

Maxims of the Saints.

CONTAINING EDIFYING REFLECTIONS,

Extracted from the Lives and Writings of eminent Servants of God.

Let Jesus crucified, and Mary, be the treasure of your heart.

ST. BRIDGET.

Do nothing without the advice of your confessor, in whose person you consider God.

Be filled with confusion when you behold, on the one hand, the favors which the Lord has conferred on you, and on the other your infidelities.

Can you love Jesus Christ, if you look at him on the cross and feel nothing?

Do you wish not to fear death; ardently desire eternal life.

Study without ceasing Jesus crucified; extract from his sacred wounds a balm which will assuage all your pains.

In order to know what humility is you must practise it yourself.

ST. LAURENCE JUSTINIAN.

Never lose sight of this reflection: God is every thing, man is nothing. Let this reflection keep you before God in perpetual humility.

Of what honor and happiness do you not deprive yourself, if you do not communicate as often as you can and with all the fervor of which you are capable?

You will not preserve your chastity, without prayer, without mortification, and great precautions. It would be more easy for you to preserve ice in fire.

Remember that humility is nourished and increased by humiliations, by a love of abjection and a desire of

contempt. In order to have an idea of heaven, you should be in contemplation in solitude.

Often implore from Jesus and Mary the gift of humility, with which their sacred hearts were filled.

Be the last of all men in the modesty of your exterior, the mildness of your language, the humility of your sentiments, and your fidelity in practising humiliations.

ST. FRANCIS OF PAULO.

There is no virtue, without true humility, and virtue increases in the same proportion as humility.

You will become great in the sight of God, in proportion as you are humble.

The more liberal you are towards God the more magnificent will he be towards you.

To what degree should you not humble yourself, when you behold the Son of God in a crib, and on a cross?

Have a great esteem for grace, a thousand sceptres, a thousand crowns, are not as valuable as one grace.

ST. JANE.

There are three mirrors, which you ought to consult without ceasing.— These mirrors are Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Sacrifice every thing in order to serve God, and you will discover it is nothing in comparison to what you will find.

Make a good use of time, for life is short, and eternity is long.