

# Dacci oggi il nostro pane

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## SEVENTH DAY

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### Unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees

To enter the kingdom of heaven we are called to live a righteousness that overcomes that of the scribes and Pharisees. Jesus does not speak of the imperfect, betrayed, altered, transformed, counterfeited, evaded by the scribes and Pharisees of his time. Instead, He speaks of the righteousness contained in the Law of Moses, as it is written in the Book of Exodus, of Leviticus, of Numbers, of Deuteronomy. The Law of righteousness and of holiness had reached a level of most high perfection. Where is the superiority of the New Law fulfilled by Christ Jesus over the Old Law contained in the Books of Moses, of the Prophets and of the Psalms? In the Old Law a model to imitate was the holiness of God. However, the one who had to manifest the sublime holiness of the Lord was a man conceived in the sin, a man consumed in the concupiscence. In the New Testament the model to imitate changes. It is no longer the Lord our God who dwells in the high of his heaven.

The Model to imitate is Christ Jesus, our God, the Crucified by obedience lived in the greatest love for his Father. The man who

is called to obey is not that who was conceived in the sin, but the one who has been baptized in the death of Christ and has been risen to new life in the resurrection of the Lord. Being both the Model and man changed, also the entire life changes. Here is what the overcoming of the Law of the scribes and of Pharisees consists of: coming to the same crucifixion of Christ for love. Now, if the Christian, for love of his brothers, lets himself be crucified as Christ Jesus has let himself be crucified,

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he can never remain in the Old Law, he must necessarily move into the Law of Christ Jesus. Christ Crucified is only most pure love toward every man in obedience to his Father, love of salvation, redemption, justification, sanctification. Jesus dies to expiate the sin of the world. He takes on the sin and expiates it. In Christ, with Christ, through Christ, the Christian, too, dies to expiate the sin of the world. He takes it on and expiates it. May the Mother of God obtain for us every strength so that today and always we may love in imitating Christ Crucified.

## LAMP UNTO MY FEET

### The law of forgiveness is the law of prayer

**T**he fundamental Law, obligation for whoever wants his prayer be listened by his Lord, is the perennial dwelling in the Law of God. Here are two examples of prayer not listened: "This also you do: the altar of the LORD you cover with tears, weeping and groaning, Because he no longer regards your sacrifice nor accepts it favorably from your hand; And you say, "Why is it?" - Because the LORD is witness between you and the wife of your youth, With whom you have broken faith though she is your companion, your betrothed wife.

Did he not make one being, with flesh and spirit: and what does that one require but godly offspring? You must then safeguard life that is your own, and not break faith with the wife of your youth. For I hate divorce, says the LORD, the God of Israel, And covering one's garment with injustice, says the LORD of hosts; You must then safeguard life that is your own, and not break faith." (Mal 2,13-16). From the betrayal of the marriage covenant and from every other sexual disorder, the Lord will never listen to our prayer. We draw the second example in the Book of Sirach: "The vengeful will suffer the LORD'S vengeance, for he remembers their sins in detail. Forgive your neighbor's injustice;

then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Should a man nourish anger against his fellows and expect healing from the LORD? Should a man refuse mercy to his fellows, yet seek pardon for his own sins? If he who is but flesh cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins? Remember your last days, set enmity aside;

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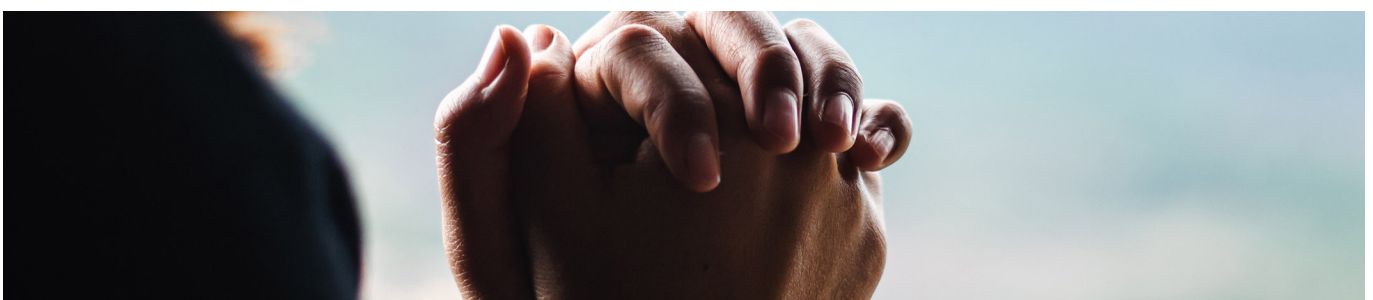
remember death and decay, and cease from sin! Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor; of the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults. Avoid strife and your sins will be fewer, for a quarrelsome man kindles disputes,

Commits the sin of disrupting friendship and sows discord among those at peace. The more wood, the greater the fire, the more underlying it, the fiercer the fight; The greater a man's strength, the sterner his anger, the greater his power, the greater his wrath. Pitch and resin make fires flare up, and insistent quarrels provoke bloodshed. If you blow upon a spark, it quickens into flame, if you spit on it, it dies out; yet both you do with your mouth!" (Sir 28,1-12).

From vengeance, from hatred, from non-forgiveness, from quarrels, from riots, from calumnies, from fearless judgements, from false testimonies, from every unholy relation with men,

there is no listening of the prayer. The one who wants his prayer to be listened by the Lord, even in the request of forgiveness, must forgive, must not want vengeance against anyone, must have the heart filled with peace towards his brothers and refrain from every argument. The Apostle Paul asks the disciples of Jesus to pray with pure heart and innocent hands. From idolatry one cannot pray the Lord and neither from the great immorality. The Christian who wants to pray the Lord according to truth and to the law of prayer is called to abandon every idolatry and every immorality. So that his prayer may be listened, one must get rid of even the littlest venial sins. From sin, from vice, from the transgression of the Law of the Lord one can ask, with spirit of true conversion, for the grace that can turn back into the Law of righteousness and of holiness. To obtain the forgiveness of the sins, it is necessary, obligatory that we grant the forgiveness to those who have offended us. The one who does not forgive can never be forgiven.

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## IF YOU LISTEN...

### He has dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart

**G**od is the Lord, the Providence, the Ruler, the King, the Judge, the Saviour, the Redeemer of history. Of history, He is also life and truth, righteousness and peace, love and holiness. Everything is from God, always, in every moment. God who is in himself, in his nature, eternal charity, does everything so that man lets himself be conquered by his divine essence and may also become charity from his charity, charity in his charity, charity at the service of his charity. Every intervention of God in our history has one only purpose: delivering it from foolishness, that is wickedness, idolatry, selfishness, pride, greed, lust, wrath, gluttony, sloth, closure of man in the hinges of himself and of his arrogance, overbearingness, ignorance, multiple idolatry, yesterday great immorality, today amorality with no limits, oppression of man toward man, endless physical, moral, spiritual slavery. This is why the Lord has shown might with his arm: to reveal the world the extraordinary greatness of his love and of his mercy. But also to show

the pride man his nothingness. Man is ontologically finitude. However, in his pride and proud arrogance, he considers himself almighty, lord, ruler of the world and of things.

To the Lord, it is enough to let one only invisible virus to invade earth and the false greatness of man is shattered. He only needs not to stop a foolish and ignorant decision of one man and the entire world finds himself in a delirium of misery, poorness, concern, incapacity, death. One only mindless decision and the entire humanity precipitates in the loss of every certainty. The Lord always shows the might of his arm against every arrogant of our earth. Proud and arrogant people are blind. Neither are they able to see the nefarious fruits that their thoughts produce. Today are the proud and the arrogant, having decided to take away from God his entire creation starting from the nature of man, by them condemned to live in a universal and more and more devastating amorality, presented as utmost good and as true right of the human person,

not leading the human nature to devastation and destruction? When this happens, the proud and he arrogant are heart and voice of Satan for the ruin of every man. The humble and pure of heart, instead, see the arm of the Lord shown and let themselves be conquered by his charity. Instead, the arrogant oppose to Him resist, want to fight against God to conquer Him, annihilating Him. They do not want to surrender to his will of truth and of love in any way.

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#### FROM JACOB'S WELL

Jesus gives his body to eat and his blood to drink to his disciples before his death and before his glorious resurrection. He has given what He had to live even physically. He has given it from the cross, making himself sin for them. Not only for them but for the entire world. Jesus has left us the example so that we may also do as He did. Each of his disciple is called to give all himself, his entire life, for the salvation of his brothers. Not even one atom of his body, of his soul, of his spirit, can he keep for himself. Jesus has given everything. His Father has given everything. The disciple gives everything. He must give everything, though, from the obedience to every Word of Jesus, in the same way as Jesus has given everything from the obedience to the Word of the Father.

## IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Responses of Faith

### What does it mean that faith is true if it is true human act? But first: what is necessary so that one makes an act of faith?

**A** man is his wisdom, his rationality, his intelligence, his discernment, that are fundament of each of his reasoning and deduction. Reasoning and being able to reason well is essence of mans nature. Through this activity of his spirit, he, necessarily through analogy, will have to come to the knowledge of God, separating Him from whom is not God. Necessarily, he will have to come to distinguish the Creator from creatures. This is the man created by God. Using his rationality with wisdom and understanding, he can come to great spiritual and also material conquests. The Holy Spirit says that vain are those who do not go beyond appearance. Man will always have to live as true man. To live as true man, he will have to use the rationality as true man and also the understanding and the will. If he uses these divine gifts vainly, he is responsible before God, his Creator and Lord and also before every other man.

In the Gospel we find a Roman centurion. This man has authorities above him and soldiers subject to him. When he receives a command, he immediately does it. This man has heard about Jesus. He has come, through rational way, to see Jesus greater than his Emperor. He sees Him as the supreme Chief of every element of the

creation. Being the supreme Chief of every visible and invisible thing, He only needs a word, give a command and every element of the creation immediately obeys. Here is now his second deduction by analogy, of pure rationality and understanding: if Jesus is so high, who is he to desire Jesus to enter his house? Jesus cannot be annoyed. Since He only needs the Word, he will say the Word and his servant will be healed. The rationality

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alone cannot know the entire mystery of Jesus's love. One needs the revelation or the revealed history that is fulfilled. Jesus will die on the cross for the centurion. So great is his love for every man. Though rationality one comes to the first step of the true knowledge of Jesus. Then, through the other ninety-nine steps, one needs the revelation and the mighty light of the Holy Spirit, the only who can introduce and lead us to the entire truth. Faith is a human act and the human act is always understanding and wisdom. Faith is in the Truth of the Word that is fulfilled. May the Mother of God obtain for us the grace to always use our rationality, understanding, discernment in the holiest way.

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Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect

Working for the robbers or working for us?

He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones

What is faithfulness? What is perseverance? Can these two virtues be lived also without love or is love the essence of them?

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