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Jesus, by Your Passion, Cross and Resurrection, Save us!



In my imagination I saw Our Lord carrying the cross on His shoulders. He was crowned with thorns, and I observed in particular what seemed like a gush of blood below His chin, at the level of His neck.

Memoirs XIII, 49



1

Drink all of you from this, for this is my blood, the blood of the New Covenant, which is to be poured out for many for the forgiveness of sin. *Matthew 26:28*



Guiding the Spiritual Exercises I felt urged to suggest a meditation on Jesus carrying the cross to Calvary. While I was helping them to reflect on the generosity of Jesus ... suddenly my imagination was illumined ...

Memoirs XIII, 41-42



2

Christ entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with Him not the blood of goats, but His own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. *Hebrews 9:12*



I was profoundly impressed by the immense suffering of our Redeemer and by the heaviness of the cross He was carrying. That vision encouraged me and I imagined that I would find great sufferings there. *Memoirs XIII, 52-55*

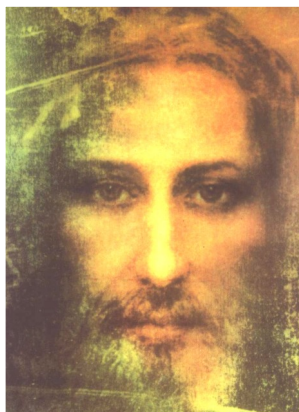


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In the Eucharist Jesus does not give us a "thing," but himself; He offers his body and pours out his blood. He thus gives us the totality of his life and reveals the ultimate origin of this love. *Sacramentum Caritatis 7*

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I saw the extent of my ingratitude towards the Divine Mercy. The Divine Redeemer was represented to me without the cross or crown of thorns, but lacerated with wounds and blood-spattered. *Memoirs XIII, 66*



4

Jesus Christ came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood. *1 John 5:6*



I saw an image of Jesus in the winepress ... This time, too, it seemed that He threw Himself into my arms and that His blood stuck to my person. *Memoirs XIII, 68-69*



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Taking part in the liturgy and receiving the Body and Blood of Christ intensifies and deepens our belonging to the One who died for us. *Sacramentum Caritatis 76*

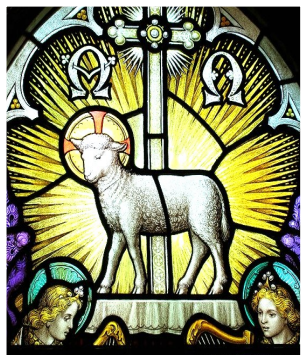


It was the fruit of the imagination to see the Divine Redeemer in the winepress. The only difference was that the wounds around His neck were very fresh, very painful and bleeding. *Memoirs XIV, 11-12*



6

For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who always eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. *John 6:55-56*



What price, so loving, could Jesus pay for the ransom of humanity by His Most Precious Blood, poured out with such a generous heart and love so strong and tenacious. *Riflessi Spirituali n. 4*



7

Remember the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life inherited from your fathers, with the precious blood of Christ, the Lamb without stain. *1 Peter 1:18-19*

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Sweet Jesus ... clothed in our human nature, having appeared on earth, you wanted to be like all of us, a sinner, and shed your Most Precious Blood in your Circumcision. *Epistolario II/1, 77*



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When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given Him. *Luke 2:21*

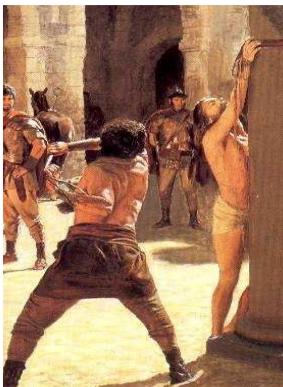


O Jesus, at the sight of the sins and wickedness of all humanity and the eternal damnation of many souls, through an excess of love, You shed your Most Precious and holy Blood in the Garden of Gethsemane. *Epistolario II, 177-178*



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In his anguish he prayed even more earnestly, and his sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood. *Luke 22:44*

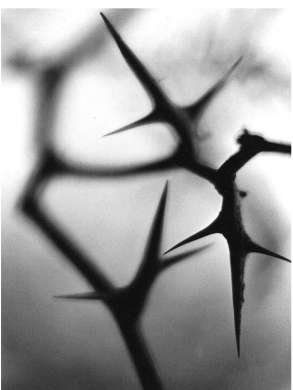


O my Most Innocent Jesus ... to make up for our numerous sins during your painful scourging, you shed abundantly your Most Precious Blood. *Epistolario II, 178*



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Then Pilate released Barabbas and ordered Jesus first to be scourged and then handed him over to be crucified. *Matthew 27:26*



My most humble Jesus, in your mocking and most painful Crowning of thorns, you shed abundantly your Most Precious Blood and destroyed pride in the human heart, the root of every sin. *Epistolario II 178*



11

Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak and, having twisted some thorns into a crown, they put this on his head. *Matthew 27:28-29*

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My Loving Jesus, unjustly condemned to death and burdened with the heavy wood of the Cross, you shed your Most Precious Blood along the roads of Jerusalem and Calvary, may all people be converted and be saved.

Regole e Scritti Spirituali II, 179



12

They took charge of Jesus, and carrying his own Cross he went out of the city to the place of the Skull, or as it was called in Hebrew, Golgotha. *John 19:17-18*



My Most Holy Redeemer, once on Calvary, stripped of your clothes, cruelly nailed and raised up on the Cross, you shed abundantly your Blood from your Most Sacred Wounds. *Regole e Scritti Spirituali II, 179*



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They crucified him and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. *Mark 15:24*

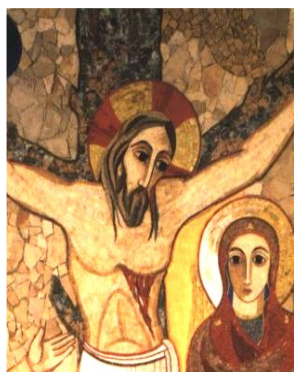


Our Most Merciful Saviour ... after having shed your Most Precious Blood, for us sinners, you desired after death to shed even the last drops from your Most Sacred Side. *Regole e Scritti Spirituali II, 180*



14

So instead of breaking his legs one of the soldiers pierced his side with a lance and immediately there came out blood and water. *John 19:34*



For the Congregation of the Sons of Charity, I desire that it may be born on Calvary between Jesus Crucified and Our Sorrowful Mother and grow with the Divine Blood and the tears of Mary. May it burn and be inflamed by charity. *Epistolario II/2, 801*

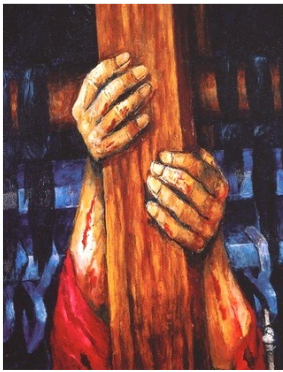


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While the Blood of Christ reveals the greatness of the Father's love, it shows how precious a person is in the eyes of God. *Evangelium Vitae, 25*

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Since the Tertiaries belong to an Institute totally dedicated to charity, it seems useless to recommend charity because they are daughters of this virtue and profess it through a devotion to the Precious Blood of that God who is Charity itself. *Regole e Scritti Spirituali II, 33*



16

Contemplating Christ means recognising Him wherever He manifests Himself, but above all, in the living Sacrament of His Body and Blood. *Ecclesia de Eucaristia, 6*



Tell her, in my name, the true convent of the Daughters of Charity is the Side of Jesus Christ. Continue to pray to the Lord for strength since there is little hope.

Epistolario III/4, 2555



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Jesus said to Thomas: "Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side." *John 20:27*

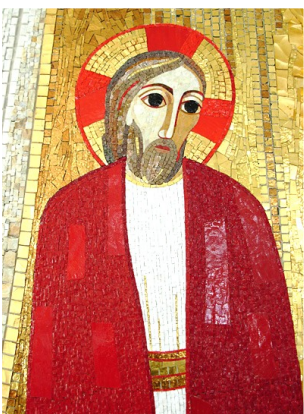


While I was praying before the Blessed Sacrament I saw Jesus Crucified covered with wounds and blood. When I was faced with the actual cross, sent to me by the Lord, I understood very well the significance of that vision. *Memoirs VIII, 4-5*



18

I have been crucified with Christ, and I live no longer but Christ lives in me ... He who loved me sacrificed himself for my sake. *Galatians 2:20*



I was in Church before the Blessed Sacrament exposed, I was again filled with love. All suffering seemed to vanish and it dawned on me that when God's service is at stake, nothing should become a hardship. *Memoirs XI, 54*



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Man is worth so much to God that He himself became man so as to suffer with man in an utterly real way, in flesh and blood, as revealed in Jesus' Passion. *Spes salvi, 39*

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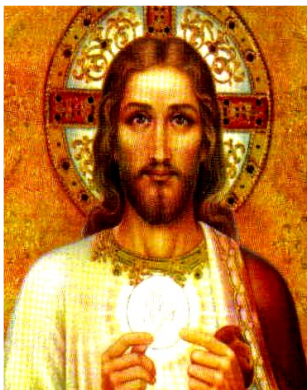
Every time I was in pain and suffering I seemed to hear those words: "I too ...". With this interior prompting, it seemed to me everything was of scarce or no value at all and I desired to remain strong in my suffering and work.

Memoirs XIII, 44-45



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When we communicate with the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, we take part in the Divine Life in an evermore adult and conscious way. *Sacramentum Caritatis, 70*



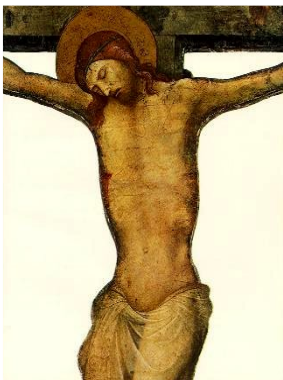
I prayed that the Tertiaries should be able to bear, with love, the bitterness, insults, contempt, forgetfulness, wrongs and anything else which the Lord deigns to send them. *Memoirs XV, 63*



21

In the Eucharistic Sacrament, Jesus continues to love us "until the end", leaving us His body and blood.

Sacramentum Caritatis, 1



I had a mental vision of Jesus Crucified. I could then hardly grasp the depth of His sorrow on the cross, and I was stirred to consume myself for Him.

Memoirs XV, 2-3



22

The blood of Christ, who offered himself to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so as to serve the living God. *Hebrews 9:14*



I leaned mentally on the sacred humanity of Jesus Christ, weighed down by my own cross and wondered if my suffering could make the sufferings of Christ's passion any lighter. *Memoirs XV, 71*



23

As an innocent lamb he merited life for us by his blood which he freely shed. In him God reconciled us to himself and to one another. *Gaudium et Spes, 22*

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I think it was then that the Lord made me understand that the more sins are committed, the more He suffered in His Passion. At Holy Mass I offered myself to the Lord in order to prevent sins.

Memoirs XV, 72



24

In the Beloved, in whom, through His Blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins, there is the richness of His grace.

Ephesians 1, 7



While praying, I felt a little pacified concerning my sins. After my vow, another fear took possession of me, the fear that other souls would be lost. For such souls Christ shed His blood.

Memoirs XII, 47



25

We cannot be content when we consider the millions of our brothers and sisters who, like us, have been redeemed by the blood of Christ, but who live in ignorance of the love of God.

Redemptoris Missio, 86



Especially, during these years, I had such a strong desire to prevent sins that ... I would have turned my blood into gold if I could, thus facing death many a time.

Memoirs I, 30



26

From the sacrifice of the Cross and communion with the body and blood of Christ in the Eucharist, the Church draws the spiritual power needed to carry out her mission.

Ecclesia de Eucharistia, 22



As I prayed before the Blessed Sacrament, I was reminded of the agony of Jesus in the Garden of Olives. I understood that the Tertiaries should start a reflection on the Passion.

Memoirs XV, 60



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The agony in Gethsemane was the introduction to the agony of the Cross on Good Friday. The holy hour, the hour of the redemption of the world.

Ecclesia de Eucharistia, 4

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I cannot imagine how much pleasure a soul who loves the Lord may feel ... to the point of giving up his/her life and shed his/her blood for the love of the One who died for us. *Epistolario II/2, 1329*



28

The blood of Christ ... reveals to humanity that its greatness, and thus its vocation, consists in the sincere gift of self. *Evangelium Vitae, 25*



Remember your Spouse abandoned in the Garden of Olives and keep Him company but willingly, because being in agony, in an ocean of pain, He does not need to see us saddened for nothing.

Epistolario III/2, 1178



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If you can have some share in the sufferings of Christ, be glad, because you will enjoy a much greater gladness when His glory is revealed. *1 Peter 4:13*

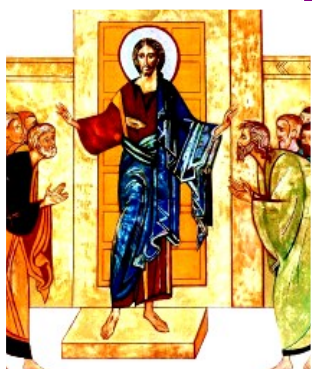


Every day I remember you in my prayer and I ask the Lord to place you in the wound of His Sacred Heart and give you the light and help necessary to carry out the duties of your state. *Epistolario III/1, 285*



30

The blessing cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. *1 Corinthians 10:16*



In all our ministries, while giving ourselves to each person, we must only have the value of that soul in view. As all have the same value they must always give themselves indifferently, equally and zealously to all. *Unabridged Rule, 267*



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But now in Christ Jesus, you who used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. He is our peace. *Ephesians 2:13*

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