

the servant of the poor and of the slaves, who were at that time very numerous at Carthage, in America.

About the year 1615 he fell down exhausted in the midst of his heroic work; and, afflicted with a painful illness, he lay for a long time suffering the most severe agony.

When anyone went to visit him, he was almost always to be found lying on his back, with his hands joined on his breast, and his eyes fixed on Heaven. In all his sufferings he never uttered a word of complaint, but had always on his lips these beautiful words: May God be praised! may God be praised!

As the festival of Christmas drew near, he became worse, and he earnestly prayed that he might die before that great day, that he might be able to keep it in Heaven. His prayer was heard, for, early on the morning of December 25, he died, full of good works and of merits, at the advanced age of seventy years.

Thus did God reward him for his long life of labor and sufferings, offered up through love for His Eternal Son Jesus.

“Am I Like Jesus?”

A pious boy once received a little picture representing the holy Child Jesus. Every day he looked at the picture, for it was a very beautiful one, and every day, too, he tried to resemble the Divine Child by leading a holy life.

"Have I been like the holy Child Jesus today?" he used to ask himself every night before going to rest. "Was I obedient like Him? Did I say my prayers as piously as He did? Did I try to serve God and my neighbors as He did? Do I increase in wisdom, age, and grace as He did?"

In this way the boy grew up until he reached manhood, trying every day to resemble the Divine Child Jesus in all his actions, and he became a model of virtue to all around him, and a great Saint. Could not you also follow his example?

The Catechism in Examples by Rev. D. Chisholm

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Communion Thanksgiving: Jesus sits in our soul as on a throne of grace. St. Alphonsus di Liguori

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... in His Presence

Jesus' Love for Us!

Thirst of Love: St. Laurence Justinian, in considering this word "I thirst," which Jesus pronounced on the cross when he was expiring, says that this thirst was not a thirst which proceeded from dryness, but one that arose from the ardor of the love that Jesus had for us: ' This thirst springs from the fever of His love.'

Ardent Desire: Because by this word our Redeemer intended to declare to us, more than the thirst of the body, the desire that He had of suffering for us, by showing us His love: and the immense desire that He had of being loved by us, by the many sufferings that He endured for us: "This thirst proceeds from the fever of His love." And St. Thomas says, "By this 'I thirst' is shown the ardent desire for the salvation of the human race."

----- Affections -----

O God, enamored of souls, is it possible that such an **excess of goodness** can remain without correspondence on our part?

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Please take and keep this letter and reflect on its contents during the month in your visits to the Blessed Sacrament and see that your heart and mind will open to His grace into knowledge and love of God, Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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And how, then, couldst Thou, O my Lord, say that Thy delight was to dwell with men, if Thou dost receive from them nothing but injuries and ill treatment?

Love Changes Sufferings Into Delights: Love made Thee, then, change into delights the sufferings and the insults that Thou hast endured for us.

Love for Love: O my Redeemer, most worthy of love, I will no longer resist the stratagems of Thy love; I give Thee from henceforth my whole love.

Thou art and shalt be always the only beloved one of my soul.

Just for Me! Thou didst become man in order that Thou mayest have a life to devote to me; I would fain have a thousand lives, in order that I may sacrifice them all for Thee.

I love Thee, O **infinite goodness**, and I will love Thee with all my strength. I will do all that lies in my power to please Thee.

Love for Love Through Suffering: Thou, being innocent, hast suffered for me; I a sinner, who have deserved hell, desire to suffer for Thee as much as Thou wilt.

Holy Assistance: O my Jesus! assist, I pray Thee, by Thy merits, this **desire** which Thou dost Thy- self give me.

O infinite God, I **believe** in Thee, I **hope** in Thee, I **love** Thee.

Mary, my Mother, intercede for me. Amen.

Passion and Death of Jesus Christ by St. Alphonsus

Suffering for Love of God

Let us be convinced that in this valley of tears true peace of heart cannot be found, except by him who endures and lovingly embraces sufferings to please Almighty God: this is the consequence of that corruption in which all are placed through the infection of sin. The condition of the saints on earth is to suffer and to love; the condition of the saints in heaven is to enjoy and to love. Father Paul Segneri the younger, in a letter which he wrote one of his penitents to encourage her to suffer, gave her the counsel to keep these words inscribed at the foot of her crucifix: "Tis thus one loves." It is not simply by suffering, but by desiring to suffer for the love of Jesus Christ, that a soul gives the surest signs of really loving him. And what greater acquisition (said St. Teresa) can we possibly make than to have some token of gratifying Almighty God?

Jesus advises everyone who would follow Him to take up and carry his cross: Let him take up his cross, and follow Me. (Luke, ix. 23) But we must take it up and carry it, not by constraint and against our will, but with humility, patience, and love.

Practice of the Love of Jesus Christ by St. Alphonsus di Liguori

St. Thérèse on Suffering

Jesus tries those whom He loves. Suffering is the greatest proof He can give us of His tenderness towards us.

He gives suffering only to His chosen friends. He even increases it according to the greater measure of our love for Him.

Let us love Him to the extent of being ready to suffer for Him whatever He may wish us to suffer, even the sufferings of the soul.

. . . Is there any greater joy than to suffer out of love of God?

Jesus became poor that we might practice charity towards Him. He longs for our love and begs for it.... He looks for souls who will console Him but finds none.... He, as it were, puts Himself at our mercy.

Let us, therefore, make our life a continual sacrifice, a martyrdom of love to console Jesus. He asks only a glance, a sigh, but a glance and a sigh that are for Him alone

What a joy to be able to suffer for Him whom we love!

A Gift From God

Suffering, pain, humiliation -- this is the kiss of Jesus. At times you come so close to Jesus on the cross that he can kiss you. I once told this to a lady who was suffering very much. She answered, "Tell Jesus not to kiss me -- to stop kissing me." That suffering has to come that came in the life of our Lady; that came in the life of Jesus -- it has to come in our life also. Only never put on a long face. Suffering is a gift from God. It is between you and Jesus alone inside.

Jesus, The Word to be Spoken by Angelo Scolozzi, M.C.III.O

In Imitation of His Passion

Our Lord made **St. Gertrude** to understand that we ought to hide in His adorable Passion all the pains we suffer, whether of the body or mind, as we would place a prop in a bundle of sticks.

Our Lord said: **Whoever hides his sufferings and adversities in the bouquet of My Passion, and joins them on to such of My sufferings as they seem most to resemble, he truly reposes in My bosom, and I will give him, to augment his merits, all that My singular charity has merited by My Patience and by My other virtues.**

Revelations by St. Gertrude

Father Alphonsus of Sandoval

Father Alphonsus of Sandoval had a most tender love for the Divine Child Jesus. Christmas was the festival he loved best, because on that day Jesus lay, a little child in the manger at Bethlehem. For the love of the Holy Child Jesus he, although born of a noble family, consecrated his whole life to be