

The Dying Father

Not long ago a poor man, the father of a large family, was struck down by a dangerous illness. He felt the hand of death upon him, yet he was calm and happy.

His children were standing near his bed weeping, and praying to God that their dear father might not be taken away from them.

"My children," he said, "it is the will of God that I should leave you. With my dying lips I ask you to **love and serve Him** till He comes to take you to Himself. I have lived a long time in this world, and I can tell you that that alone can make you happy."

These words, spoken at intervals and in a low voice, told the children plainly that the end was indeed near. This made them weep still more. But the good man seemed to smile rather than weep, and to be full of joy rather than of sorrow.

Margaret, his oldest daughter, observed this, and said to him: "Ah! dearest father, how can you be so joyful while we are so sad? You have lived a hard and laborious life, and had many sorrows and trials, and now, even when death is at hand, and you are enduring so much pain, you seem not to feel it."

"My dear child," he answered, "long, long ago, when I was a little boy, my mother used to tell me what I have often told you all those words of the Scripture:

Keep the Lord always before thine eyes, and fear His holy name.

These few words gave me courage in my trials, and were my defense in the moment of danger, and now they are my greatest consolation. For they have led me to the gate of my heavenly home, and I die with the firm hope that they will lead me into the presence of Him Whom I have

had always present in my heart. It is this that makes me so calm now and so resigned. And if you do as I have done, you also, at the hour of your death, shall be filled with the same blessed hope."

This was the only legacy this poor man had to leave to his little ones, but it was of more value than the richest gift that the world could bestow.

The Catechism in Examples by Rev. D. Chisholm

Please Pray for Our Deceased Members

Arsenio "Arcy" Lucero
St. John Baptist – Santa Fe, NM

Selma & George Dorman
Boca Raton, Florida

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Binghamton, NY

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St. Monica – Berwyn, PA

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Holy Rosary – Portland, OR

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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

The Sight of God: Happiness of the Elect

Reflection – Our Greatest Treasure:

The beauties of the saints, the heavenly music, and all the other delights of paradise, form but the lesser portion of its treasures. The possession which gives to the soul its fullness of bliss is that of **seeing a loving God** face to face. **St. Augustine** says that were God to let His beautiful face be seen by the damned, hell with all its torments would become to them a paradise.

-- Veiled: --

Even in this world, when God gives a soul in prayer a taste of His sweet presence, and by a ray of light discovers to it His goodness and the love which He bears it, so great is the contentment that the soul feels itself dissolve and melts away in love; and yet, in this life, it is not possible for us to see God as He is; we behold him obscured, as if through a thick veil. What, then, will it be, when God shall take away that veil from before us, and shall cause us to behold Him face to face openly?

Affections: Goodness of God

O Lord! for having turned my back upon Thee, no more should I be worthy to behold

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.

Thee; but, relying on Thy goodness, I hope to see Thee, and to love Thee in paradise forever. I speak thus, because I am speaking with a God Who has died in order to give paradise to me.

Reflection – Incomplete Happiness

Although the souls that love God are the most happy in this world, yet they cannot, here below, enjoy a happiness full and complete; that fear, which arises from not knowing whether they be deserving of the love or the hatred of their beloved Savior, keep them, as it were, in perpetual suffering.

-- when United --

But in paradise the soul is certain that it loves God, and is loved by God ; and it sees that that sweet tie of love which holds it united with God will never be loosened throughout all eternity.

-- Means of God's Love --

The flames of its love will be increased by the clearer knowledge which the soul will then possess of what the love of God has been in **being made man**, and having **willed to die** for it;

in having **given Himself in the sacrament of the Eucharist**.

by beholding, in all their distinctness, the **graces which He has given it**, in order to lead it to heaven;

it will see that the **crosses sent** to it in lifetime have all been operations of His love to render it happy.

It will see the **mercies He has granted it**, the many **lights and calls to penance**.

-- Bound in Love --

From the summit of that blessed Mount will it behold the many lost souls now in hell for sins less than its own, and it will behold itself now saved, possessed of God. and certain that it can nevermore lose Him throughout all eternity.

Affections: When? Hope! Patience!

My Jesus, my Jesus, when will that too happy day for me arrive?

Reflection -- . . . for All Eternity

The happiness of the blessed soul will be perfected by knowing with absolute certainty that that God Whom it then enjoys it will have to enjoy for all eternity. Were there to be any fear in the blessed that they might lose that God Whom they now enjoy, paradise would no more be paradise. But no; the blessed soul is certain, with the certainty which it has of the existence of God, that that supreme good which it enjoys, it will enjoy forever.

-- Forever Blessed --

That joy, moreover, will not grow less with time; it will be ever new. The blessed one will be ever happy, and ever thirsting for that happiness; and, on the other hand, while ever thirsting, will be ever satiated.

-- Hope – “Paradise” --

When, therefore, we see ourselves afflicted with the troubles of this life, let us lift up our eyes unto heaven, and console ourselves by saying, **Paradise**.

-- Blessed Suffering --

The sufferings will one day come to an end; nay, they will themselves become objects over which to rejoice.

-- All Opened to Receive Us!! --

The saints await us; the angels await us; Mary awaits us; and Jesus stands with the crown in His hand wherewith to crown us if we shall be faithful to Him.

-- When My Lord! --

Ah, my God, when will come that day on which I shall arrive at possessing Thee, and be able to say unto Thee, My love, I cannot lose Thee more?

-- Mary, My Hope --

O Mary, my hope, never cease from praying for me, until thou dost see me safe at thy feet in paradise!

The Passion and the Death of Jesus Christ by St. Alphonsus

Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas

Holy Communion Preparation

Almighty and ever-living God,
I approach the sacrament of your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

--- Recognize my Faults ---

I come **sick** to the doctor of life,
unclean to the fountain of mercy,
blind to the radiance of eternal light,
and **poor and needy** to the Lord of heaven and earth.

--- Plead to be sanctified ---

Lord, in your great generosity,
heal my sickness,
wash away my defilement,
enlighten my blindness,
enrich my poverty,
and clothe my nakedness.

--- Holy dispositions ---

May I receive the **bread of angels,**
the **King of kings** and **Lord of lords,**
with **humble reverence,**
with the **purity** and **faith,**
the **repentance** and **love,** and the **determined purpose** that will help to bring me to salvation.

--- Holy desires ---

May I receive the sacrament of the Lord's body and blood, and its reality and power.

Kind God, may I receive the body of your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, born from the womb of the Virgin Mary, and so be received into His mystical body and numbered among His members.

--- Aspiration ---

Loving Father, as on my earthly pilgrimage I now receive Your beloved Son under the veil of a sacrament, **may I one day see Him face to face in glory,** who lives and reigns with You forever Amen.

Confidence In God

God knows what is best for you, my child, for He is your Father. In sorrow and in joy, in sickness and in health, leave yourself in His hands. It is this confidence that is most pleasing to Him, because it is a sign that you hope in Him and love Him.