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*Memoirs II, 4*



1

Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry, do not be deaf to my crying. I am your guest, and only for a time, a nomad like my ancestors. *Psalm 39:13*



When I was in prayer, I frequently felt moved and drawn to imitate Jesus Christ. These moments were anticipated at times by that intense spiritual union with God and accompanied by strong feelings of love. *Memoirs II, 47*



2

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who judges everyone according to what he does, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. *1 Peter 1:17*



The interior strength I had from this prayer was so effective that it was enough to sustain me, in the midst of trials and difficulties which the Lord has allowed me to experience in the Work, from the beginning up to this present moment. *Memoirs II, 53*



3

Torment obscures my eyes. The Lord has heard my weeping. The Lord has heard my petition. The Lord will accept my prayers. *Psalm 6:10*

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It pleases the Lord to be served, hoping against hope. My companion continued to pray that God would grant me the same light, but she did not receive any other answer. I found consolation only in prayer. *Memoirs IV, 5-7*



4

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving. *Philippians 4:6*



I saw myself deprived of every human support, but during prayer I was full of joy. My only sorrow was that even this time I had responded to the mercies of the Lord with much ingratitude and fear. *Memoirs V, 29*



5

I will bring them to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer, for my house will be called a "House of prayer for all the peoples." *Isaiah 56:7*



Once, feeling myself strongly united to God in prayer, I felt an irresistible urge to cast myself into the Heart of Jesus and this is what I actually did. I had been immersed more deeply in God than in the past. I experienced heavenly peace. *Memoirs VI, 16*



6

He who researches into wisdom, at dawn and with all his heart, he resorts to the Lord who made him and pleads in the presence of the Most High. *Ecclesiasticus 39:5*



Three or four times or even more, during these past days, after my last Communion, I was overcome by tender sentiments of love for God while I was praying. Following that day I felt myself relieved of crosses of every kind. *Memoirs IX, 1*



7

I love! For the Lord listens to my entreaty. He bends down to listen to me when I call. I will invoke the Lord all my life. *Psalm 116:1*

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While absorbed in prayer, I was united to Him in spirit, in the usual form of the Sun; it is as when a person brings an iron object to a fire. The iron becomes incandescent and yet it does not become one with the fire.

*Memoirs X, 5*



8

They remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the breaking of bread, to the brotherhood and to the prayers.

*Acts 2:42*



This prayer was not accompanied by my usual impulses and transports of love but it left my soul peaceful, filled with consolation and strengthened for the rest of the day. Then I received another small proof of God's care.

*Memoirs X, 6*



9

Blessed be the Lord, for He hears the sound of my petition! The Lord is my strength, my shield, my heart puts its trust in Him.

*Psalm 28:6*



Later on, during prayer, I felt myself drawn towards the Lord. As usual I saw Him under no visible form but He was like a Sun in the midst of my soul. This time my soul was immersed in God.

*Memoirs XI, 3*



10

Jesus took with Him Peter, John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As He prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, his clothing became brilliant. *Luke 9:28*



Perhaps it was the fruit of an excited imagination, but in that prayer I felt as though my heart was being seized to make it one with Christ's though they remained distinctly two.

*Memoirs XII, 31*



11

When I was in Jerusalem and praying in the Temple, I fell into a trance. The Lord said: "Go! I am sending you out to the pagans far away." *Acts 22:17.21*

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I cannot recall in detail the spiritual experiences of that day, but I do remember the very tender transports of love that caught hold of me, and I spent the rest of my time in close union with God repeating loving expressions. *Memoirs XIII, 11*



12

When you pray, go to your room and close the door. Pray to your Father who is in that secret place and your Father will reward you. *Matthew 6:6*



In order to teach us how we have to try to create the interior spirit in us, our Divine Saviour passed much time in solitude and silence, separated from the Apostles. He then returned to instruct the people.

*Unabridged Rule, 271*



13

After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone. *Matthew 14:23*



In order to preserve in our hearts the Holy Love of God, the spirit of prayer is almost indispensable and this certainly cannot stand without recollection; now both one and the other need to be nourished by silence.

*Unabridged Rule, 270*



14

Jesus' reputation continued to grow and large crowds would gather to hear him and to have their sickness cured, but he would always go away to pray. *Luke 5:16*



Be careful to protect the fruit that must be obtained from Holy Prayer and the Sacraments which must be the true exercise of virtues and internal mortification.

*Unabridged Rule, 260*



15

I prayed and understanding was given to me; I entreated and the spirit of wisdom came to me. I loved her more than health or beauty. *Wisdom 7:7*

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Prayer is the key that opens divine treasures. It is indispensable that each person has the spirit of prayer. Once imbued with this spirit, she will always search for this exercise.

*Riflessi, 185*



16

In your prayers ... do not babble like the pagans do because they think that by using many words they will make themselves heard.

*Matthew 6:7*



When the moment came for prayer, God was no longer to be found within me. I felt that my soul had to seek Him in heaven. Only that, previously the experience of God was more intimate and deep.

*Memoirs XI, 24*



17

Pray all the time, asking for what you need, praying in the Spirit on every possible occasion. Never get tired of staying awake to pray.

*Ephesians 6:18*



To revive in our hearts that love which leads to accomplish great things and to cope with adversities, crosses and death, we may obtain all this through prayer.

*Unabridged Rule, 270*



18

Work for the Lord with untiring effort and with great earnestness of spirit. Do not give up if trials come and keep on praying.

*Romans 12:12*



We have had many thunder storms and one of these damaged the statue of St. Joseph. This year we have been punished by the Lord. Let us accept what comes and pray that He may always forgive our sins and those of all.

*Epistolario III/ 3, 1721*



19

O Lord, show us your love, and grant us your saving help. I will listen to what the Lord, our God says: He speaks of peace.

*Psalm 85:8*

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Knowing your heart, when we were under fire in the city, I said to myself 'poor Durini' she must be in pain for us. How she must be praying to the Lord that nothing bad happen to us, and, in fact, nothing did.

*Epistolario I, 449*



20

Happy the merciful: they shall have shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

*Matthew 5:7*



I always pray and make others pray for you and for everyone, miserable as I am. You, too, remember to pray for me so that I may not be ungrateful to God's Mercies.

*Epistolario III/5, 3939*



21

No less than the height of heaven over earth is the greatness of his love for those who fear him; He takes our sins farther away than the east is from the west. *Psalm 103:11*



I volunteered to suffer anything in His stead, provided I could keep Him in my heart, unharmed by any offence and outrage. With sorrow, I asked pardon for my sins though I feared that I myself would treat Him badly.

*Memoirs XIV, 25-26*



22

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness, in your great tenderness wipe away my faults; wash me clean of my guilt. *Psalm 51:1*



I saw some darkness and some flaws in myself. This induced me to beg the Lord that our union would serve to purify me from all my faults. I remained in great peace and joy. *Memoirs XI, 4*



23

But I for my part rely on your love, O Lord; let my heart rejoice in your saving help. Let me sing to the Lord for the goodness he has shown me. *Psalm 13:5*

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The Sisters can cooperate in preventing sins. By trying to make God known and loved they smooth the path to heaven for many souls and they will receive in Heaven a very abundant reward.

*Unabridged Rule, 201*



24

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in His great mercy has given us a new birth so that we have sure hope. *1 Peter 1:3*



If the conversion of sinners is considered a great proof of love for God, how much better will it be to prevent and impede sins before they are committed and save the Lord from offences. *Unabridged Rule, 120*



25

There will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance. *Luke 15: 7*



As I recited the Miserere, on reaching the verse "Docebo iniquos...", I felt urged to teach Christian Doctrine to my fellowmen and thus I began to explain it every Sunday to our maidservants whom I could not send to Church. *Memoirs I, 27*



26

It was written that Christ would suffer and that in His Name, repentance for forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations. *Luke 24: 47*



I had to suffer much on this occasion, it seemed even more than my health could bear had not God sustained me in my great affliction through prayer. He also consoled me with His tender love. *Memoirs II, 4*



27

But to those who repent He permits return, and He encourages those who were losing hope.

*Ecclesiasticus 17: 24*

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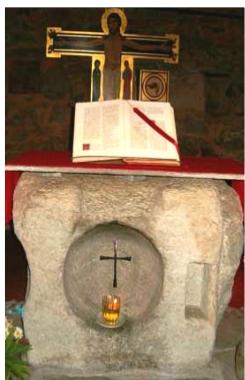


I felt the desire to pray for the needs of the Church. I was illuminated on the sins committed by humankind and the offence God receives from such sins. I longed for mercy for sinners but dared not ask for it seeing that the outraged one is God Himself. *Memoirs IX, 42-43*



**28**

What proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. *Romans 5:8*



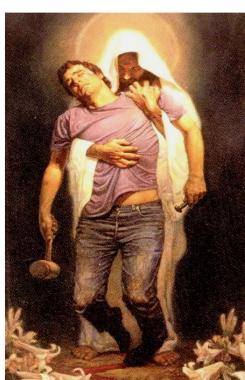
I understood that those who engage themselves in preventing sin, have already consoled Jesus and Mary in their sufferings. It was a sentiment infused by God and because of it there awakened in me the usual feeling of love. *Memoirs XV, 72*



**29**

Jesus was bearing our faults in his body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness.

*1 Peter 2:24*



Another fear took possession of me, the fear that other souls would be lost. In my detection, therefore, I spoke to the Lord, confiding to him that I felt like dying. I tried to distract my mind from what I could not possibly bear. *Memoirs XII, 48*



**30**

Jesus was not concerned with any righteous actions we might have done; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us living water. *Titus 3:5*



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