

Words of the Venerable Servant of God:

"Guide truly poor members to Holy Mother Church, for thereby you will be giving her at the same time humble and obedient children, since one who is truly poor is also humble and obedient... The Lord will let His work prosper and there will be beautiful fruits ripening on this new tree for Holy Church. God will be glorified"

(L 2, to P. Jordan, February 1883).

Prayer ...

Seventh Day - Mary under the Cross

"Near the cross of Jesus there stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. Seeing his mother there with the disciple whom he loved, Jesus said to his mother: Woman, there is your son. In turn he said to the disciple: There is your mother"

(Jn. 19,25-27).

Words of the Venerable Servant of God:

"Once more, have the courage to raise the cross high. Do not break down beneath it. Let us look at the Mother of the Seven Dolors. She stood under the Cross. She stood upright. That which should have crushed her held her upright – the wounds and the blood of Jesus. There for the first time we see the truth fulfilled that we are healed and strengthened in the wounds of the Redeemer"

(L 26, to P. Jordan, March 1883).

Prayer ...

Eighth Day - Care for the Poor

"The king will say to those on his right: Come. You have my Father's blessing... For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me; sick and you visited me; in prison and you came to see me"

(Mt. 25,34-36).

Words of the Venerable Servant of God:

"May the poor always enjoy the friendship of our Sisters; and if they cannot always be helped as their situation requires, oh, then, may a friendly glance, a sympathetic expression on the part of the Sisters help them to forget their hard lot for a few moments. Never should one permit oneself a severe judgment of the poor"

(Norms 1883, No. 109,2).

Prayer ...

Ninth Day - Seeking the Kingdom of God and His Justice

"Seek first his [the Father's] kingship over you, his way of holiness, and all the other things will be given you besides"

(Mt. 6,33: Lk. 12,31).

Words of the Venerable Servant of God:

"My confidence shall not weaken and my courage shall be rooted in the promise of the Lord: Seek first the kingdom of God and His justice..."

(L 12, to P. Jordan, March 1883).

"Mankind holds two jewels within itself and it so seldom appreciates their value. They are the poor and the sick..."

(Norms 1883, No. 109,1).

Prayer ...

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(1844–1911)

The Venerable Servant of God **Mary Frances of the Cross Streitel** (1844-1911) was called by God to give to the Church and to the needy society a new religious Community, the Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother. In the Franciscan-Carmelite spirit she fostered the truths of the faith and cared for the children, the poor, and the sick, always striving that “*God will be glorified, the Church will be consoled, and the world (the souls) in many instances will be saved and healed of its basic evils*” (*July 21, 1883*). In this spirit she sent out her Sisters who today serve in Germany, Austria, Italy, USA, Caribbean Islands, Brazil, and Africa.

Daily Prayer to obtain a Favor through the Intercession of the Venerable Servant of God Mary Frances of the Cross Streitel

Most Holy Trinity, almighty and merciful God, kindly hear my petition which I humbly present to You through the intercession of Your servant Mother Frances Streitel, with the firm trust of being heard. Through the tender devotion and veneration which the Servant of God always had for Mary, Mother of Sorrows, grant me the grace... for the glory of your name, in honor of this your servant and for the salvation of the world Glory to the Father...

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First Day - The Will of God

“Whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is brother and sister and mother to me” (Mt. 12,50).

Words of the Venerable Servant of God:

“A striving for a perfect union with the most holy Will of God the Father in ‘love and suffering’... In the Divine Heart of Jesus and through it, my whole being unites itself with the most holy Will of God. With each breath I will pray with my suffering Savior...”

(Diary, 1897-1899).

Prayer ...

Second Day - Love for the Crucified Savior

“He emptied himself... He was known to be of human estate, and it was thus that he humbled himself, obediently accepting even death, death on a cross!”

(Phil. 2,7-8).

Words of the Venerable Servant of God:

“To let me be introduced by her [Mary] into the mystery of love and suffering so that in truth I will become a spouse of the Crucified One, who does not depart from His bloody feet until Crucified Love will say: Ascend higher, take a seat in the center of my Heart”

(Diary, Dec. 15, 1896).

Prayer ...

Third Day - Crib

“[Mary] gave birth to her first-born Son and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the place where travellers lodged”

(Lk. 2,7).

Words of the Venerable Servant of God:

“May the Infant Jesus lying in the crib be adjoined by all the love, by all the poverty and humiliations He bore in the Incarnation in merciful love for the human race...”

(L 99, to P. Jordan, December 1884).

Prayer ...

Fourth Day - Cross

“Jesus then said: If one wishes to come after me, he must deny his very self, take up his cross, and begin to follow in my footsteps”

(Mt. 16,24)

Words of the Venerable Servant of God:

“The cross is truly a precious jewel, the key to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, in which are locked all the treasures and riches of the Eternal Father. The cross is the ladder by which we climb to heaven”

(L 24, to Hedwig, June 1898).

Prayer ...

Fifth Day - The Holy Eucharist

“I am the bread of Life. If anyone eats this bread he shall live forever... I came that they might have life and have it to the full”

(Jn. 6,48-51; 10,10).

Words of the Venerable Servant of God:

“Mary must lead me into the mystery of our altars and adorn my soul with a bridal and Eucharistic love so that I may ever more merit to receive in a worthy manner the Bread of Angels and the Wine from which virgins germinate”

(Diary, December 15, 1896).

Prayer ...

Sixth Day - The Church

“Simon Peter said: You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God! Jesus replied: Blest are you, Simon son of Jonah! No mere man has revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. I for my part declare to you, you are Rock, and on this rock I will build my church”

(Mt. 16,16-18)