

imagined this, had not our Blessed Redeemer chosen really to die thus for us? *Ego pono animam meam* (are his own words.) *nemo tollit eam a me, sed ego ponam eam. Jo. x. 17, 18.* O my soul, were it possible to doubt of thy Saviour's love for thee, look on him dead upon the cross for thy sake. What greater proof of his love could he afford thee, than to have given his life to save thee? *In hoc cognovimus charitatem Dei, quoniam ille animam suam pro nobis posuit. 1 Jo. iii. 16.*

O my Jesus, thou hast laid down thy life to save me, and have I forfeited thy friendship for a mere nothing, a fume, a wretched gratification? I am sorry for it above every evil, and would willingly die of grief for having done so. Through the merits of thy death forgive me, and as a pledge of thy forgiveness, grant me a true sorrow for my sins, and a true love for thee. I perceive within me, through thy grace, an ardent desire to love thee, and I am resolved to be wholly thine. But I know my weakness, and I know the treasons which I have committed against thee; thou alone canst make me strong and faithful. Assist me, therefore, and grant that I may love thee. I ask for nothing more.

In hoc.....Christus mortuus est et resurrexit ut mortuorum et vivorum dominetur. Rom. xiv. 9.