

The Way of Divine Love

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From June 1920 until her death on December 29, 1923, Our Lord appeared to Sister Josefa Menendez, with His visible Sacred Heart enflamed and asked her to write His words in a diary which would be made known after her death. Under obedience to her superiors she obeyed this command, though it cost her humility much, and though she feared receiving such extraordinary graces. On October 20, 1922, Our Lord said to Sister Josefa:

“I am all Love; I cannot treat with severity the souls which I love so much. And although it is true that I love all, I have among all “my preferred ones.” I have chosen them to console Myself with them and to heap upon them my most sweet caresses... Their wretchedness does not matter... and I want them to know that, after they have fallen in some weakness, if they humbly cast themselves into My Heart, I forgive them and I love them with more tenderness than before...

I told Him that, is that why He loves me so much... For when I again ask pardon of Him, immediately, with another proof of His love, He shows me that He has pardoned me.

“Do you not know that the more miserable souls are, I love them all the more? You have stolen My Heart, on account of your littleness and your wretchedness.”

I then asked for the Cross and asked Him why He was carrying it; perhaps some soul was giving Him suffering?

“I carry the Cross, because there are many chosen souls, who in little things resist Me; and these resistances form today's Cross. Do you know what is the cause of these resistances? A lack of love... Yes; a lack of love for My Heart... Excessive love of themselves...

After a moment of silence He continued:

“When a soul has enough generosity to give me delight in all that I ask of him, he gathers a great treasure for himself and for souls, and he takes many souls off of the path of perdition.

“The souls that My Heart chooses are charged with distributing My graces to the world, by means of their love and their sacrifices.

“Yes, the world is full of dangers... How many souls, addicted to evil, need a constant help, now visible, now invisible! Ah! I repeat: Do My souls know how much good they deprive themselves of and deprive souls of, through want of generosity?”

“I do not mean to say by this that a soul chosen by Me will see himself free from his faults and miseries. He may fall and will fall more than once, but if he knows how to humble himself and acknowledge his nothingness, if he repairs his faults with acts of generosity and of love, if he trusts and abandons himself anew to My Heart, he gives me more glory and can do more good to other souls than if he had not fallen... Wretchedness does not matter to me... what I ask for is love.

“In the midst of his great misery, a soul can be crazy with love for Me... but understand well, Josefa, that I refer not to faults committed with advertence and premeditation, but rather to those faults that come from weakness and inadvertence.” (Way, pp 224-225)

“Many believe in Me, but few believe in My love...and among those who do, too few rely on My mercy...Many know Me as their God, but how few trust in Me as their Father.

“I will manifest Myself...especially to those who are the objects of My predilection. I will show them through you that I ask nothing of them that they do not possess. But I do ask that all they have they should give Me, for all is Mine. If they possess nothing but miseries and weaknesses, these I desire...even if they have only faults and sins...I desire them also. I beg them to give them to Me. Give them to Me; yes, give all to Me and keep nothing, but trust My Heart: I forgive you, I love you, I will sanctify you Myself.” (Way, 373)

“The measure of My love and mercy for fallen souls is limitless. I want to forgive them. It rests Me to forgive. I am ever there, waiting, with boundless love till souls come to Me. Let them come, nor be discouraged. Let them fearlessly throw themselves into My arms! I am their Father.” (Way of Divine Love, 196)

“I know the very depths of souls, their passions, their attraction for the world and its pleasures; I have known from all eternity how many of them will fill My Heart with bitterness, and that for a great number both My sufferings and My Blood will be in vain...But having loved them, I love them still...My Heart is not so much wounded by sin, as torn with grief that they will not take refuge with Me after it.

“I want to forgive, I want the world to know through My chosen ones that My Heart is overflowing with love and mercy and is waiting for sinners.” (Way, 210)

“I am God, but a God of love! I am a Father, but a Father full of compassion and never harsh. My Heart is infinitely holy but also infinitely wise, and knowing human frailty and infirmity stoops to poor sinners with infinite mercy.

“I love those who after a first fall come to Me for pardon...I love them still more when they beg pardon for their second sin, and should this happen again, I do not say a million times but a million million times, I still love them and pardon them, and I will wash in My Blood their last as fully as their first sin.

“Never shall I weary of repentant sinners, nor cease from hoping for their return, and the greater their distress, the greater My welcome. Does not a father love a sick child with special

affection? Are not his care and solicitude greater? So is the tenderness and compassion of My Heart more abundant for sinners than for the just.” (*Way*, 376)

“I want to forgive. I want to reign over souls and pardon all nations. I want to rule souls, nations, the whole world...I am Wisdom and Beatitude! I am Love and Mercy! I am Peace, I shall reign! I will shower My mercies on the world to wipe out its ingratitude. To make reparation for crimes, I will choose victims who will obtain pardon...for there are in the world many whose desire is to please Me...and there are moreover generous souls who will sacrifice everything they possess, that I may use them according to My will and good pleasure...

“My appeal is addressed to all...To each...I come to say: if you seek happiness you will find it in Me. If riches, I am infinite Wealth. If you desire peace, in Me alone is peace to be found. I am Mercy and Love! And I must be sovereign King...” (*Way*, 378)

“I am your God and your Father, your Creator and your Savior. You are My creatures, My sons, bought at the price of My life and Heart’s Blood, which I shed to free you from slavery and the tyranny of sin.

“You have souls great and immortal, destined for eternal happiness, wills capable of all good, hearts made both to give and receive affection...All you whose craving for affection is unsatisfied, remember that you were made to love that which is eternal, not that which passes with time.” (*Way*, 387-388)