone to conversion, to the faith in the Gospel, to let themselves be baptised in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; to teach with the word and the example how one lives the Gospel. In Him, they must also make of their life a sacrifice for the redemption and the salvation of the world.

Father, from the full adoration of the Father, so also the Apostles, during the course of the centuries, will be tempted by Satan to separate from being light and truth, life and grace, word and sanctity of Christ to make the body of Christ every day adding new children and helping them to grow in sanctity, purity of truth, grace and every virtues. What Christ Jesus did for the Apostles, the Apostles will have to do for each of their disciples. They will have to help every person converting to Christ in taking that holy journey that from the Mount of the Beatitudes has to lead one to the Mount Calvary, where everyone will have to immolate himself as true body of Christ to let the Lord make descend in other hearts a rain of salvation and redemption. Everything is from the apostolic mission. If they are in Christ, the herd entrusted to them is in Christ. If they separate themselves from Christ, also the herd will separate from Christ. Queen of the Apostles do never let this happen. The light of Christ will quench and the earth would be wrapped in a mass of darkness.

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LAMP UNTO MY FEET

Reflection on Our Father prayer

The prayer is fruit of the soul, of the heart, of the mind, of the thoughts, of the desires, of the will, of the spirit that is in the man. When soul, heart, mind, thoughts, desires, will, spirit that are inside the man change, also his prayer changes. It must necessarily change. New man, new prayer. Man regenerated by water and by Holy Spirit, prayer as regenerated. Man sanctified in Christ and clothed with Him, conformed to Him, prayer all of Christ Jesus and of the Holy Spirit that comes out of his lips. The more our conformation to Christ grows and the more our prayer modifies itself. When one comes to a perfect conformation as that of Paul - Yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me - then we can also say: "Yet I pray, no longer I, but Christ prays in me".

Our Father is the life of Christ manifested to us in the form of a prayer. His life is placed at the service of the reign of God, for the manifestation of the glory of His Father. As Jesus lived devoting all his life to the sanctification and the glorification of the name of the Father, so also every disciple of Jesus must live devoting all their life to the glorification and the sanctification of the name of Christ Jesus. By sanctifying and glorifying the name of Christ Jesus, he will sanctify

and glorify, in Christ and for Him, the name of our Father that is in heaven. Christ Jesus and the Father are one single name and one single glory. No one may think to be able to glorify the Father ignoring the glory of Christ. The Father is sanctified in his name only by sanctifying the name of his Son. This truth must be never forgotten, never ignored, never neglected.

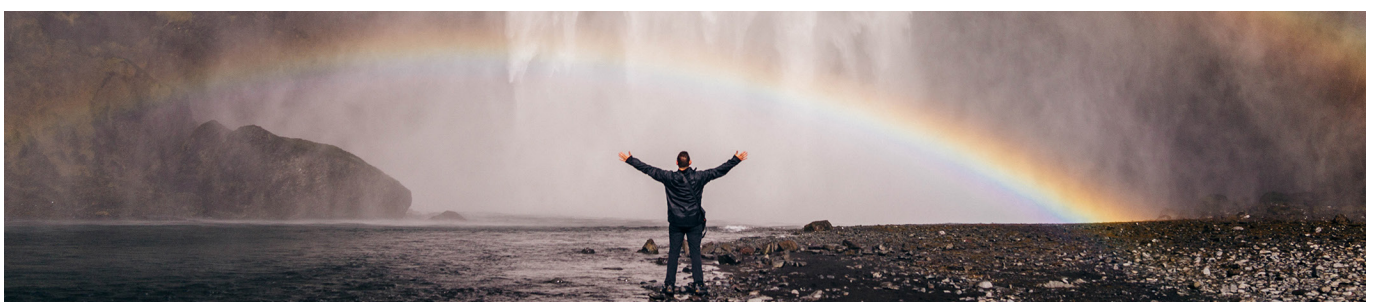
Who accomplishes what one asks in this prayer is the Father. To the Father, so that he might accomplish it, Christ Jesus offers his life. Without the offer of the life of Christ, the Father might accomplish nothing of this prayer. Neither can he sanctify his name nor can he forgive us our trespasses. Neither might he give us our daily bread. Jesus offers him his life and every word of the prayer shall be accomplished by the Father. The life Jesus offers to the Father is not only his personal life. To the Father he

also offers the life of all his body that is the Church. The offer Jesus makes of his body that is the Church must become personal offer of every single member of the body of Christ. Every Christian offering the Father his life, in Christ and in the Holy Spirit, gives the Father the possibility so that He accomplishes the Word of the prayer. Prayer and gift of the life must be one only

thing, as one only thing were in Christ Jesus. Here is then the force of this prayer: our life offered to the Father, in Christ and in the Holy Spirit. If our life is not offered, in the same way Christ offered his life, never might this prayer be fulfilled. Here is the true new alliance: we give the Father our life in Christ by the Holy Spirit, He gives us his life in Christ by the Holy Spirit. The prayer of our Father is uninterrupted celebration of the New Alliance stipulated in the blood of Christ and renewed with our blood and our life. Mother of Christ, Woman entirely consecrated to God, help us. We want to render the prayer of our Father always effective. You will help us give God all our life upon your example and on the model of Jesus and for this gift our Father will make us gift of his life in Christ through the Holy Spirit. The prayer of our Father shall be accomplished through our offer. Amen.

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IF YOU LISTEN...

Refuge of sinners

Overturning some images of the Scripture it will be possible for us to understand what the Holy Mother Church wants to teach us when it invites us to address the Virgin Mary, invoking her: "Refuge of the Sinner". Let us read in the Gospel according to Luke: "There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. (So) cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?' He said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.'" Our winemaker is the Virgin Mary. Every sinner asking for help to Her with a repentant and humiliated heart will always see the axes turn away from his life. In Isaiah it is God that asks us to hide, until his wrath shall pass. The rock where to hide or the chamber is for us the heart of the Virgin Mary. Whoever hides in this heart will be always spared and

will always reach the eternal light: "Get behind the rocks, hide in the dust, From the terror of the LORD and the splendor of his majesty, when he arises to overawe the earth" (Is 2, 6-11). "Go, my people, enter your chambers, and close your doors behind you; Hide yourselves for a brief moment, until the wrath is past". (Is 26, 20-21)

We draw other two images from the prophet Ezekiel and from the Revelation of the Apostle John. God sends his Angels to judge the earth. Who is saved? Those who have a particular sign on the forehead: the tau and the seal: "Pass through the city (through Jerusalem) and mark an X on the foreheads of those who moan and groan over all the abominations that are practiced within it" (Ez 9, 1-6). "Do not damage the land or the sea or the trees until we put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." (Rev 7, 3). When the Lord sends his Angels to judge the earth who will be saved? Those who take shelter under the mantle of the Virgin Mary. Whoever addresses to Her with sincerity of

heart and true repentance will always be saved. The heart of the Virgin Mary is our safe shelter. She is not only refuge for those who have already committed the sin, she is also true refuge for those who no longer want to sin. Whoever binds to Her with bonds of filial love and respect her as his true Mother has the certainty of remaining immune from every sin. Refuge of the sinner, help every sinner of Jesus so that he loves you of true love and welcomes you in his heart as his true Mother.

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FROM JACOB'S WELL

Great spiritual and also physical disasters are created on the earth when one subtracts the Gospel to the Church and to the Holy Spirit, to the Holy Tradition and to the Magisterium, each one becoming teacher and doctor, father and lord of the Word of God. When one is no longer servant of the Word, but master, we make it say anything. When one is devoid of the Holy Spirit - one is always devoid of the Holy Spirit when he separates himself from the Holy Spirit that has created the sane doctrine and the sane theology during the centuries - we always raise to truth, in the name of the Scripture, all the lies, the falsities, the darkness with which our heart, our mind, our soul, our spirit is kneaded. With fine and devilish art and science we interpret everything according to the thoughts of our heart.

IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Responses of Faith

It always recurs in your writing that we are called to live in the truth of Christ. What are the consequences of those who refuse to welcome this vocation and to live it with fidelity?

Who does not enter the truth of Christ Jesus, who does not make of it his house, his dwelling, his own life, remains in the darkness. Today and always the truth of Christ is his body that is the Church. We are called not only to become body of Christ, Church of the Living God, but also to be builders, constructors of the body of Christ, adding stone by stone, with the preaching of the Gospel, with the explicit invitation to the conversion and to let us be made new creatures being born from water and Holy Spirit. One is not in the truth of Christ if one does not build up his body that is the Church. But not even one is in the truth of Christ if each of us does not offer our life to the Father, in Christ, with Christ, for Christ, to make his Church beautiful, holy, immaculate, without spot or wrinkle. One converts himself to the truth of Christ, one lives the truth of Christ, when all our life is consecrated for the true good of the Church of the living God. Immolating himself for the Church is vocation of every disciple of Jesus. Without our immolation, the Church is in the great suffering. It no longer generates new children to God and it does not shine in the world of divine beauty.

Today one wants to be Christian but without being body of Christ. Never might a Christian exist that is not

body, soul, spirit, thought, desire, will, cross and glorious resurrection, light, eternal life, patience, forgiveness, charity of Christ. One consecrates himself to the body of Christ consecrating his own life for the greater good of every other member of the body of Christ. In the body of Christ one is source of life for the others. If one only member deprives the other members of his life, all the body is in the suffering. We are called to be life, truth, grace, wisdom, sanctity of Christ for all the body of

Christ. For us the body of Christ grows and for us it decreases, for us it raises and for us it lowers, for us it lives and for us it dies, for us it walks in the light and for us it immerses in the darkness. Today one is ashamed of building up the body of Christ, or rather no longer one must build it up. Christ Jesus is no longer declared the universal sacrament of the salvation and consequently not even the

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Church is in Christ, with Christ, for Christ. Destroyed the truth of Christ, the Church is without truth, the Christian is without truth, the world is condemned to the falsity in eternal. Today it is urgent to give Christ his truth: the Church shall be clothed of its truth, the Christian shall return in his truth. The world might get converted to the truth.

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How Faith is born

Consoler of the Afflicted

What does it mean that the Christian is path so that the faith in Christ Jesus rises up in the hearts? What are the conditions for this to be possible?

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