

We must have a firm confidence in Jesus Christ, for we are sure that He will never forsake us in our necessities if we turn to Him as children to their Father.

Through Mary

We ought to have, also, a great confidence in the Mother of God, who is so good and who so willingly assists us in all our spiritual and temporal wants by pleading for us with her divine Son. If, for instance, there is a sin upon our conscience that we are afraid to confess, let us throw ourselves at her feet, and we may rely that she will obtain for us the grace to make a good confession, and thus will procure for us the forgiveness of our sins. Yes, dear brethren, after God we ought to place the greatest confidence in the Blessed Virgin in all our spiritual and temporal needs.

Sermons of the Curé of Ars – St John Marie Vianney

St. Hyacinth, Dear to Our Lady

St. Hyacinth was one of the great apostles of Northern Europe. He loved Our Lady exceedingly, and was a member of the Order of St. Dominic, of which she was the special patroness. The Blessed Virgin took him under her maternal protection, and often came to visit him.

In the year 1221, on the eve of the Feast of the Assumption, **St. Hyacinth** was meditating before Our Lady's altar on her glorious entry into Heaven, and on her triumphant reception there by the heavenly court. Suddenly a bright light shone over the altar, and the glorious Queen of Heaven appeared to him, surrounded by a multitude of angels.

She said to him: " O Hyacinth, be glad and rejoice, for thy prayers are very

to my Son and to me: you shall obtain from Him whatever you ask of Him through my intercession."

Saying these words, Our Lady disappeared; and such melody of voices and instruments of music was heard as no human tongue could describe. It was to him a foretaste of the joys of Paradise.

Catechism in Examples by Rev. D. Chisholm

Please Pray for Our Deceased Members

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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

Hope unto Eternal Life

The Soul that leaves this Life in the State of Grace

Entrance to Eternal Life:

Let us imagine to ourselves a soul that, on departing out of this world, enters eternity in the grace of God. All full of **humility** and of **confidence**, it presents itself before Jesus, its Judge and Savior. Jesus embraces it, gives it His benediction, and causes it to hear those words of sweetness: *Come, my spouse, come, thou shalt be crowned.* (Cant. iv. 3)

Purification Needed:

If the soul has need of being purified, he sends it to purgatory, and all resigned, it embraces the chastisement, because itself wishes not to enter into heaven, that land of purity, if it is not wholly purified.

Guided to Purgatory:

The Guardian Angel comes to conduct it to purgatory; it first returns him thanks for the assistance he has rendered it in its lifetime, and then obediently follows him.

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.

Affections – Hope for Eternal Life:

Ah, my God, when will that day arrive on which I shall see myself out of this world of perils, secure of never being able to lose Thee more?

Place of Purification:

Yes, willingly will I go to the purgatory which shall be mine; joyfully will I embrace all its pains; sufficient will it be for me in that fire to love Thee with all my heart, since there I shall love none else but Thee.

Passage Into Eternity:

The purgation over, the angel will return and say to it, Come along, beautiful soul, the punishment is at an end; come, and enjoy the presence of thy God, who is awaiting thee in paradise. Behold, the soul now passes beyond the clouds, passes beyond the spheres and the stars, and enters into heaven.

Enveloped in Joy:

O God, what will it say on entering into that beautiful country, and casting its first glance on that city of delights? The angels and saints, and especially its own holy advocates, will go to meet it, and with jubilation will they welcome it, saying, Welcome, O companion of our own; Welcome!

Holy Affections:

Ah, my Jesus, do Thou make me worthy of it.

Meeting Holy Souls:

What consolation will it not feel in meeting therewith relatives and friends of its own who have previously entered into heaven!

Meeting Mary!

But greater by far will be its joy in beholding Mary its Queen, and in kissing her feet, while it will thank her for the many kindnesses she has done it.

Infinite Gratitude to Jesus

The Queen will embrace it, and will herself present it unto Jesus, Who will receive it as a spouse.

Received By The Father:

And Jesus will then present it to His Divine Father, Who will embrace and bless it, saying, Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord. (Matt. xxv. 21) And thus will He beatify it with the same beatitude that He Himself enjoys.

Affections of Love:

Ah, my God, make me love Thee exceedingly in this life, that I may love Thee exceedingly in eternity. Thou art the object most worthy of being loved; Thou dost deserve all my love;

Resolutions:

I will love none but Thee. Do Thou help me by Thy grace.

And Mary, my Mother, be thou my protectress
St. Alphonsus di Liguori

Hope: Motivations for Heaven

God Most Deserves to be Loved:

If St. Augustine says he would never cease to love God, even if there were no heaven to hope for nor hell to fear, because God is infinitely lovable and deserves to be loved, how much more reason for us to love God if He promises us an eternal reward to encourage us

- a) to put our faith in Him and
- b) to love Him above all things.

If we perform this sacred duty worthily we are working for our sanctification and our glorification in heaven.

... helps us to Carry Our Cross:

As faith teaches us that God sees everything, and that He is a witness of all that we do and suffer, the divine virtue of hope for the crowning reward of heaven causes us to bear our sufferings with submission and resignation to the holy will of God.

This beautiful virtue of Hope supported:

- a) the martyrs in the tortures to which they were subjected,
- b) the anchorites in their severe penitential practices, and
- c) the weak and sick in their diseases.

Hope leads us to Please God in all Our Actions:

If Faith shows us the presence of God everywhere, Hope leads us on, by the joyful expectation of an eternal reward, to perform all our actions with the intention of pleasing God.

Sweetens all our Sufferings in the Merits of Jesus

As this virtue, dear brethren, sweetens all our sufferings, let us consider its benefits.

If we acknowledge through Faith that there is a God, who is our Creator, our Redeemer, and the Supreme Good, that He created us so that we might know Him, love Him, serve Him, and possess Him, Hope teaches us that, although unworthy of this happiness, still we may hope for it through the merits of Jesus Christ.

... through Faith, Hope and Charity:

So that by our actions we may lay claim to this reward, three things are required of us:

Faith, which makes God ever present to us;

Hope, which causes us to perform our actions with the intention of pleasing God, and

Charity, which unites us to Him as to our supreme good.