***You do not know what you are asking***

**WEDNESDAY MAY 26 (Mk 10,32-45)**

The Apostle Paul reveals that we do not know how to pray properly. For this the Holy *Spirit comes to our aid*: *“In the same way, the Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit itself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because it intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will. "(Rm 8,26-27).*Every desire and thought of the heart must be manifested to the Lord. Prayer will always produce a fruit of peace in the heart: *“Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. "(Phil 4, 4-7).* Jesus also manifests his heart to the Father and the Father fills it with his peace: *“Then going out he went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. When he arrived at the place he said to them, "Pray that you may not undergo the test." After withdrawing about a stone's throw from them and kneeling, he prayed, saying, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done." (And to Strengthen him an angel from heaven Appeared to him. He was in such agony and he Prayed so fervently That His sweat Became like drops of blood falling on the ground.) When he rose from prayer and returned to His disciples, he found them sleeping from grief. He said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not undergo the test. " (Lk 22, 39-46).*James and John do not ask in the Holy Spirit. They ask from the flesh for the Lord to hear a prayer that comes from the flesh. He does not answer, but enlightens the heart so that it can find its peace. From the answer the two disciples now know that everything is from the heart of the Father and that Jesus accomplishes everything through obedience to the Father. It is necessary to write this truth in their hearts with an iron stylus: Everything is from the Father.

*They were on the way, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus went ahead of them. They were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. Taking the Twelve aside again, he began to tell them what was going to happen to him. "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and hand him over to the Gentiles who will mock him, spit upon him, scourge him, and put him to death, but after three days he will rise. " Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." He replied, "What do you wish (me) to do for you?" They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" They said to him, "We can." Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared. " When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John. Jesus summoned them and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many. "*

In the kingdom of God whoever is placed on high is only to serve his brothers, spending his whole life for them. In the same way that Jesus did: He came not to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many. What then must every disciple ask the Lord? May a good servant do it, a trustworthy and faithful servant. Any place is good for serving. The war of places is over, because the service must be done from every place. Every place is the same as every other place. The one who serves for love is great.

Mother of the Redemption, Angels, Saints, make us faithful, humble, obedient servants to God.