

Joseph suffered many great persecutions from his brothers. This was the way by which God led him to his great honors.

Created for great things, St. Teresa suffered many incredible trials from all types of people, even those who were very good and very spiritual. Many considered her deceived by the devil; others ridiculed her revelations.

### *Remain United to Christ*

Be resolved to remain in the presence of God by means of a complete divesting of self and surrender to His holy will. Each time you find your spirit straying from this precious company, bring it back gently. This love consisting of simple confidence and the repose of the spirit on the Paternal bosom of Divine Goodness contains all that one could desire to please God.

St. Francis de Sales

This was one of St. Jane Frances de Chantal's most treasured and most frequent practices. She did it by simply turning to God and adhering to His will, reposing in it like a child in his mother's arms. She made no attempt to do anything else or to find out what God was working in her.

### *Union With Christ in Afflictions*

Do not think you have attained to that degree of purification that is required until your will is entirely and in all things - even the most distasteful - freely and cheerfully submissive to the holy will of God.

St. Francis de Sales

St. Jane Frances de Chantal tells us that St. Francis de Sales had himself reached

such a degree of purification that even in the greatest of his afflictions he experienced inner consolation a hundred times sweeter than the ordinary — the result of his uninterrupted intimate union with God.

His Congregation having sustained a considerable loss, St. Vincent de Paul informed a friend of it in these words: "I must tell you of the loss we have suffered, yet I do not communicate it as an evil that has befallen us, but rather, as a favor God has granted us. I call the afflictions He sends us favors and blessings, especially when they are well received."

*Spiritual Diary*

### *Please Pray for Our Deceased Members*

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*Each month, a Mass is offered for deceased members listed in the monthly letter; and another Mass is offered for all past 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**

### *United In Love*

#### *Friends Treated With Indifference! :*

O God, had the vilest of all men suffered for me what Jesus Christ has suffered; had I beheld a man torn with scourges, fastened to a cross, and made the laughing stock of the people in order to save my life, could I remember his sufferings without feeling for him the tenderest affection? And were the likeness of my expiring lover brought before me, could I behold it with indifference, and say, Oh! the miserable man has died thus in torture for the love of me? Had he not loved me he would not have died for me.

#### *Just An Ornament!! :*

Alas, how many Christians keep a beautiful crucifix in their room, but only as a fine piece of furniture! They praise the workmanship and the expression of grief, but it makes as little impression on their hearts as if it were not the image of the incarnate Word, but of a man who was a stranger and unknown to them. Ah, my Jesus, do not permit me to be one of them.

*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.*

*Lifts My Affections Up On the Cross:*

Remember that Thou didst promise that when Thou wouldst be elevated on the cross, Thou wouldst draw all hearts to Thee. Behold, my heart, softened into tenderness by Thy death, will no longer resist Thy calls. Ah, draw all its affections to Thy love. Thou hast died for me, and I wish to live only for Thee.

*Remain In My Heart, O Jesus:*

O sorrows of Jesus, O ignominies of Jesus, O death of Jesus, O love of Jesus! may you be fixed in my heart, and may the sweet remembrance of You remain there forever, to wound me continually, and to inflame me with love.

*God's Goodness is Given to Us:*

O Eternal Father, behold Jesus dead for my sake, and, through the merits of this Son, show me mercy. My soul, be not diffident on account of the sins thou hast committed against God. It is the Father Himself that has given the Son to the world for our salvation, and it is the Son that has voluntarily offered Himself to atone for our sins.

*Contrition Plunged Into Goodness:*

Ah, my Jesus, since to pardon me Thou hast not spared Thyself, behold me with the same affection with which Thou didst one day behold me, agonizing for me on the cross. Behold me and enlighten me; and pardon particularly my past ingratitude to Thee, in thinking so little of Thy Passion, and on the love Thou hast shown me in Thy sufferings.

*Jesus Gives Me Light to . . .:*

I thank Thee for the light which Thou givest me, in making me see in these wounds and lacerated members, as through so many lattices, Thy great and tender affection for me. Unhappy me, if, after this light, I should neglect to love Thee, or if I loved anything out of Thee.

*Please Receive Me in Thy Dwelling:*

May I die (I will say with the enamored (love of) St. Francis of Assisi) for the love of Thee, O my Jesus, Who hast condescended to die for the love of me. O pierced heart of my Redeemer, O blessed dwelling of loving souls! do not disdain to receive also my miserable soul.

*O Mary! Please for Me:*

O Mary, O mother of sorrows! recommend me to thy Son, whom thou dost hold lifeless in thy arms. Behold His lacerated flesh, behold His Divine blood shed for me, and see in them how pleasing it is to Him that thou shouldst recommend my salvation to Him. My salvation consists in loving Him; this love thou hast to obtain for me, but let it be a great and eternal love.

*Love Forced From Our Hearts:*

Commenting on the words of St. Paul, "The charity of Christ presseth us" (2 Cor. V. 14) St. Francis de Sales says: "Since we know that Jesus, the true God, has loved us so as to suffer death, and the death of the cross, for our salvation, must not our hearts be under a press which squeezes and forces love from them by a violence which is strong in proportion as it is amiable?" The saint afterwards says that "the hill of Calvary is the mountain of lovers." He then adds:

*In Love With Jesus On the Cross:*

"Ah, why, then, do we not cast ourselves on Jesus crucified, in order to die on the cross with Him Who has voluntarily died upon it for the love of us? I will hold Him, we ought to say, and will never forsake Him; I will die with Him, and will burn in the flames of His love. One and the same fire shall consume this Divine Creator and His miserable creature. My Jesus gives Himself

to me, and I give myself entirely to Him. I will live and die on His bosom; neither life nor death shall separate me from Him.

*Jesus Our Total Destiny Immersed In Love:*

O eternal love! my soul seeks Thee, and chooses Thee for eternity. Ah! come, Holy Ghost, and inflame our hearts with the love of Thee. Either to love or to die. To die to every other love, in order to live to that of Jesus. O Savior of our souls! grant that we may sing for eternity: "Live Jesus; I love Jesus. Live Jesus, whom I love; I love Jesus, who lives forever and ever."

*Final Reflection:*

Let us, in conclusion, say: O Lamb of God, Who hast sacrificed Thyself for our salvation! O Victim of love, Who hast been consumed by sorrows on the cross! Oh that I knew how to love Thee as Thou dost deserve to be loved! Oh that I could die for Thee, Who hast died for me! By my sins I have been a cause of pain to Thee during Thy entire life; grant that I may please Thee during the remainder of my life, living only in Thee, my love, my all.

*My Dearest Mother:*

O Mary, my mother, thou art my hope after Jesus; obtain for me the grace to love Jesus.

*Passion by St. Alphonsus*

*Treasure of the Cross*

If God sends you many sufferings, it is a sign that He has great plans for you and certainly wants to make you a saint. If you desire to become a great saint, ask Him to send you much suffering. To enkindle the fire of divine love, the best wood is that of the cross, which Our Lord used for His great sacrifice of love.

St. Ignatius Loyola