

is continued and it will be continued on all the altars of the world until the end of time.

It is for this reason that the institution of the Sacrament is also the institution of the Sacrifice, the prayer *par excellence*, in which Christ prays not only by His desires and His words, but by His Flesh delivered up and His Blood poured out. Yes, He pays for what He demands by the price of His innocent life.

Asking for us from the Father the destruction of sin, pardon, reconciliation, restitution of former rights, He said, raising to heaven His Flesh and His Blood under the species of bread and wine: "Behold My Body broken for you! Behold My Blood shed for the remission of your sins!"

The Adorable High-Priest, in order to give them efficacy, supported all the prayers that would be made by men throughout the ages upon this fundamental prayer of His Eucharistic Sacrifice. It anticipated at the Last Supper and it was to reproduce at the altar that which on the next day He was to offer on the Cross. Jesus solicited our prayer and roused our confidence by saying: "Amen, Amen, I say to you: if you ask the Father anything in My name, He will give it to you. Hitherto you have not asked anything in My name. Ask, and you shall receive, that your joy may be full." Again, He said: "Whatsoever you shall ask the Father in My name, that will I do: that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you shall ask Me anything in My name, that I will do that your joy may be full. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you shall ask whatsoever you will and it shall be done unto you" (1).

Behold the Heart of the all-powerful, the all-merciful Priest! He is all-powerful by His sacrifice in which He has spared nothing to satisfy His Father. He is all-powerful by His purity, His love, His perseverance. He is all-merciful, because being laden with our debts, He learned by experience the excess of our evils and the extent of our needs.

Jesus asks us to pray with Him, by Him, in Him, with confidence, humility, perseverance, since every prayer that issues from a sincere heart is secure of finding in His infinitely good Heart *access* and *success*. "My Heart is so passionately in love with men," He said to Blessed Margaret Mary, "that It can no longer contain within Itself the flames of Its ardent charity. It must pour them out by means of thee, and manifest Itself to them to enrich them with Its treasures, which contain all the graces of which they have need to be saved from perdition." And at another time, He said: "I constitute thee the heiress of My Heart and of all Its treasures. I promise that assistance shall never be wanting to thee till power is wanting to Me!"

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Surely we, who have time for so many things that are frivolous or worse should remember more often the pleading Heart of Jesus Christ, and visit more frequently the Blessed Sacrament.

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(1) John xv.