

come the only rule of my life. With the help of Thy grace, I desire to reproduce in my life Thy habits, Thy manners, Thy virtues.

Thou dost thirst for my heart. Thou dost wish it to love Thee, love Thee more than my friends, more than my relatives, more than myself. I wish Thee to become the only Well-Beloved of my heart, to whom I shall refer and consecrate all the other legitimate affections of my life. If ever one of its fibres should beat not for Thee I ask Thee in advance to pluck it out without mercy. Cut, retrench, but never permit it to be unfaithful to Thee.

Grant that during the rest of my life, I may constantly hold to Thy Divine lips that invisible refreshment, that drop of sacred, almost divine, delicious water, which is called my soul. Again, I would wish, O Jesus, that in passing through Thy adorable Heart, my soul may catch from It the mysterious torment of thirst for the salvation of men. Communicate to me that thirst of Thy Heart as Thou hast done to so many apostles, so many missionaries who have gone even to the ends of the earth to convert sinners and to overthrow idols.

The ralying cry of all devoted souls is the "*Sitio*" of Calvary. "Take from me all the rest, but give souls." As for myself, if it is not possible for me to go into remote countries to seek lost souls and to lead them to Thee, I can, nevertheless, labor effectually at saving sinful souls by the apostolate of prayer and suffering. I desire that my entire life, in union with the sentiments of Thy Heart, may be consumed for Thy glory and the salvation of souls. All my adorations. Communions, assistance at the Holy Sacrifice, all my prayers, and sufferings, I offer for the conversion of sinners and their eternal salvation. In all sincerity of soul, may I one day be able to say with Saint Theresa: "I would give a thousand lives to save one soul that is going to destruction."

Lord, raise up in the Church thousands of priests with hearts of fire, who will live and breathe only to slake Thy thirst for the salvation of souls! Communicate the burning ardor of Thy Heart to all that love Thee. In giving themselves to Thee, may they thirst to give Thee other souls, above all those that are bound to them by the ties of blood and friendship! May all repeat after Thee the "*Sitio*" of Calvary! May the Christian wife thirst for the soul of her husband: "*Sitio!*" May the Christian mother thirst for the soul of her children: "*Sitio!*" May the Christian child thirst for the souls of its parents: "*Sitio!*" May the heads of governments thirst for the souls of their subjects: "*Sitio!*" May all Christendom, O Jesus Eucharistic, thirst to give themselves to Thee, in time and eternity!

**RESOLUTION.** Unite hourly with Mary and with Jesus renewing in a mystical manner His immolation on the Cross upon some altar on earth. Communicate spiritually in the Divine Victim. Make to day some act of mortification in drinking to honor the thirst of Jesus agonizing. Promise to labor by the apostolate of prayer before the Most Blessed Sacrament, by that, also, of toil and suffering, to allay the thirst for the salvations of souls that is devouring the Sacred Heart.