

Jesus Christ said to Saint Theresa :—" Since thou hast nothing, I give thee My Blood to offer to the Eternal Father and to obtain through It the most precious gifts."

Let us ask for every grace through the Precious Blood. "*We beseech Thee, O Lord, help Thy servants, whom Thou hast redeemed by Thy Most Precious Blood.*"

The Blood of Jesus gives the priest his dignity and grandeur. He is ordained to produce It at the Altar and to apply It to souls.

Let us listen to what God said to Saint Catharine of Sienna, so devout to the Precious Blood—" I have shown thee the mystical body of Holy Church under the figure of a cellar filled with My Son's Blood. At the door is My Christ on earth who is commissioned to distribute this Blood and designate those who will share his ministry. To each he assigns his functions in the distribution of this Blood. He has the keys of this Blood and below him, my ministers. For this reason I have emancipated them from subjection to earthly potentates. I have consecrated them and said : " Touch not My Christs." Persecution of My Ministers falls on My Son's Blood which they dispense, hence I declare that all other sins being on one side and this on the other, this sin would outweigh all."

Another fruit of the Precious Blood is consolation and encouragement at the hour of death. Our sins should not trouble us. Listen to the consoling voice of the Church.

Henceforth, whoso in that dear Blood  
Washeth shall lose his every stain,  
And, in immortal roseate beauty robed  
An angel's likeness gain.

Jesus Christ shed His Blood and died for us, to assure us a good death.

At his last hour Saint Francis Caracciolo, holding a crucifix in his hands and kissing it devoutly, exclaimed : " Blood of Jesus, Thou art mine. Give It to me, O Saviour, for It is my only hope."

We must invoke It with confidence and love, representing It as flowing upon us. " For what shall I do when God shall arise to Judge ? " We have indeed reason