

might do. And this blessed and merciful example has been followed during the whole life of His holy church. Wherever sorrows were to be comforted, wherever tears were to be dried, wherever pain was to be assuaged, wherever wounded and broken hearts were to be healed and bound up, there, men and women, consecrated to Christ and animated by his spirit and example, were to be found as ministering angels, happy to suffer and to die if only they could bring comfort and consolation to the suffering and sorrowing members of the crucified Redeemer. God alone can tell how much this sad world owes, in this respect, to the teachings and example of its Saviour.

There is another class for which our Lord entertained a special compassion and mercy, namely, sinners. In a spiritual sense they are blind and deaf, and lame, and sick and leprous. In the language of inspiration, they may consider themselves rich and made wealthy, and as having need of nothing; "but