

God's Infinite Mercy

The mercy of God is great above all His works. Where the true love of God is, there also is true contrition.

The **Blessed Cure of Ars** continually spoke of God's mercy that he might bring sinners to repentance. He used to say: "There are some people who say that God is too severe. Oh, how much these deceive themselves! The Eternal Father, in order to disarm His infinite justice, gave to His Divine Son a heart exceedingly tender. Our Lord, in His prayer to His Heavenly Father, said: Father, forgive them."

"Our Lord did indeed suffer more than was necessary to obtain our salvation. He would in this way have satisfied the justice of His Father, but He would not have satisfied His love.

"It is not God Who condemns us to Hell; it is our sins. The lost souls do not blame God; they blame themselves. I have lost God, they say; I have lost my soul, I have lost Heaven, but it is entirely my own fault. No one was ever lost because he had done too much evil, but many are lost even for one mortal sin because they would not repent.

"If a lost soul could say even once: O my God, I love Thee! there would no longer be Hell for him. But, alas! poor soul, he has now lost the power of loving which he once had, and which he did not make use of. Never can that soul find peace, never again be happy, because he cannot love.

"Hell itself has its existence from the love of God. The lost souls cry out: Oh, if God had not loved us so much we should suffer less, and this punishment would be more supportable! But to have been so much loved: What grief! what self-reproaches!

"Our faults are as grains of sand when placed by the side of the great mountain of the mercies of the good God.

"The mercies of God are like a torrent which is overflowing it carries everything along with it.

"The good God would forgive a repentant sinner with more haste than a mother would draw out her little child who had fallen into the fire.

"Imagine a mother who should be compelled to be the executioner of her own child and put it to death. Such is it with God when He sees Himself compelled to condemn a sinner to the flames of Hell.

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 Christ Died for Us

Excess Love for Each One of Us:

Who could ever explain the love which the divine Word bears to each one of us, since it surpasses the love of every son towards his mother, and of every mother for her son?

St. Laurence Justinian says, "The intense charity of the Word of God surpasses all maternal and filial love; neither can human words express how great His love is to each one of us!"

So much so, that our Lord revealed to **St. Gertrude** that he would be ready to die as many times as there were souls damned, if they were yet capable of redemption: "I would die as many deaths as there are souls in hell." (Rev. I. 7, c. 19)

Affections:

O Jesus, O treasure more worthy of love than all others! why is it that men love Thee so little? Oh! do Thou make known what Thou hast suffered for each of them, the love that Thou bearest them, the desire Thou hast to be loved by them, and how worthy Thou art of being loved. Make Thyself known, O my Jesus, make Thyself loved.

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.

Ejaculatory Prayer. O Mary. Conceived Without Sin, Pray for Us Who Have Recourse to Thee.

Contrition: and The Goodness of God

God Loves Us Personally since He has created us and all things for our sake and has ransomed us by dying for us. However, we have a still greater proof of the love of God for us: the facility He gives us of obtaining forgiveness when we have offended Him.

The goodness of God which surpasses all other goodness in Him towards us is **the goodness which forgives.**

Forgiveness:

How much does God love me? As much as He forgives and has forgiven me and wishes to forgive me! God is good and He loves me since He forgives me when I have offended Him. I need no other proof of it; there is none more convincing or more deeply moving.

The source of **Saint Paul's** apostolic love was the love which had forgiven him; from the mercy which had forgiven him so many sins,

Saint Augustine drew the love which fired and pierced his heart and changed it into the heart of a seraph.

Mercy:

The love which God has for us is more merciful than benevolent because we, sinners by nature, have special need of mercy; that is why His mercy is the attribute He displays above all others towards us during our stay on earth. The world is the empire of His mercy, and time is the duration of its reign.

Thorough Forgiveness:

Moreover, see how God forgives -- not at all as man forgives. When man forgives, he puts the culprit to shame. The fear of shame prevents the child from asking pardon. But **the**

good God forgives with kindness: His forgiveness is a grace which restores one's honor, which purifies, sanctifies, and beautifies the guilty soul. To be forgiven and to be made a saint is one and the same thing. God's pardon restores without delay the robe of innocence, the white robe. We have humbled ourselves only to be immediately exalted by Divine Mercy.

Never Tires to Forgive:

Men become tired of forgiving; they show greater severity and lay down more conditions in the case of relapses. But it seems that the more God forgives, the more merciful He becomes. The great sinners who come back to Him are His greatest friends. He has come for those that are sick; for a sinner He leaves the angels. **Provided we confess with humility and confidence, we are always sure of being well received.**

Remembrance of Our Sins - No More:

His pardon is final, irrevocable. He throws our sins behind His back, says Holy Scripture; He dips them into the sea, and the scarlet of our sins, bathed in His mercy, is changed into the snow-white of innocence. They will never come up accusingly against us. I like the opinion of a great many theologians, according to which our sins will not even be mentioned at the last judgement because the Lord said: "I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Fully Reinstated:

Jesus Christ restores our reputation, reinstates us in all the rights we enjoyed before sinning.

It is thus He reinstated **Saint Peter** after his fall and confirmed him in his office as Supreme Shepherd. His pardon ennobles.

He changed **Magdalen** the sinner into a heroine of supernatural love and commended her publicly in the highest terms of praise a God could give "She has loved me much!"

#1 Trophies of Mercy and Love:

He took sinners and made of them the trophies of His mercy and love, as He did with **Saint Matthew, Saint Paul,** and so many others.

#2 Incomprehensible Love:

And after all this, we should still insist on despairing! But know that it is a need for Our Lord to forgive. His heart is weighed down with the thought of His having possibly to condemn us. He weeps over us. And when He forgives us, He finds solace and joy in His mercy. If Our Lord could still suffer, He would do so on seeing us despair of His mercy and refuse to implore forgiveness.

#3 Priests - Other Christs:

He has willed to perpetuate His mercy for all in time in the Church and the priesthood. Priests do not exist to write out testimonial letters of virtue for the just, but to absolve and console the poor sinners. He has entrusted to the care of priests all the graces of the Redemption He has given them the power to restore life to our souls.

In The Light of The Monstrance by St. Peter Julian Eymard

Mary, Mother of Mercy

How can sinners be afraid of this queen of mercy? Mary is not stern or forbidding. **St. Bernard** says, "Why should weak humanity fear to approach Mary? There is nothing severe about her, nothing frightening. She is unspeakably sweet, and offers milk and wool to all." Mary not only gives, but she goes out of her way to offer to all, no matter who they are, the milk of mercy to quicken their confidence, and the wool of protection to shelter them from the storms of divine justice.

Glories of Mary by St. Alphonsus de Liguori