

➤ *Personal Love of Our Lord* ➤



OUR Lord was the most beautiful of the children of men and the most lovable. The reason why we do not love Him more is because we do not know Him. The more we shall know His Divine beauty, His goodness, His honorableness, His perfections, the more we shall love Him. Represent to yourself our Lord in all His beauty, try to appreciate His character. Look at His soul, His human soul, and try to understand His relation to God the Father, in His prayer. We must remember that the union with the Divinity did not prevent Him from making human acts, just as it did not prevent Him from feeling physical suffering. We fail to realize that although united to the Divinity, soul and body, His sacred flesh felt every pang of the lash, every thorn of the crown, the bruise of every blow on His sacred limbs, as vividly and as really as any human creature, and more vividly because of the more perfect physical organization of His body and the more perfect appreciation of His intellect.

Prayer was a human act for Christ, but of Divine merit on account of the union with the Divine Person. We can see Him at prayer to His eternal Father. His soul's attitude of adoration, supplication, love. When He went up into the mountain to pray, or into the solitude of the desert, His prayer was real. He adored His Father, in humility, in confidence, praying for His work, for His glory, for souls, for sinners. And in His prayer He is the model of our prayer, in the "Our Father" in the Agony in the Garden, in His patience and resignation, in His Passion and on the cross, and we should ask Him to teach us to pray as He did, to teach us the "Our Father," and the meaning each word of that prayer had in His Heart.

Our Lord was lovable in His soul. The acts of His human intellect were not absorbed by the Divinity ; for