

## Going to the FATHER in Suffering and Temptation

If you have to put up with suffering, pain, misery, insults, why not pray an "Our FATHER" in silence? Because in it, it says: „And in temptation let us not fall." It does not only mean that I do not fall into sin, but also that I will be spared reluctance, irritation and the like. These are also temptations.

How often did I hear, for example, that mothers who had the courage to defend the SAVIOUR at home were given no understanding. The Evil One then tried to wear these mothers down by having them lose their temper. He even made them pray more, much more, until they were overstrained, broke down and stopped praying altogether. Overdoing your religious life is also one of the temptations of the Evil One. Religion is not merely about observing this or that meticulously. Religion is to love GOD – admire Him! Amen!

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**Be blessed by GOD TRINITY,  
the + FATHER and the + SON  
and the + HOLY GHOST. Amen!**

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## Sermon of the *Sword-Bishop*

### Holiness Suffering and Temptation

Dearly beloved, I warmly welcome you to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. As you know, all those who go to Heaven are Saints. All the others, who are not holy, but do not die in a state of death-bringing sin either, go to the place of purification, and are sanctified there because nothing impure can enter into Heaven.

#### What Is Impure Before GOD?

You have to be immaculately pure like GOD in order to enter Heaven in the first place. So what does GOD do to enable us to become so pure? He gives us the opportunity for purification. You can live through this process already here on earth, in that case you will enter Heaven instantly, you will just slip into it. Who has not or only been partially cleansed on earth, yet dies remorsefully, will after his death go to the place of purification, otherwise called Purgatory. And I can tell you honestly, Purgatory is gruesome! However, bear in mind, if here on earth you are willing to put up with a pain, if you respond to an unfriendliness with friendliness, if you do something which for one day takes a real effort of will, then, for example, its worth equals a one-year stay in Purgatory. So be smart!

There are also many waiting in Purgatory because there are people on earth who are still bearing a grudge against them and do not forgive. If we say to GOD: „Forgive us our debts as also we forgive our debtors," we have to do that in order to be forgiven ourselves. This is often the reason for illness and suffering be-

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cause one does not forgive. Some should actually pray: „... as also we want to forgive ...,” or: „Deliver us from the temptation of being no longer willing to forgive.”

He who does many kindnesses, who passes on a lot of love, will be forgiven many punishments of sin. He will be surprised how swiftly he will be able to enter Heaven, merely skimming the peaks of Purgatory. What did the SAVIOUR say with Mary Magdalene? „Because she has shown great love, many sins have been forgiven.”

### **Wrong Idea of Holiness**

Many believe that Saints are people who walk around with pleasant religious feelings. They believe that everything comes easy to Saints. Dearly beloved, Saints are people who bear all suffering, come what may, in silence, without complaining. Many come to me just because they want to be restored to health, and they do not take into account that the divine teaching, the “pure water” is worth a thousand times more than health.

True Saints will always feel like sinners and consider for themselves the Sacrament of Confession to be necessary. Since they, of all people, have a very delicate conscience. The Saint already suffers for having offended GOD by matters which many a person is not even aware of as sin. He says: „LORD, You see how miserable I am, help me – I love You, despite everything!”

### **Unknown Saints**

Hardly anyone gives thought to what a Saint really is, to what goes on in a Saint’s mind. I know from the LORD, not from me. A Saint can be very well-known, broadcast by the media around the whole world. But there are also unknown Saints, e.g. a wife whose husband did not even know that she is a Saint. However, it was not the husband’s fault, it was GOD’s purpose. Because being a Saint without being recognised is worth much more. Normally Saints are persecuted at first and negatively spoken of in every respect. Only when they have died, are they celebrated. No Saint lived his life just for him-

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self, but always in favour of his neighbour, of mankind. Because the graces and gifts he received from GOD were meant to be passed on to his neighbour, to mankind, to the Church.

### **Characteristic Features of a Saint**

First of all, he spreads peace. He emanates tranquillity. Even if he suffers deeply, there is cheerfulness about him. He always smiles, occasionally it is a sad smile. Even if people jeer at him and spit on him, he puts up with it with a friendly smile. He slightly resembles the SAVIOUR.

He who is embittered bears a grudge against fate, his neighbour or even GOD, and grace cannot be in him. If your heart has become bitter, then look up to the cross: what has He suffered innocently, and yet has forgiven ... – He says to you: „Behold, and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow?” Did He complain about the suffering which he bore? No, He said among other things: „Truly I tell you, today you will be with Me in Paradise!” or: „Woman, here is your son! Son, here is your Mother!” During His gruesome suffering, He did not think of Himself, but of others.

### **Pain Given to GOD Fills You with Joy**

We know souls suffering in atonement, bridal souls, such as Anna Catherine Emmerich, Theresa of Konnersreuth, Maria Valtorta, Barbara Pfister, all of whom suffered terribly. Padre Pio, who was also marked with the stigmata, was once asked to what extent these wounds were painful. He answered: „It feels as if someone is poking around in these wounds with a nail.” And yet people always saw him smiling. How is it possible? Well, the pain you give to GOD is a pain which fills you with joy. There is no other way to express it.

When I received the pain in my back, I said to GOD: „Well, You know, actually, I am happy. Do You know why? Thus far I could only give You spiritual sorrow for the most part. Now I can also give You physical suffering for a change.” Indeed, I can buy graces with these sufferings. Therefore, I am happy.

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