

## ➔ Subject of Adoration ➔

**"Father into Thy Hands I commend My Spirit."**

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« *Et iterum clamans voce magna, Jesus ait: Pater, in manus tuas commendo spiritum meum! Et hæc dicens expiravit.* »

And Jesus crying with a loud voice, said: «Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit». And saying this, He gave up the ghost.

(Luke XXIII,46.),

**Thanksgiving.**

«*Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit*» The cry that Jesus uttered when about to breathe His last, is not only a sign of His voluntary death, but a supreme effort of His mercy. Most of the spectators who were contemplating from afar these mournful scenes could hear this loud cry. In the spirit of the Divine Master, it was to be for them the brilliant revelation of His divine mission. Who will ever know the marvellous effects of salvation that this cry of agony produced in the hearts of those Jews and pagans?

Again, it was for us that Jesus addressed Himself to His Father. The soul and the body of the Saviour, although momentarily separated by death, remained, nevertheless, united in the Person of the Word. And He being always in the bosom of the Father, according to Saint-John, the blessed soul of the Saviour with the Word to whom it was substantially united, must also be found in the same bosom. Jesus Christ had, then, no need personally to commend His soul to His Father, since it never could be separated from Him. It was, then, not so much His own soul that He commended to His Father as those of His children.

Jesus desires to make but one with His disciples, He even wishes that all who are united to Him by grace should one day be where He will be Himself. This was the prayer He had addressed to His Father on the preceding evening, and when expiring, He expressed the same desire. Head and Chief of the Church, He demands for all her members that they should be reunited one day in the bosom of God. Jesus, laden with the sins of the world, felt the avenging hands of Divine Justice weighing upon Him. He prostrated in the deepest humiliation, He offered His Blood to appease the Father; in the name of the guilty ones, He had mounted Calvary, and had begged not to be abandoned by God. Now He catches a glimpse of mercy and pardon ready to