

Elizabeth, not daring to think herself worthy of such an honor, said: "Who art thou who dost ask me to be thy pupil and thy servant?"

Our Lady immediately replied: "I am the Mother of the living God, and I will be better able to instruct thee in these things than anyone else."

At these words Elizabeth extended her hands towards the Mother of Mercy, who took them in hers, and said: "If thou wilt be my child, I will be thy mother."

These words filled the Saint's heart with unbounded joy. The thought that she was now in such a special manner the child of Mary made her more happy than if the whole world had been given to her. Yet she was afraid that she might not show herself so loving towards her as she ought to be; and though she tried to avoid everything that she thought would displease her, she felt that her love for her was still very imperfect.

One day she had been guilty of a slight fault, and when she saw what she had done she wept very bitterly, because she knew that it would so much displease Our Lady. While she was thus weeping over it, the Blessed Virgin suddenly appeared to her, and said: "My child, why are you weeping? I did not choose you to be my child that you should be unhappy. Take courage, then, and, although you have not been entirely obedient to me, try to be better for the time to come; say one Hail Mary in my honor, and this fault will be forgiven you."

Mary is your mother also, my child, and loves you with a mother's love. She knows how weak you are, and has pity on you when you have fallen into some fault, if only you are sorry for it, and resolved to do better for the time to come. In all your trials and sorrows, therefore, have recourse to her with confidence, and she will show you that she is really your mother

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

The Love of Jesus
in suffering for Us

Wounds of Love:

There is no means which can more surely kindle in us divine love than to consider the Passion of Jesus Christ. St. Bonaventure says that the wounds of Jesus Christ, because they are wounds of love, are darts which wound hearts the most hard, are flames which set on fire souls the most cold: "O wounds, wounding stony hearts, and inflaming frozen minds!"

Mad in Love for Us:

It is impossible that a soul which believes and thinks on the Passion of the Lord should offend Him and not love Him, nay, rather that it should not run into a "holy folly of love", at seeing a God, as it were, mad for love of us: "We have seen," says St. Laurence Justinian, "Wisdom infatuated by too much love."

God Willing to Die for Us:

Hence it is that the Gentiles, as the Apostle says, when hearing him preach the Passion of Jesus crucified, thought it a folly: We preach Christ crucified, to the Jews

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.

indeed a scandal, but to the Gentiles foolishness. (1 Cor. i. 23) How is it possible (said they) that a God, almighty and most happy, such as He Who is preached to us, could have been willing to die for His creatures?

Affections:

Ah, God enamored of men! how is it possible (let us say this who by faith believe that He really died for love of us), – how is it possible that a goodness so great, that such a love, should remain so badly regarded by men? It is wont to be said that love is repaid with love; but Thy love, O Lord – with what manner of love can it be ever repaid?

It would be necessary that another God should die for Thee, to make recompense for the love which Thou hast borne towards us in dying for us.

Aspirations:

O cross, O wounds, O death of Jesus! you bind me closely to love Him.

O God, eternal and infinitely worthy of love, I love Thee, I desire to live only for Thee, only to please Thee; tell me what Thou wilt of me, and I will wholly to do it.

Mary, my hope, pray to Jesus for me.

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

Mary: Model of Love for God

St. Anselm says, that where there is the greatest purity, there is the greatest charity. The purer and more emptied of self is a heart, the more it will be filled with charity towards God.

Most holy Mary, because she was all humility, and entirely emptied of self, was entirely filled with the divine love, so that she surpassed all men and all angels in love to God, as St. Bernardine teaches.

St. Francis of Sales beautifully calls her: "The Queen of Love."

Mary's Confidence in God

Mary was the faithful spouse of the Holy Spirit. Scripture asks regarding her: *Who is this that cometh up from the desert, flowing with delights, leaning on her beloved?* (Cant. 8:5). Mary was always completely detached from earthly affections, looking upon the world as a desert. **Since she never relied either on creatures or on her own merits but only on divine grace in which she had the fullest confidence, she continually advanced in the love of God.**

Mary's Pregnancy:

The Blessed Virgin gave a clear indication of her confidence in God, first of all when she saw the anxiety of St. Joseph. Unable to understand the mystery of her pregnancy, he thought of leaving her: *But Joseph . . . was minded to put her away privately* (Mt. 1:19). It then appeared necessary, as we have remarked above, to reveal the secret to him. But Mary could not bring herself to disclose the grace she had received. She thought it better to abandon herself to divine Providence in the full confidence that God Himself would protect her.

birth of Our Lord:

Mary showed confidence in God again when she knew that the time for the birth of Our Lord was approaching, and when she was driven even from the lodgings of the poor in Bethlehem and obliged to bring forth her Child in a stable: *And she laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn* (Lk. 2:7). She did not utter a word of complaint, but abandoned herself wholly to God and trusted that He would help her.

Flight into Egypt:

She also showed her great confidence in **divine Providence** when she learned from Joseph that they had to flee to Egypt. That very night she was obliged to undertake a long journey to a strange and unknown country, without any provisions, without money, and accompanied only by her infant and her poor husband. *He arose and took the child and his mother by night, and withdrew into Egypt* (Mt. 2:14).

Let us therefore learn from Mary to have confidence in God—in every sphere of life—but principally in the business of our eternal salvation. This is an affair in which we must of course cooperate. At the same time we must hope for the necessary grace to attain the result. We must distrust our own strength and say with the Apostle: *I can do all things in Him who strengthens me* (Phil. 4:13).

Glories of Mary by St. Alphonsus de Liguori

St. Charles Borromeo on Confidence in God

He who serves God with a pure heart and, with no thought to any personal and human interest, seeks God's glory alone, must always hope for the successful outcome of his enterprises, especially when, according to human judgment, there seems to be no hope. For efforts made in the service of God are over and above human prudence and depend upon a higher principle.

The holy Cardinal, St. Charles Borromeo, had recourse to God for everything in prayer. He would begin, continue and finish his every action with prayer. The more difficult and important his undertakings, the more he would pray. At times, when matters were not only difficult but even desperate, he would not cease to pray on that account or give up. Rather he would go ahead with greater effort and more frequent prayer. For this reason he succeeded in many and great things, which appeared humanly impossible. *Spiritual Diary*

Our Lady's Loving Care

One day as St. Elizabeth of Hungary was meditating on the life of Our Divine Lord, and was anxious to know more deeply the mystery of that love that brought Him down from Heaven for our salvation, the most holy Mother of God appeared to her, and said: "If thou wilt be my pupil, I will be thy teacher; if thou wilt be my servant, I will be thy mistress."