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JESUS I TRUST IN YOU!

27<sup>th</sup> AUGUST – 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER. FEAST DAY 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER  
9 DAY NOVENA TO ST MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA



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## Saint Teresa of Calcutta, longing to love Jesus



*Saint Teresa of Calcutta, longing to love Jesus as He had never been loved before, you gave yourself entirely to Him, refusing Him nothing. In union with the Immaculate Heart of Mary, you accepted His call to satiate His infinite thirst for love and souls and become a carrier of His love to the poorest of the poor. With loving trust and total surrender you fulfilled His will, witnessing to the joy of belonging totally to Him. You became so intimately united to Jesus your crucified Spouse that He dignified to share with you the agony of His Heart as He hung upon the Cross.*

*Saint Teresa, you promised to continuously bring the light of love to those on earth; pray for us that we also may long to satiate the burning thirst of Jesus by loving Him ardently, sharing in His sufferings joyfully, and serving Him wholeheartedly in our brothers and sisters, especially those most unloved and unwanted. Amen.*

### 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY | KNOW THE LIVING JESUS

"Do you really know the living Jesus — not from books but from being with Him in your heart?"

"Am I convinced of Christ's love for me and mine for Him? This conviction is the rock on which sanctity is built. What must we do to get this conviction? We must know Jesus, love Jesus, serve Jesus. Knowledge will make you strong as death. We know Jesus through faith: by meditating on His Word in the Scriptures, by listening to Him speak through His Church, and through the intimate union of prayer."

"Seek Him in the tabernacle. Fix your eyes on Him who is the Light. Bring your hearts close to His Divine Heart and ask Him to grant you the grace of knowing Him."

#### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"Don't search for Jesus in far lands; He is not there. He is close to you; He is in you."

*Ask for the grace of an intimate knowledge of Jesus.*

Recite the prayer to St. Teresa of Calcutta:

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### 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY: JESUS LOVES YOU

"Am I convinced of Christ's love for me, and mine for Him? This conviction is like the sunlight which makes the sap of life rise and the buds of sanctity bloom. This conviction is the rock on which sanctity is built."

"The devil may try to use hurts of life, and sometimes our own mistakes, to make you feel it is impossible that Jesus really loves you, is really cleaving to you. This is a danger for all of us. And so sad, because it is completely opposite of what Jesus is really wanting, waiting to tell you. ... He loves you always, even when you don't feel worthy."

"Jesus loves you tenderly, you are precious to Him. Turn to Jesus with great trust and allow yourself to be loved by Him. The past belongs to His mercy, the future to His providence, and the present to His love."

#### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"Do not be afraid — you are precious to Jesus. He loves you."

*Ask for the grace to be convinced of Jesus' unconditional and personal love for you.*

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### 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY: HEAR HIM SAY TO YOU: "I THIRST"

"In His agony, in His pain, in His loneliness, He said very clearly, 'Why have You forsaken Me?' He was so terribly lonely and forsaken and suffering on the Cross...At this most difficult time He proclaimed:

'I thirst.'...And the people thought He was thirsty in an ordinary way and they gave Him vinegar straight- away; but it was not that He thirsted for—it was for our love, our affection, that intimate attachment to Him, and that sharing of His passion. And it is strange that He used such a word. He used 'I thirst' instead of 'Give Me your love.'...

The thirst of Jesus on the Cross is not imagination. It was a word: 'I thirst.' Let us hear Him saying it to me and saying it to you. ...It is really a gift of God."

"If you listen with your heart, you will hear, you will understand. ...Until you know deep inside that Jesus thirsts for you, you can't begin to know who He wants to be for you. Or who He wants you to be for Him."

"Follow His footsteps in search of souls. Carry Him and His light into the homes of the poor, especially to the souls most in need. Spread the charity of His Heart wherever you go and so satiate His thirst for souls."

#### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"Just think! God is thirsting for you and me to come forward to satiate His thirst."

*Ask for the grace to understand Jesus cry of thirst.*

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### 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY: OUR LADY WILL HELP YOU

"How much we need Mary to teach us what it means to satiate God's Thirsting Love for us, which Jesus came to reveal to us. She did it so beautifully. Yes, Mary allowed God to take possession of her life by her purity, her humility, and her faithful love...Let us seek to grow, under the guidance of our Heavenly Mother, in these three important interior attitudes of soul that delight the Heart of God and enable Him to unite Himself to us, in and through Jesus, in the power of the Holy Spirit. It is in doing so that, like Mary our Mother, we will allow God to take full possession of our whole being—and through us God will be able to reach out His Thirsting Love to all we come in contact with, especially the poor."

"If we stand with Our Lady, she will give us her spirit of loving trust, total surrender, and cheerfulness."

#### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"How close we must keep to Our Lady who understood what depth of Divine Love was being revealed as she stood at the foot of the Cross and heard Jesus cry out: 'I thirst.'"

*Ask for the grace to learn from Our Lady to quench Jesus thirst as she did.*

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### 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY: TRUST JESUS BLINDLY

"Trust in the good God, who loves us, who cares for us, who sees all, knows all, can do all things for my good and the good of souls."

"Christ accepted to die because He trusted His Father. He knew that from that apparent failure God will work out His plan of salvation. For us, too, we must have that deep faith and trust that if we are doing God's will, He will work out His plan of salvation in us and through us in spite of any failure we may meet."

"Jesus never changes...Trust Him lovingly, trust Him with a big smile, always believing He is the Way to the Father, He is the light in this world of darkness."

"So let us all make that one strong resolution that we will be all love to Jesus in the world...that we will be at His disposal to make use of us without consulting us. And I think that is the best way to show our love for Him, to accept Him as He comes. If He wants to come into our life in humiliation, in suffering, all right; if He wants in publicity, all right. Whatever it be, success, failure, it makes no difference to Him, and it should not make a difference to us either."

"Mary, too, showed that complete trust in God by accepting to be used for His plan of salvation in spite of her nothingness, for she knew that He who is mighty could do great things in her and through her. She trusted. Once she said 'yes' to Him—[it was] finished. She never doubted."

"Do not be afraid to love Jesus tenderly. When you trust Him, He will do great things for you."

#### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"Confidence in God can do all things."

*Ask for the grace to have an unshakable trust in God's power and love for you and for all.*

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## 6TH DAY: TRUE LOVE IS SURRENDER

"I thirst' has no meaning unless through total surrender I give all to Jesus."  
"Today I will do whatever Jesus wants. And you will see that oneness. That surrender to God, to use you without consulting you. That accepting is a great sign of union with God. Holiness is that total surrender to God. Totus tuus. Completely yours. Totus tuus. Completely surrendered. Very clear! Complete. That accepting whatever He gives. That giving whatever He takes. You need much love to be able to see the hand of God."

"I only want to do what God wants. Let us have the courage to do what God wants, even if it is difficult." "Often you see small and big wires, new and old, cheap and expensive, lined up. Unless and until the current passes through them, there will be no light. The wire is you and me. The current is God. We have the power to let the current pass through us, use us, and produce the Light of the World—Jesus; or refuse to be used and allow darkness to spread. Our Lady was the most wonderful wire. She allowed God to fill her to the brim, so by her surrender—' Be it done to me according to your word'—she became full of grace; and naturally the moment she was filled by this current, the grace of God, she went in haste to Elizabeth's house to connect the wire, John, to the current, Jesus."

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"Allow God to use you without consulting you."  
*Ask for the grace to surrender your whole life to God.*

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## 7TH DAY: GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER

"Joy, to be fruitful, has to be shared."

"By this joy I mean that inner depth of joy in you, in your eyes, look, face, movements, actions, swiftness, etc. 'That My joy may be in you,' says Jesus. What is this joy of Jesus? It is the result of His continual union with God, doing the Will of the Father. 'I have come that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.' This joy is the fruit of union with God, of being in the presence of God. Living in the presence of God fills us with joy. God is Joy."

"Joy shines in the eyes, comes out in the speech and walk...when people see the habitual happiness in your eyes, it will make them realize they are the loved children of God."

"Without joy there is no love, and love without joy is not true love. And so, we need to bring that love and that joy into the world of today."

"Joy was the strength of Our Lady, too. Our Lady was the first Missionary of Charity. She was the first one to receive Jesus physically and to carry Jesus to others; and she went in haste. Only joy could give her this strength and swiftness to go and do the work of a handmaid."

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"We may not be able to give much, but we can always give the joy that springs from a heart that is in love with God."

*Ask for the grace to find joy in loving and to share this joy with everyone you meet.*

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## 8TH DAY: JESUS MADE HIMSELF

### THE BREAD OF LIFE AND THE HUNGRY ONE

"He proved His love to us by giving His own life, His own being. 'He being rich became poor' for you and for me. He gave Himself totally. He died on the Cross. But before He died, He made Himself the Bread of Life to satisfy our hunger for love, for Him. He said, 'Unless you eat My Flesh and drink My Blood, you cannot have life eternal.'

And the greatness of that love of His made Him the hungry one, and He said, 'I was hungry and you fed Me, and unless you feed Me, you cannot enter eternal life.' That is the giving of Christ. And today God keeps on loving the world. He keeps on sending you and me to prove that He loves the world, that He still has that compassion for the world. It is we who have to be His love, His compassion in the world of today. But to be able to love we must have faith, for faith in action is love, and love in action is service. That is why Jesus made Himself the Bread of Life, that we might be able to eat and live and be able to see Him in the distressing disguise of the poor."

"Our life must be woven with the Eucharist. From Jesus in the Eucharist we learn how much God thirsts to love us and how He thirsts for our love and



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for the love of souls in return. From Jesus in the Eucharist we receive the light and strength to quench His Thirst."

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"Believe that He, Jesus, is in the appearance of Bread and that He, Jesus, is in the hungry, naked, sick, lonely, unloved, homeless, helpless, and hopeless."

*Ask for the grace to see Jesus in the Bread of Life and to serve Him in the distressing disguise of the poor.*

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## 9TH DAY: HOLINESS IS JESUS LIVING AND ACTING IN ME

"Our works of charity are nothing but the overflow of our love of God from within. Therefore, the one who is most united to Him loves her neighbor most."

"We must become holy not because we want to feel holy, but because Christ must be able to live His life fully in us."

"Sanctity is the acceptance of the will of God with a big smile...that's all. Just that acceptance, to accept Him as He comes in our life, accepting to take from us what He wants, to make use of us as He wants, to put us where He wants, to use us as He wants...without consulting us."

"Holiness is not in the feelings or in imagination, it is reality. One thing that helps me and will help you is this: works of love are works of holiness."

"Let us spend ourselves with Him and for Him. Let Him see with your eyes, speak with your tongue, work with your hands, walk with your feet, think with your head, and love with your heart. Is this not perfect union, a continual loving prayer? God is our loving Father. Let your light of love so shine before man that seeing your good works (the washing, sweeping, cooking, loving your husband and the children), they may glorify the Father."

"Be holy. Holiness is the easiest way to satiate Jesus's Thirst, His for you and yours for Him."

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"Charity for each other is the surest way to great holiness."

*Ask for the grace to become a saint.*

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