**Anyone who commits sin is a slave of sin**

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 24 (Jn 8, 31-42)**

Slavery is to deprive the soul, the spirit, the body of their most pure truth which comes by creation and redemption from the Lord, who is the creator of man. Man calls this slavery freedom and peace, but it is freedom and peace that create death. We read in the Book of Wisdom: *" they who said among themselves, thinking not aright:" Brief and troublous is our lifetime; neither is there any remedy for man's dying, nor is anyone known to have come back from the nether world. So our life will pass away like the traces of a cloud, and will be dispersed like a mist pursued by the sun's rays and overpowered by its heat. For our lifetime is the passing of a shadow; and our dying cannot be deferred because it is fixed with a seal; and no one returns.Come, therefore, let us enjoy the good things that are real, and use the freshness of creation avidly. Let us have our fill of costly wine and perfumes, and let no springtime blossom pass us by; let us crown ourselves with rosebuds ere they wither. Let no meadow be free from our wantonness; everywhere let us leave tokens of our rejoicing, for this our portion is, and this our lot. Let us oppress the needy just man; let us neither spare the widow nor revere the old man for his hair grown white with time. But let our strength be our norm of justice; for weakness proves itself useless. Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us; he sets himself against our doings, Reproaches us for transgressions of the law and charges us with violations of our training. He professes to have knowledge of God and styles himself a child of the LORD. To us he is the censure of our thoughts; merely to see him is a hardship for us, Because his life is not like other men's, and different are his ways. He judges us debased; he holds aloof from our paths as from things impure. He calls blest the destiny of the just and boasts that God is his Father. Let us see whether his words be true; let us find out what will happen to him. For if the just one be the son of God, he will defend him and deliver him from the hand of his foes. With revilement and torture let us put him to the test that we may have proof of his gentleness and try his patience. for according to his own words, God will take care of him. "(Cf. Wis 2,1-20).*For the wicked, "freedom" means abandoning oneself to all evil. This is not freedom, but very heavy slavery. The wicked is a slave to sin, vice, foolishness that lurks in his heart. He is so enslaved by sin that he cannot live except by committing other increasingly heavy and grave sins. The Sin feeds on, and feeds on sin.

*Jesus then said to those Jews who believed in him, "If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How can you say, 'You will become free'?" Jesus answered them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin. A slave does not remain in a household forever, but a son always remains. So if a son frees you, then you will truly be free. I know that you are descendants of Abraham. But you are trying to kill me, because my word has no room among you. I tell you what I have seen in the Father's presence; then do what you have heard from the Father. " They answered and said to him, "Our father is Abraham." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing the works of Abraham. But now you are trying to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God; Abraham did not do this. You are doing the works of your father! " (So) they said to him, "We are not illegitimate. We have one Father, God." Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and am here; I did not come on my own, but he sent me.*

Nobody knows and nobody wants to be convinced that when one falls into sin, little by little the mind becomes of iron, the heart of stone, the soul of bronze. The soul is no longer enlightened by the supernatural light of the truth of God from which the truth of man comes. The Lord is no longer known. It is no longer adored. Foolishness and ignorance take the place of wisdom and intelligence. Rationality is suffocated in injustice along with truth. Darkness is declared light and evil is called good. We even go so far as to declare adultery as an act of true charity, suicide, respect for the dignity of man, the right abortion of women, divorce, liberation from all conditioning and obligation to love those who no longer love one another. When sin lurks in a heart, there is separation and denial of God. Sin against the Holy Spirit is eternal breaking.

Mother of the Redemption, Angels, Saints, let us live without sin, in the light.