

St. Rose of Lima's Patience.

When St. Rose of Lima was only a very young child, it happened that someone thoughtlessly pinched her thumb by shutting the lid of a box hurriedly. The pain was very great, but she tried to conceal it. Her mother, who was soon told of what had occurred to her child, ran at once to help her; but Rose hid her finger, and did not let it appear that there was anything the matter with her.

Saints United with Christ on the Cross

St. John of the Cross said that if the choice were given to him to be placed in Heaven along with the angels, or to be sent to prison with the Apostle St. Paul, he would prefer to go to prison rather than into Heaven, because in prison he would be able to gain more glory for paradise.

St. Louis of France, whilst speaking to the King of England on the immense sufferings he had to endure when he was in captivity, said to him: "I thank God with my whole heart for the misfortunes that befell me at that time; I am filled with more joy at the thought of the patience that God then granted me, than if He had made me master of the world."

I Am Thy Savior And Thy Brother.

When St. Thomas of Canterbury was preparing for martyrdom by prayer and great works of penance, Our Lord appeared to him one day as he was making his thanksgiving after Mass.

Jesus said to him: "Thomas, thou shalt honor My Church by thy holy martyrdom."

The Saint in surprise said: "O my Lord, Who art Thou?"

"I am Jesus Christ, thy Savior and thy Brother."

Our Lord spoke to him in this way to give him courage to suffer and die for His sake. He says the same to each one of us: "My child, I am thy Savior and thy Brother. Take up thy cross and follow Me, and thou shalt have a great treasure in Heaven." *Catechism in Examples* by Rev. 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

Love of Christ from the Cross

Forced Love:

"Thou, O Redeemer, hast loved man in such a manner, that whosoever reflects upon this love cannot do less than love Thee; for Thy love offers violence to hearts: as the Apostle says: The charity of Christ presseth us. (2 Cor. V. 14).

Christ Love for The Father:

The source of the love of Jesus Christ for men is His love for God. Hence He said on Maunday Thursday, That the world may know that I love the Father, arise, let us go hence. (John, xiv. 31) But in what manner? To die for men upon the cross."

--- Intense Love of Christ ---

a.) ... a Thousand Times:

"No human intellect can conceive how strongly this fire burns in the heart of Jesus Christ. As He was commanded to suffer death once, so, had He been commanded to die a thousand times, His love had been sufficient to endure it.

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.

b.) . . . for One of Us Only:

And if what He suffered for all men had been imposed upon Him for the salvation of one single soul, **He would have done the same for each in particular** as He did for all.

c.) . . . for All Time:

And as He remained three hours upon the cross, so, had it been necessary, His love would have made Him **remain there even to the day of judgment**. So that Jesus Christ loved much more than He suffered.

e.) . . . Far More Interiorly:

O Divine Love, how far greater wert Thou than Thou outwardly seemedst to be; for though so many wounds and bruises tell us of great love, still they do not tell all its greatness. There was **far more within than that which appeared externally**.

More Than Excess:

That was but as a spark which bounded forth from the vast ocean of **infinite love**. This is the greatest mark of love, to lay down our life for our friends. But this was not a sufficient mark for Jesus Christ wherewith to express His love."

Amazed at the Above Reflections:

"This is the love which causes holy souls to lose themselves, and to stand amazed, when once they have been allowed to know it.

From it spring those:

- a.) burning sentiments of ardor,
- b.) the desire of martyrdom,
- c.) joy in sufferings,
- d.) exultation under the storms of distress,
- e.) the force to walk on burning coals as if they were roses,

f.) a thirst for sufferings,

g.) rejoicing in that which the world dreads,

h.) embracing that which it abhors.

Suffer with Christ:

St. Ambrose says that the soul which is espoused to Jesus Christ upon the cross, thinks nothing so glorious as to bear upon itself the marks of the Crucified One."

My Return!! O Holy Cross:

"But how, O my lover, shall I repay this Your love! It is right that blood should be compensated by blood. May I behold myself dyed in this blood and nailed to this cross! O holy cross, receive me also!

Instruments -- Afflict Me Also:

O crown of thorns, enlarge thyself, that I too may place thee on my head! O nails, leave those innocent hands of my Lord, and come and pierce my heart with compassion and with love!

Gain Dominion by Love:

For Thou, my Jesus, didst die, as St. Paul says, in order to gain dominion over the living and the dead, not by means of chastisements, but by love: "*For to this end Christ died and rose again: that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.*" (Rom. 14:9)

My Heart Pierced:

"O robber of hearts, the strength of Thy love has broken the exceeding hardness of our hearts! Thou hast inflamed the whole world with Thy love. O most loving Lord,

inebriate our hearts with this wine,
consume them with this fire,
pierce them with this dart of Thy love!

Thy Cross is indeed an arrow which pierces hearts. May all the world know that my heart is smitten! Testimony

My Profession of Love:

O sweetest love, what hast Thou done? Thou hast come to heal me, and Thou hast wounded me. Thou hast come to teach me, and Thou hast made me well-nigh mad. O madness full of wisdom, may I never live without You! All, O Lord that I behold upon the cross invites me to love Thee: the wood, the figure, the wounds of Thy body; and above all, **Thy love, engages me to love Thee, and never to forget Thee more.**"

Devotion to the Passion Christ

Who can deny that, of all devotions, **devotion to the Passion of Jesus Christ** is

- a) the most useful,
- b) the most tender,
- c) the most agreeable to God,
- d) one that gives the greatest consolation to sinners,
- e) and at the same time most powerfully enkindles loving souls?

Many Blessings:

From where do we receive so **many blessings**, if it be not from the **Passion of Jesus Christ**?

Hope of Pardon

From where do we **hope of pardon**, courage against temptations, confidence that we shall go to heaven?

Knowledge of Truth:

From where are so **many lights to know the truth**, so many loving calls, so many spurtings to change our life, so many desires to give ourselves up to God, except from the **Passion of Jesus Christ**?

St. Alphonsus de Liguori