



HOUR OF ADORATION

“I THIRST!”

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“*Postea sciens Jesus quia omnia consummata sunt, ut consummaretur Scriptura, dixit: ‘Sitis’.*”

Afterwards, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said: “I thirst.”

(*Mark XV, 36.*)

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THIRST! Our Lord, knowing that all things were accomplished, in order to fulfill the Scripture, utters this word: “*I thirst.*” To the agony of soul experienced from the Father’s abandonment, is now added torture of sense. The loss of blood that Jesus underwent in the Garden of Olives, at the flagellation, the crowning with thorns, the Crucifixion,—the want of nourishment, all the sufferings that He endured since the preceding evening,—have completely exhausted Him. Still more, since the consecrated Chalice of the Last Supper, nothing has moistened the Saviour’s lips. It is not surprising, then, that those sacred lips should be parched, that His tongue, His palate, and His throat should be on fire,—in a word, that He should be consumed by burning thirst.

Jesus willed to endure this new suffering. The Evangelist tells us that He Himself testified that all the prophecies relative to His Passion had not been accomplished. Had not David predicted that the Saviour would have thirst, and that in His thirst He should be drenched with vinegar and gall? Therefore, it was that when dying Jesus cried from the height of the Cross: “*I thirst!*” Yes, He who is at this moment agonizing on a Cross, is indeed a Man, but He is more than a Man.—He is a Man, for He experiences in His sufferings the same needs as all other men.—He is more than a man, for all that happens to Him has been foreseen, willed, and determined by Himself.

Adore Jesus, fastened to the Cross. He is the Master of time and events. Recalling to mind, and with the most perfect serenity, all the foregoing centuries, running through the Scriptures, reviewing all the prophecies concerning His Passion, and seeing that they were all accomplished, *excepting one*, He pronounces the