Nostras deprecationes ne despicias in necessitatibus

Let us consider for a moment the test Christ Jesus had to endure: the death on the cross for our eternal salvation. Let us also consider for a moment the test the Virgin Mary was put to, She, the Mother of God. In the great silence of prayer, She assisted her divine Son Crucified for our sins. The test is the crucible of our faith, hope, charity. Here is what the Word of God teaches us: *“For you, God, tested us; you refined us like silver.” (Psal 65, 10).* *The crucible for silver, and the furnace for gold, but the tester of hearts is the LORD (Pr 17, 3). As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself. (Wis 3, 6). For in fire gold is tested, and worthy men in the crucible of humiliation. (Sir 2, 5). See, I have refined you like silver, tested you in the furnace of affliction. (Is 48, 10)”. “In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of (your) faith, the salvation of your souls.” (1Pt 1,6-9).*

To overcome the numberless tests our life toward the Paradise is paved with, the Lord has placed, next to us, a friendly person so that She may sustain our steps, guide our gaze, raise our heart, give strength to our will, sanctify our soul, make our body more and more free, delivering it from every vice and imperfection. For us, this person is more than the mother for the newborn, more than the water for fish, more than the air for the birds, more than the bread for our nourishment. She is more than our own life. This person loves us more than we love ourselves. Our love for ourselves is nothing compared to the immense love that She has for us. This person has one only name: Mary. This person is the Holy Virgin, Pure, Chaste, Mother of God and our Mother, our Helper, our Solace, our Protection, our Defence, the One to whom the Lord has entrusted the mission to help us overcome every test, so that we may walk toward the eternal Homeland increasingly faster. The Virgin Mary always anticipates our needs, urgencies, many tests. However, She wants us to rely on Her, trust Her, turn to Her, showing all the difficulties that fall over our path. It is as if we walked in a dark, obscure wood, with no light and hundreds and hundreds of lightening fell on our field from heaven. The Virgin Mary sees the lightening and She knows how to protect us from them, She just wants us to express Her our fear, our anxieties, our worries, that terror that possesses us and seems to even take our breath away.

*“Do not despise our petitions in our necessities”*: must have one only meaning for us: You, Holy Virgin, Blessed Virgin, Most Chaste, Most Pure, Most Holy Mother, if you want to understand our cry, put Yourself in our place for a moment. Thus only you shall see the lowliness of our heart and through the vision our littleness, You shall be moved to compassion, to piety. Knowing our heart, You shall also know how to act and what to do for our liberation. Without identification, our tests might be judged, valued, weighted as non-tests, while they are actually true tests for us. You shall take our place and then You shall understand their heaviness and You shall help us overcome them. You shall plunge Yourself in us and then our salvation will be great, infinitively great. The entire world will see it and will confess that through an explicit and formal intervention of your intercession, salvation entered our life and we have not been crushed by the tests that inevitably fall over our existence of faithful people. This is our sin: we do not have the right evaluation of the tests of our brothers, for we lack identification. We live out of their reality. We are distant form their life. We always see them starting from our little, poor, mean necessities or urgencies, we judge them from our inexistent tests, and this is the reason why we do not give them the right solution, that is of most pure salvation. To help and to be helped in the necessities or tests of the life, one needs the Virgin Mary to give us her heart to love, her eyes to see, her hands to catch, her feet to walk, her mouth to breathe the Holy Spirit, her will to be oriented more and more toward the greatest good. We must never forget that the Virgin Mary was given to us by Christ Crucified. He know show the path to the Golgotha tires those who begin it. This is why, from the Cross, He gives his Mother as our true Mother.

This is her mission: picking us up from our ravine, pulling us up, placing us on the narrow way, help us walk through it until we get to the Golgotha in order to contemplate how great the love of Jesus Crucified has been for us. Not only did He die for our eternal redemption. Moreover, He has given his Mother to us so that She may be the celestial chariot to get in to reach the Golgotha. Without this celestial chariot, one is tired and abandons the path. This is truth: all those who have abandoned this most holy Mother, have begun the path, but they have gone astray along the way. They have denied Her first and then they have abandoned Christ the Lord. Our Mother, never let us be separated from You. We shall be separated from Christ Jesus in eternity. You are the One who ties us to Christ in an indissoluble way.