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#### SISTER SAINT PETER, CARMELITE OF TOURS

On November 24th, Our Lord opened up entirely to this soul:

"Until now, he told her, I have but shown you little by little the design I hold in my Heart, but today I want to unfold it entirely. The earth is full of crime, and the infringement on the first three of God's Commandments has irritated my Father. The Holy Name of God blasphemed and the profanation of Sundays have exceeded the measure of iniquity. These sins have risen to the throne of God, and are provoking his anger, which will be upon us if we do not appease his justice. At no time have crimes risen so high. I desire, I ardently desire, that a well-approved and well-organized association be formed to honor the name of my Father. And our Lord made it clear to her that in this way he wanted to forgive a great many sinners.

On December 7<sup>th</sup>, a new and more important message. Our Lord made her see to what extent France had provoked his vengeance by all the blasphemy it was guilty of: "He told her that he could no longer dwell in this country which, like a viper, was tearing up the heart of his mercy to the blood<sup>1</sup>; that mercy would now give way to justice, which will overflow with all the more fury for having waited so long". Then, frightened by these terrible threats, she said: "My Lord, let me ask you one thing: if we do this work of reparation you desire, would you still forgive France?".

"I will forgive her once more", responded our Lord, "but take notice: once. As this sin of blasphemy is spreading throughout France and is public, this reparation must be public and spread in all cities of France; woe to those cities who do not take part in this reparation!".

Another time Our Lord told her that: "We would wrench the sword from God's hands by doing the work of reparation, which He ardently desires in order to be merciful".

Then this pious soul heard Jesus tell her, from within his tabernacle: "O you who are my friends and faithful children, can you see suffering comparable to mine? My Father is insulted, my Church held in contempt; will there be no one to rise up to defend my cause? I can no longer remain in the midst of such an ungrateful people. Torrents of tears are flowing from my eyes: will I find no one to wipe the tears by doing reparation to the Glory of my Father and asking for the conversion of the guilty?

More recently still Our Lord told her: "France has become hideous in the eyes of my Father; it is provoking His justice; if we do not strive to obtain mercy, France will be smiten".

In the course of the year 1845, light was shed more brightly than ever on the need for this work of reparation which was to redeem France; and our Lord instructed the Sister that the crime of blasphemy, by attacking God directly, re-enacted the insults, that, during his Passion, had covered his adorable Face; that it was particularly this Holy Face that blasphemers were insulting. He gave her the work of reparation as a gift, like a precious coin with His effigy that she could offer Him so that God's wrath may relent and the guilty may be forgiven.

From time to time the Sister had new messages on the same subject. She prayed and suffered constantly to obtain the establishment of this work of reparation. She predicted numerous facts that events confirmed. She announced hardship fifteen days before the floods. She continuously saw the hand of God lifted up to chastise France, and announced new punishment if we did not force the hand of God through prayer, penance, and by the establishment and propagation of the work of reparation for blasphemy and profanation of Sundays, the sacred Day.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}$  Déchirait les entrailles de sa miséricorde et en avait sucé le sein jusqu'au sang. (ndt)

## PROMISES OF OUR LORD JESUS-CHRIST TO ALL THOSE DEVOTED TO THE HOLY FACE

- -They will receive within them, thanks to my humanity impressed upon them, a living reflexion of my divinity; they will be imbued with it, deep down in their souls, and, by virtue of this resemblance with my Face, they will therefore be more radiant in eternal life than many other souls.
  - I will re-establish in them, at the time of death, the image of God disfigured by sin.
- All those who venerate My Face in a spirit of atonement will be as agreeable to me as Saint Veronica. They will be rendering me as holy an office as hers and I will engrave my divine traits in their souls.
- This Face, worthy of adoration, is like the seal of the Divinity, which has the virtue of reproducing in souls the image of God.
- According to the care they take in making reparation to My Face disfigured by insults and ungodliness, so I will take care of theirs, disfigured by sin.
- I will once again impress upon their souls my image and will make them as beautiful as they were on the day of their Baptism.
- -By offering my Holy Face to my Father, they will appease divine anger and obtain the conversion of sinners (as if it were a divine currency).
- -Nothing will be refused to them when they offer my Holy Face. I will speak to my Father myself to present to him all their preoccupations.
- -They will accomplish prodigies by my Holy Face. They will be radiant with my light, wrapped in my love, and I will assure them with perseverance in good.
  - I will never abandon them.
- I will be, before my Father, the defender of all those who, by their word, their prayer or their writing, uphold my cause in this work of reparation. At the time of death, I will purify the face of their soul of any ugliness deriving from sin and will restore their original beauty.

Extracts from private revelations of Sainte Gertrude (1256-1302), Sainte Mechtilde (1241-1299) and Sister Mary of St Peter (1816-1848).

# ACT OF PRAISE AND REPARATION: THE "GOLDEN ARROW" PRAYER dictated by Our Lord to Sister Mary of St. Peter

This act of praise will be said three times to honor the three persons of the very Holy Trinity. In honor of the Father, in honor of the Son, in honor of the Holy Spirit.

May the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most incomprehensible and unutterable Name of God be always praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified, in Heaven, on earth, and under the earth<sup>2</sup>, by all the creatures of God, and by the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Amen.

## INVOCATIONS TO THE HOLY FACE OF OUR LORD, IN REPARATION FOR BLASPHEMIES AND TO ASK GOD, BY THE HOLY FACE OF HIS ADORABLE SON, FOR THE CONVERSION OF BLASPHEMERS

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear our prayer.

Christ, graciously heed our prayer.

Holy Virgin Mary, pray for us.

- O adorable Face, which was adored with profound respect by Mary and Joseph when they saw Thee for the first time, *have mercy on us.*
- O adorable Face, which in the Stable of Bethlehem didst ravish with joy the angels, the shepherds and the Magi, *have mercy on us.*
- O adorable Face, which in the Temple didst transpierce with a dart of love the saintly old man Simeon and the prophetess Anna, *have mercy on us.* 
  - O adorable Face, which was bathed in tears in Thy holy infancy, have mercy on us.
- O adorable Face, which, when Thou didst appear in the Temple at twelve years of age, didst fill with admiration the Doctors of the law, *have mercy on us.* 
  - O adorable Face, white with purity and ruddy with charity, have mercy on us.
- O adorable Face, more beautiful than the sun, more lovely than the moon, more brilliant than the stars, *have mercy on us.* 
  - O adorable Face, fresher than the roses of spring, have mercy on us.
  - O adorable Face, more precious than gold, silver, and diamonds, have mercy on us.
- O adorable Face, whose charms are so ravishing, and whose grace is so attractive, *have mercy on us*.
  - O adorable Face, whose every feature is characterized by nobility, have mercy on us.
  - O adorable Face, contemplated by angels, have mercy on us.
  - O adorable Face, sweet delectation of the Saints, have mercy on us.
- O adorable Face, masterpiece of the Holy Ghost, in which the Eternal Father is well pleased, have mercy on us.
  - O adorable Face, delight of Mary and Joseph, have mercy on us.
  - O adorable Face, ineffable mirror of the Divine perfections, have mercy on us.
  - O adorable Face, whose beauty is always ancient and always new, have mercy on us.
  - O adorable Face, which appearses the wrath of God, have mercy on us.
  - O adorable Face, which makest the devils tremble, have mercy on us.
  - O adorable Face, treasure of graces and of blessings, have mercy on us.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Dans les enfers (ndt).

- O adorable Face, exposed in the desert to the inclemencies of the weather, *have mercy on us.*
- O adorable Face, scorched with the heat of the sun and bathed with sweat in Thy journeys, have mercy on us.
  - O adorable Face, whose expression is all divine, have mercy on us.
- O adorable Face, whose modesty and sweetness attracted both the just and sinners, *have mercy on us.*
- O adorable Face, which gavest a holy kiss to the little children, after having blessed them, have mercy on us.
  - O adorable Face, troubled and weeping at the tomb of Lazarus, have mercy on us.
- O adorable Face, brilliant as the sun, and radiant with glory on the Mountain of Tabor, *have mercy on us.*
- O adorable Face, sorrowful at the sight of Jerusalem, and shedding tears on that ungrateful city, *have mercy on us.*
- O adorable Face, bowed down to the earth, in the Garden of Olives, and covered with confusion for our sins, *have mercy on us.* 
  - O adorable Face, bathed in a bloody sweat, have mercy on us.
  - O adorable Face, kissed by the traitor Judas, have mercy on us.
- O adorable Face, whose sanctity and majesty smote the soldiers with fear and cast them to the ground, *have mercy on us*.
- O adorable Face, struck by a vile servant, shamefully blindfolded, and profaned by the sacrilegious hands of Thine enemies, *have mercy on us*.
- O adorable Face, defiled with spittle, and bruised by innumerable buffets and blows, *have mercy on us.*
- O adorable Face, whose Divine look wounded the heart of Peter, with a dart of sorrow and love, have mercy on us.
  - O adorable Face, humbled for us at the tribunals of Jerusalem, have mercy on us.
- O adorable Face, which didst preserve Thy serenity when Pilate pronounced the fatal sentence, *have mercy on us.*
- O adorable Face, covered with sweat and blood, and falling in the mire under the heavy weight of the Cross, *have mercy on us.*
- O adorable Face, wiped with a veil by a pious woman on the road to Calvary, *have mercy on us.* 
  - O adorable Face, raised on the instrument of most shameful punishment, have mercy on us.
  - O adorable Face, whose brow was covered with Thorns, have mercy on us.
  - O adorable Face, whose eyes were filled with tears of blood, have mercy on us.
  - O adorable Face, into whose mouth was poured gall and vinegar, have mercy on us.
- O adorable Face, whose hair and beard were plucked out by the executioners, *have mercy* on us.
  - O adorable Face, which was made like to that of a leper, have mercy on us.
- O adorable Face, whose incomparable beauty was obscured under the dreadful cloud of the sins of the world, *have mercy on us.* 
  - O adorable Face, covered with the sad shades of death, have mercy on us.
- O adorable Face, washed and anointed by Mary and the holy women and wrapped in a shroud, *have mercy on us*.
  - O adorable Face, enclosed in the sepulcher, have mercy on us.
- O adorable Face, all resplendent with glory and beauty on the day of the Resurrection, *have mercy on us.*

O adorable Face, all dazzling with light at the moment of Thy Ascension, have mercy on us.

O adorable Face, hidden in the Eucharist, have mercy on us.

O adorable Face, which will appear at the end of time, in the clouds, with great power and great majesty, *have mercy on us.* 

O adorable Face, which wilt cause sinners to tremble, have mercy on us.

O adorable Face, which wilt fill the just with joy for all eternity, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, forgive us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Let us pray: I hail you, adore you and love you, O Jesus, my Savior, covered with new insults by blasphemers; and I offer you, in the heart of divine Mary, like incense and a sweet-smelling perfume, the homages of the angels and of all the saints, with a humble prayer, that by way of your Holy Face, you may restore in me and in all mankind, your image disfigured by sin. Amen.

Let us pray: I hail you, I adore you and I love you. O Adorable Face of Jesus my beloved, noble seal of Divinity: I apply myself to you with all the powers of my soul and humbly pray that you may impress upon my soul all the traits of divine resemblance. Amen.

## PRAYER CROWN TO THE GLORY OF THE HOLY NAME OF GOD IN REPARATION FOR BLASPHEMES

### Instead of the credo we say:

We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee, because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world!

### On the three small beads of the Cross we say:

May the Very Holy Name of the Lord be glorified by the very Holy Soul of the Incarnate Word.

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#### On the five large beads we say:

We invoque you, O Sacred Name of the Living God, by the mouth of Jesus in the Holy Sacrament, and we offer you, O my Lord, by the Holy hands of the Divine Mary, all the Holy Hosts on our altars, in sacrifice to make honorable amends and reparation for all the blasphemy that insults your Holy Name.

### On each small bead of the decade:

- 1/ I hail you, O Sacred Name of the Living God, by the Heart of Jesus in the Very Holy Sacrament.
- 2/ I revere you, O Sacred Name of the Living God, by the Heart of Jesus in the Very Holy Sacrament.
- 3/ I adore you, O Sacred Name of the Living God, by the Heart of Jesus in the Very Holy Sacrament.
- 4/ I glorify you, O Sacred Name of the Living God, by the Heart of Jesus in the Very Holy Sacrament.
- 5/ I praise you, O Sacred Name of the Living God, by the Heart of Jesus in the Very Holy Sacrament.
- 6/ I admire you, O Sacred Name of the Living God, by the Heart of Jesus in the Very Holy Sacrament.
- 7/ I celebrate you, O Sacred Name of the Living God, by the Heart of Jesus in the Very Holy Sacrament.

- 8/ I exalt you, O Sacred Name of the Living God, by the Heart of Jesus in the Very Holy Sacrament.
- 9/ I love you, O Sacred Name of the Living God, by the Heart of Jesus in the Very Holy Sacrament.
- 10/ I bless you, O Sacred Name of the Living God, by the Heart of Jesus in the Very Holy Sacrament.

#### PRAYERS OF ST THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS

"O Jesus, who, in Thy cruel Passion didst become the 'reproach of men and the Man of Sorrows,' I worship Thy divine Face. Once it shone with the beauty and sweetness of the Divinity; but now, for my sake, it is become as 'the face of a leper.' Yet, in that disfigured Countenance, I recognize Thy infinite love, and I am consumed with the desire of making Thee loved by all mankind. The tears that flowed so abundantly from Thy Eyes are to me as precious pearls that I delight to gather, that with their worth I may ransom the souls of poor sinners. O Jesus, whose Face is the sole beauty that ravishes my heart, I may not see here below the sweetness of Thy glance, nor feel the ineffable tenderness of Thy kiss, I bow to Thy Will but I pray Thee to imprint in me Thy divine likeness, and I implore Thee so to inflame me with Thy love, that it may quickly consume me, and that I may soon reach the vision of Thy glorious Face in heaven. Amen."