

# Dacci oggi il nostro pane

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## SEVENTH DAY

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### He went up on the mountain by himself

Jesus performs the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves. The crowd sees in Him the prophet who has to come and decide to go and take him to make him a king. Jesus, knowing this, goes up on the mountain, He alone, He and the Father, in the most perfect communion of the Holy Spirit. The prayer is for Jesus a hard fight to win, in the most pure knowledge of the will of the Father and in the greatest and most powerful force of the Holy Spirit, the temptation always coming to Him by the prince of the world. This one, with great cunning and ability, makes use of men and their daily sufferance and anguish, so that He does not do the will of the Father and devote himself to the solution of the problems of this world. He was not sent to solve the problems of our daily life. He was sent to take away the cause that always creates these problems. If one does not take away the cause, it is like pouring some water on the sand: the more one pours and the more the sand absorbs it. Instead, taken away the sand and put some very good soil at its place, it is enough to pour a little water and the soil is ready to bear every

fruit of good.

Being Jesus constituted by the Father “Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world”, He will have to dedicate to this most holy mission. Taken away the sin from the heart, one takes away the source that pollutes the entire earth. For this reason, Jesus goes up to the mountain, He alone: not to fall into temptation, not to let himself be crushed by the thoughts of the world, that are of request of material and also spiritual help, but without any will of taking away the cause being at the origin of all evils afflicting our humanity. The man of God must never fall into this temptation. He knows that his mission is taking away the cause that produces every evil.

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Taken away the cause in his body, in his soul, in his spirit, he has to help each of his brother to take it away, visibly showing what are the fruits of eternal life that a life bears when from it one takes away the cause producing all the evil of death, poverty, material and spiritual misery. May the Mother of God, the Woman without sin, the Virgin full of grace, teach us how to live our mission of disciples of the Lord according to purity of truth and of charity.

## LAMP UNTO MY FEET

### Prayer of thanksgiving

Thanking the Lord is confessing that everything is a gift of God. What is the truth of every gift of God? Making use of it so that the greatest glory reaches the Lord. When does the greatest glory rise to the Lord? When we live it making an instrument of it, so that Christ is known, accepted, worshipped. Being body of Christ is a gift the Father bestows us for his great love. What does the Father want at the exact moment in which he makes us body of Christ? That we place all our life at the service of this great gift. He wants us to let ourselves be made instruments by Him, in the Holy Spirit, so that his love reaches every man and that everybody let themselves be made body of Christ, body of his Only Begotten Son by the Holy Spirit. Only becoming body of Christ, we become children of the Father, in his Only Begotten Son, and He, in the Son, might love us with all his eternal, divine love, that is love of forgiveness, reconciliation, peace, gift of his eternal life, making us new creatures, participant of the divine nature.

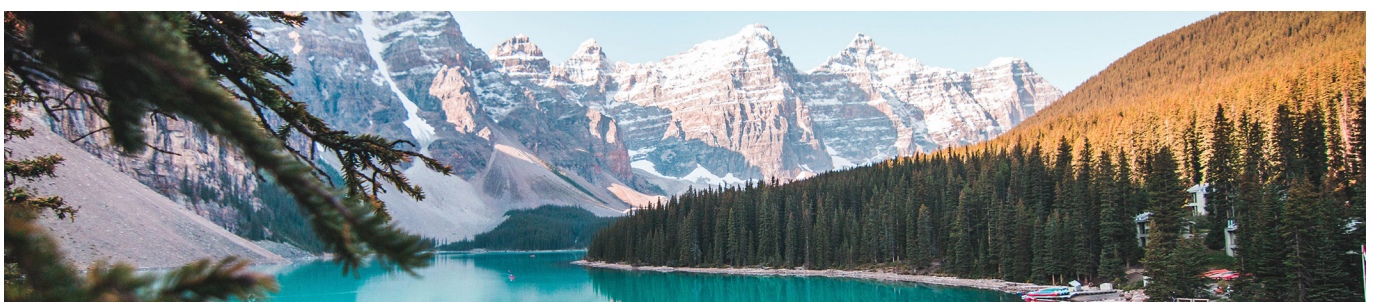
One thanks the Lord in one only way: Christ Jesus gave us his life for our redemption, salvation, justification,

eternal life. The thanksgiving to Christ Jesus must not be made by words. It must be done with the gift of all our life, so that He may bring the mission the Father entrusted him to fulfilment. Salvation is work only of Christ. This mission is only his. He alone is the Redeemer, He alone the Saviour of the world. How does He save and redeem the world today? Through the Christian making a gift of his life to Him, so that He, in the Holy Spirit, may use it to announce Him, gift of the Father for the salvation, and every man is called to conversion and faith in the Gospel. Without this gift of life, there is no thanksgiving. We just say words that are maybe useful to us, but they are not useful to Christ Jesus. When are we useful to Christ Jesus? When our life can be used by Him as his instrument of salvation and redemption, in the Holy Spirit.

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How do we have to give our life to Christ Jesus? Firstly, it must be given handing it over to his Word, to his Gospel, to his Will. One must give his life making it grow in every obedience to the Word, in the observance to every evangelic precept, turning it into life of Christ, entirely conforming it to his life. It is not, then, a gift one

makes once and for all. It is a gift one makes instant by instant and moment by moment. It is a gift one makes in the purest obedience to the Gospel and, since the obedience to the Gospel is instant by instant, instant by instant must we offer our life to Christ Jesus, so that he uses it to attract every man to Him, so that he becomes his body and his life. This is the confusion reigning today in the heart of many disciples of Jesus. Firstly, we must return under his ruling, then the Holy Spirit may lead us so that we become sacred offer for Christ, entirely placed at service of his reign. From the reign of the world, one might never edify the reign of Christ. Here is the great Christian incongruence today: living as reign of the prince of the world and thinking to be able to edify the reign of God. Whoever wants to live the true thanksgiving prayer is called to conform his life to the life of Christ Jesus and make a gift to Christ of it, instant by instant, so that Christ may edify the reign of God in every other heart.



## IF YOU LISTEN...

### Queen of family

**T**he Virgin Mary is the Queen of family. It is a right thing to ask: of which family is the Virgin Mary Queen? The answer might be only one: the Virgin Mary is Queen of the family that one creates in the respect of the divine will. What is the divine will over the family? That it is created by a man and a woman and is of indissoluble union. One only woman and one only man until death. Any other union that does not respect the divine will is not a true union and, if it is not a true union according to the truth placed by God in his creation, the Virgin Mary might not be the Queen of this union. But if the Virgin Mary might not be the Queen, the blessing of the Lord might not pour upon it. This means that God is not in this union. This is the great mystery wrapping the creature made by God to his image and likeness. God places the way of life and the way of death before it. Then, man will choose what he likes, knowing, however, that if he chooses the way of death he might not go through the way giving life. The way of death generates death, the way of

life gives life. It is a choice, whose consequences are in time and in eternity, too.

The Christian saying he loves the Virgin Mary, the disciple affirming of believing in Christ cannot form a family of which the Virgin Mary cannot be the Queen and not even a family that is contrary to the will of the Father in whom he says to believe in. If the world wants to be by its own, it is his choice. However, You, Christian, who says to believe in Christ, who affirms to love the Virgin Mary, who professes yourself to be disciple of Jesus cannot choose against the will of the Virgin Mary, against the will of the Father, against the will of Christ Jesus, against the teaching of the Holy Spirit. Neither can you approve the world choosing by its own will. Approving the choices of the world, you deny your faith. You attest of being lacking in the Holy Spirit. You manifest that your love for the Virgin Mary and your sequel of Christ Jesus are vain, sterile, without any truth. You, Christian, who says of having chosen the truth and the light, must

always bear fruits of truth and light. You are light and you must remain light in eternal. You are truth of Christ and you must witness the truth of Christ with your life and your word. Virgin Mary, Queen of Family according to God, help those who say to love you, so that they give witness of most pure love, without any mingling with the thought of the world.

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#### FROM JACOB'S WELL

Today this is the temptation overwhelming many Christians: the separation from the obedience to the universal Law that is the Gospel; the leaving of our life from what the Father wrote for us in his heart and that the Holy Spirit alone may reveal to us. Our will has taken the place both of the universal will and the particular will. Since the return in the obedience to both the universal Law and the particular one, is only fruit of the powerful grace of God, everyone must ask this grace for himself and for every other brother of faith, too. Being, today, the temptation very powerful, the grace will have to be even more powerful and for this reason, the prayer will have to be even more intense. Our prayer will have to be in everything similar to that of Jesus in the Gethsemane.



## IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Responses of Faith

### What is the most necessary thing for us to ask the Lord? Which indications has Jesus given? Is there a ranking in the priorities or is it enough to pray according one's own heart?

**T**he request that every Christian must rise up to his God and Lord is this one: that his Father fulfils him of his Holy Spirit. With the Holy Spirit leading us, all our life can be given to the Father, according to the will of the Father. What is the will of the Father on our life? That it is entirely spent for Christ Jesus. As Christ Jesus in the Holy Spirit lived his life to do the will of the Father, so the Christian will live his life, everything put at the service of the will of Christ. What is the will of Christ Jesus? That one fulfils the will of the Father. What is the will of the Father? That every man becomes his true son of adoption, by the work of the Holy Spirit, in Christ and lives with Christ and for Christ, to bring to fulfilment the mission of salvation and redemption of Jesus the Lord. Here is what the Apostle Paul asks for the disciples of Jesus: "Therefore, I, too, hearing of your faith in the Lord Jesus and of your love for all the holy ones, do not cease giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of (your) hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for

us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might." (Eph 1, 15-19)

We must ask the Spirit of Christ, since our mission is that of forming the body of Christ. We must form it growing, we, in the holiness of the Spirit. We must form it converting, with the holiness of the Spirit entirely living in our heart, every other man to Christ, so that he, too, becomes body of Christ. If the Holy Spirit does

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not live in us, for us no other man might never be made body of Christ. Here are the words of Christ Jesus: "And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the holy Spirit to those who ask him? (cf. Lk 11, 5-13) It is Word of Christ. It is word of most pure truth. It is prophecy that will always fulfil in us. True prayer of request. Prayer that the disciple of Jesus will have to do with intrusiveness.

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For on him the Father, God, has set his seal

Relationships with God, with oneself, with men, with things

Queen of Peace

If one had to attribute an image to Christ the Lord, what could be the most meaningful so that we enter the mystery of the Gospel with true faith?

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