**VIRGO PRUDENTISSIMA**

Mary is exalted and magnified in the virtue of prudence. She is not Prudent Virgin. She is “*Virgo prudentissima*.” She is most prudent for evil, neither minimal, nor lowest, has ever arisen from the words, works, actions, relations lived by Her, neither through her person nor through the entire universe. Why has the life of the Virgin Mary always borne the greatest fruits of good, rather of extreme good and in us does it often bear only evil? Why is She Mother and Most Holy Virgin, while we remain perennially sinners, or at most we content ourselves to live a minimalist Christian religion, namely aimed at not committing only the most heinous crimes disturbing the collective conscience, while we abandon ourselves to those ugly sins that by now have become style, form, daily consistency of our familiar, social, economic, political, ludic, professional life?

One can bring forth all this spiritual disaster from a mistake that by now we make without even realizing it, either. We have separated with clean cut Word and truth, Word and obedience, obedience and life, life and actions, thoughts, will. We have separated man from God. The Christian from Christ Jesus and from the Holy Spirit. We have also separated the Church from Christ Jesus, from the Father and from the Holy Spirit. We also have separated her from her evangelizing mission. We have separated transcendence and supernatural from history and immanence. We have enclosed man in the prison of his ego, depriving him of every reference, of nature, as well, to his Creator, Lord, God, the only One who can give life to his death and the only One who can deliver him from the darkness that make him blind before history and the world. Such separation, that has become Christian routine by now, is the death of our life.

On the contrary, Mary is Most Prudent Virgin for She has separated nothing. In her most high holiness She has united everything, instead. In her womb, through the work of the Holy Spirit, the true God and the true man are united in a wondrous way in the divine and eternal Person of the Only Begotten Son of the Father. The true God is in the true man and the true man is in the true God in the eternal Person of the Eternal Word who is God and before God. The Word, who is true God, is made flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary. In Her, He becomes true man, remaining true God eternally, according to the dogmatic law of the hypostatic union. What was united in the most pure womb of Mary by divine and eternal will has been divided in the core of the Christian and today also in the core of the Church. One wants Christ no longer true God, true incarnated God, true Creator, true Redeemer, true Saviour, Unique and Only Incarnated God and Only Creator, Redeemer, Saviour. Today for the Christian such division is the source of every falsity, every lie, every deceit, every idolatry, every immorality. Since the holiness of the Christian is fruit only of this union of God with man and of man with God, denying the mystery of the incarnation of the Word of life, condemning man to non-holiness, one condemns him to bear every work of death. In her most high Holiness the Virgin Mary was united to the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit was united to Her in a truly unique way, so much to be able to affirm that the Holy Spirit has always led Her to a more and more great holiness, in a measureless growth in grace and in wisdom. In Mary, each of her action, thought, will, desire, feeling, motion of heart and spirit, were always under the motion of the Holy Spirit. He always moved heart and mind of our Mother. He always acted through Her. Mary is the perfect instrument through whom the Father of heaven fulfil the marvellous things of his love in favour of every man. The Holy Spirit is gift in Mary, but also daily conquest. She grew in Holy Spirit through her endless prayer and because the path into holiness was without interruption in Her.

Salomon knew he could not live without wisdom. He knew that it was a gift of God. The Church of the Lord with heartfelt prayer: “*Therefore I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I preferred her to scepter and throne, And deemed riches nothing in comparison with her, nor did I liken any priceless gem to her; Because all gold, in view of her, is a little sand, and before her, silver is to be accounted mire. Beyond health and comeliness I loved her, And I chose to have her rather than the light, because the splendor of her never yields to sleep. Yet all good things together came to me in her company, and countless riches at her hands; And I rejoiced in them all, because Wisdom is their leader, though I had not known that she is the mother of these. Simply I learned about her, and ungrudgingly do I share - her riches I do not hide away; For to men she is an unfailing treasure; those who gain this treasure win the friendship of God, to whom the gifts they have from discipline commend them. Now God grant I speak suitably and value these endowments at their worth: For he is the guide of Wisdom and the director of the wise. For both we and our words are in his hand, as well as all prudence and knowledge of crafts*.” (Wis 7, 7-16) Prayer alone is not enough, though. One needs the obedience to each motion of the Holy Spirit of God. Mary is the Most intelligent Virgin, for She is the Most Obedient Virgin. Without obedience, there is no prudence, for prudence is listening and perennial obedience to our God and Lord.

Virgin Mary, Mother of the Eternal Wisdom who was made flesh in You, teach us to live in your own obedience for all the days of our life. We shall also be most prudent as you are. Angels and Saints, help us always walk in the Word of our God and Lord. This is the unique and only way of holy prudence.