**Go, and from now on do not sin any more**

**MONDAY MARCH 22 (Jn 8, 1-11)**

The Lord forgave David for both the sin of adultery and murder. With the prophet Ezekiel, stoning disappears forever. The Lord does not enjoy the death of those who die. Instead, it enjoys those who convert and live: *" Thus the word of the LORD came to me: Son of man, speak thus to your countrymen: When I bring the sword against a country, and the people of this country select one of their number to be their watchman, and the watchman, seeing the sword coming against the country, blows the trumpet to warn the people, anyone hearing but not heeding the warning of the trumpet and therefore slain by the sword that comes against him, shall be responsible for his own death. He heard the trumpet blast yet refused to take warning; he is responsible for his own death, for had he taken warning he would have escaped with his life. But if the watchman sees the sword coming and fails to blow the warning trumpet, so that the sword comes and takes anyone, I will hold the watchman responsible for that person's death, even though that person is taken because of his own sin. You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me. If I tell the wicked man that he shall surely die, and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked man from his way, he (the wicked man) shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. But if you warn the wicked man, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself. As for you, son of man, speak to the house of Israel: You people say, "Our crimes and our sins weigh us down; we are rotting away because of them. How can we survive?" Answer them: As I live, says the Lord GOD, I swear I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked man, but rather in the wicked man's conversion, that he may live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! Why should you die, O house of Israel?"* (Ez 33, 1-11). The Lord is the God of mercy and forgiveness, of charity and compassion. Until the moment of death, He will give man every grace so that he can convert and live in time and for eternity. The Lord spared himself in nothing. For our life he gave his only Son from the cross. The Crucifix is the highest sign of the Father's mercy. He gave it for our conversion.

*while Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle. They said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they could have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So he was left alone with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, (and) from now on do not sin any more."*

The Pharisees do not believe in the prophetic scriptures. They used Moses, but to convey their thoughts which are more distant from God's thoughts than the East from the West. Jesus cannot appeal to the prophets. He cannot tell them to ask the woman to convert and stop sinning. Nor can he allow her to be stoned. This is not the will of the Father. All the wisdom and intelligence of the Holy Spirit comes to his aid. "*Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.*" They all disappear. Jesus is sinless. He could throw the stone. But He did not come to throw stones, but to proclaim, announce, pay every debt for the forgiveness of sins. He does not condemn the woman. But he tells her not to sin anymore. Forgiveness is always in repentance and the promise not to sin again. The solutions of the human heart are wicked, ruthless, cruel. Solutions from the heart of God full of mercy.

Mother of the Redemption, Angels, Saints, let us always be from the heart of the Father.