

# Dacci oggi il nostro pane

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## SEVENTH DAY

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### I found him guilty of no capital crime

**P**ilate solemnly attests to the Romans and the Jews that Jesus is innocent. He has done nothing evil. This attestation is necessary to Christ. If He were not righteous, He could not be the Suffering Servant of the Lord. According to this prophecy of Isaiah, his righteous servant is the one who fulfils the redemption of humanity: "Because of his affliction he shall see the light in fullness of days; Through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear." (cf Is. 52, 13- 53, 12) Jesus is not only righteous before the Law of his Father. He has never transgressed even one Word the Father has written for Him. Jesus is righteous also before the Law of men. He has never infringed one only Law of Rome. He has always obeyed Caesar. He has obeyed him when he was in the womb of his Mother. Even before the condemnation to death by crucifixion, He obeys Pilate. He hands him over to be crucified and Jesus lets himself be handed over.

Here is what we shall learn from the Reading of the Passion of Christ Jesus: his perfect obedience both to the Law of God and to the Law of men. When there is no violation of the Law of

God, the Christian must always obey the Law of men. The disciple of Jesus must be righteous before God and before men. He is not righteous before God if he is not righteous before men, but he is neither righteous before men if he is not righteous before God. This obedience is essence of the Law of Christ. Jesus has given Caesar the tunic, the cloak, his body. He did not escape from anything. His obedience was perfect. He really is the Righteous of God, his faithful Servant.

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It is necessary that every disciple of Jesus knows that if his is not perfect obedience to the Law of men, it might never be perfect before the Law of God, since the Law of Christ Jesus commands the obedience to man in all things. One is released from the obedience to men only when it denies a Commandment of the Lord. Then one should not give this obedience only because of a superior obedience. May the Mother of Jesus, the most obedient Woman to the Lord, teach us the science of obedience.

## LAMP UNTO MY FEET

### Redeeming sufferance

**S**ufferance is the fruit of the nature that rebelled against its Creator, Lord and God, not obeying his voice to listen to the voice of Satan, who does not want the life of man but his death. Sin has ontologically transformed our nature. From creative nature, it is as if it were genetically modified into nature creating sufferance, sorrow, death. The nature creating sufferance is also nature undergoing every sufferance. The highest sufferance is fulfilled in the most holy and pure body of Jesus the Lord, the Crucified by love, the One who has taken all sin and all suffering produced by nature upon himself starting from Adam until the last man who will come to light. Here is what the Holy Spirit teaches us both about the passive sufferance and of the active sufferance. The woman sinned and was temptation for man. Her sin produces a sufferance that will always accompany every other woman in history: "I will intensify the pangs of your childbearing; in pain shall you bring forth children. Yet your urge shall be for your husband, and he shall be your master." (Gen 3, 16) With Christ Jesus the nature of sin is turned into nature of grace and sufferance is turned into redemption and salvation for the entire humanity. Grace fulfils this

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great miracle. Adam sinned. Here is the sufferance he will always have to endure: "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat, "Cursed be the ground because of you! In toil shall you eat its yield all the days of your life. Thorns and thistles shall it bring forth to you, as you eat of the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face shall you get bread to eat, Until you return to the ground, from which you were taken; For you are dirt, and to dirt you shall return." (Gen 3, 17-19) It is a sufferance he shall live for all days of his life. Even for Adam the nature transformed by grace shall live every sufferance as redemption and the nature of grace will produce no sufferance for the others.

Abel, supported by grace, produces no sufferance. He suffers from it. Cain, instead, governed by the instinct of his sin, becomes the first creator of sufferance. The sufferance created by him is turned into sufferance for his life. Earth does not even want to hear him touching his foot on it. It rebels. Every clod of earth withdraws and this is why he becomes wanderer. Earth rejects him. We should all think before committing a sin. Earth rebels even because of us.

Even because of us it withdraws its support. In the Book of Leviticus it is also said that for certain crimes, earth vomits out its inhabitants (cf. Lev 18, 1-30) What do we say? That these are miserable literary genres. Lamech is the first who elects sin as a structure of life. This man lives to create sufferance - In history many are the children of Cain, but much more are the children of Lamech (Gen 4, 19-24). The sufferance created in the world is almost endless. Who must the Christian be, then? The one who always lives as a new creature. His nature of grace, regenerated by the Holy Spirit, is nature capable of undergoing every sufferance turning it into grace of redemption and of salvation for the entire world. However, he must be nature that will never create any sufferance. He is nature that can only create life, truth, light, love, hope, justice, holiness, mercy, forgiveness, reconciliation, peace.

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## IF YOU LISTEN...

### Union of the Mother with the Son in the work of salvation

**T**he Lord wishes to create the new humanity on earth. This time he does not create man, first. He creates the woman first. He creates her immaculate, most pure. He interweaves body, spirit and soul, not with the dust of earth, but with his grace. He surrounds her with a wall of divine fire so that Satan cannot touch her neither with his shadow. He reveals Her through the means of the Angel Gabriel what her mission shall be. She gives her full consent and in her virginal, most pure womb, through the work of the Holy Spirit, the eternal Son of the Father is made flesh. The Virgin Mary might say, infinitively more than Adam: "This time he is life from my life, soul from my soul, spirit from my spirit, breath of the Holy Spirit from my Holy Spirit." Also, a second truth. God put Abraham to the test (cf. Gen 22, 1-8). Even the Virgin Mary was put to the test. Her Son was not spared. She has really offered Him while She was at the feet of the cross. What words does the Lord address to Her? Here they are: "Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's

sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home." (Jn 19, 25-27) These are words associating and uniting the Virgin Mary to the mystery of Christ for eternity.

Jesus hands over to Mary every man, in the person of the Apostle John, as his true son and to every man is the Mother handed over to be accepted as his true Mother, as the most precious thing today and for eternity. Whoever wants to be true disciple of Jesus, true son of the Father, through the work of the Holy Spirit must be true son of the Virgin Mary. Redemption and salvation might never be true, if one separates Christ from the Mother. One always separates Christ from the Mother, when the disciple separates from the Mother. Here is what the mission of the Virgin Mary in the work of redemption is: accompanying every

disciple of Jesus so that he makes all men disciples. How will he make them disciples? Making them true children of Mary. As the true Son of God became true son of man in the most pure womb of the Virgin Mary, so every son of man becomes true Son of God becoming, in the mystical womb of the Mother of God, true son of Mary. May the Holy Spirit come, take us by hand and introduce us to the abyss of the Mystery of our Mother. Her Mystery is the true gate to enter the Mystery of Christ Jesus, our Saviour and Redeemer. Having we abandoned the mystery of Christ, it is sign that we know the Mystery of Mary either.

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#### FROM JACOB'S WELL

The conversion of heart is the conversion of the nature of man. From nature of sin, injustice, hatred, envy, arrogance, lust, wrath, gluttony, sloth, the Holy Spirit through the grace of Christ, shall turn it into nature of faith, hope, charity, justice, prudence, fortitude, temperance. From nature that produces fruits of death into nature that produces fruits of life. This transformation happens in the water of baptism through the faith in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene. Whoever denies and declares the baptism not necessary condemns man to remain in his old nature. He condemns him to produce fruits of death and not of life, fruits of injustice and not of justice, fruits of darkness and not of light. He condemns him to be a creator of sufferance for the entire world.

## IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Responses of Faith

### **You teach that the vocation of every man is that of becoming mystery in the mystery of the Church in order to build up the body of Christ that is the Church in the world. How does one become mystery in the mystery of the Church?**

One becomes mystery in the mystery of the Church with the sacrament of the baptism. If this sacrament is not received, man does not fulfilled his vocation, he does not live his mission. Since vocation and mission are his own life, if a man does not become mystery in the mystery of the Church, he fails his own purpose of creation. The Scripture would say that we fail as a loosened bow: But they put God to the test and rebelled against the Most High; they did not keep his statutes. Like their ancestors they were disloyal and faithless, as unreliable as a faulty bow. They angered him with their high places; they aroused his jealousy with their idols. What is the teaching that is no longer observed today? It is the commandment given by Christ to his Apostles, that of making all people disciples, making them mystery in the mystery of the Church that is his body. What are the high places today, the high places on which the idols were worshipped? Today the high places is the thought of the world many Christians worship. What is the Christian betrayal today? It is the denial of the mystery of Christ in favour of an anthropology deprived of every mystery and of every supernatural vocation and mission of man. The Christian idolatry is the black hole that is engulfing all of us.

If the Christian obeys the Word of Jesus and commits every energy to live as true mystery of Christ in the mystery of his body that is the Church, and works to bring every other man in this body with the sacrament of the baptism, he works for the transformation of the nature of death in nature of life and of the heart of stone in heart of flesh, capable of loving, capable of producing life in the world and never death, joy and never sufferance, light and never darkness. Instead, if one does not live as true mystery of Christ, in the mystery of Christ, does not work to create the body of Christ, turning the old nature into new nature, he himself becomes a creator of death and not of life. Not only does he leave the entire humanity in the nature of death, he himself becomes creator of nature of death. This perverse doctrine teaching that the baptism is no longer necessary is producing more damages in the Church than other ten thousand theories of falsity and of lie. The other theories have separated from the Church. This theory deprives the Church of its own mystery. When the Church has the strength to free itself from this perverse doctrine, then its mystery might return to shine in the world and it will be confessed true Light of the people.

#### IN THE NEXT ISSUE

For they did not yet understand the scripture

In the light of the Lord

She advanced in her pilgrimage of faith

One reads in the Gospel: "Then Satan entered into Judas, the one surnamed Iscariot, who was counted among the Twelve." If he entered in Judas, he might enter every disciple of Jesus. How might he enter our heart? Through what ways?

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