

“God does not lose battles”

If you fall, get up with greater hope. Self-love alone is incapable of understanding that an error, when put right, helps us to know and to humble ourselves. (Furrow, 724)

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Forward, no matter what happens! Cling tightly to Our Lord's hand and remember that God does not lose battles. If you should stray from him for any reason, react with the humility that will lead you to begin

again and again; to play the role of the prodigal son every day, and even repeatedly during the twenty-four hours of the same day; to correct your contrite heart in Confession, which is a real miracle of God's Love. In this wonderful Sacrament Our Lord cleanses your soul and fills you with joy and strength to prevent you from giving up the fight, and to help you keep returning to God unwearied, when everything seems black. In addition, the Mother of God, who is also our Mother, watches over you with motherly care, guiding your every step.

Holy Scripture points out that even 'the just man falls seven times' [1]. Whenever I read this phrase my soul trembles with love and sorrow. This divine indication shows us Our Lord once again setting out to meet us and speak to us about his mercy, his tenderness and clemency that know no limits. Be sure of this: God does

not want our wretchedness, but he is aware of it, and indeed he makes use of our weakness to make saints of us...

I prostrate myself before God and I state my situation clearly.

Immediately he helps me, he reassures me, and I hear him repeat slowly in the depths of my heart, *meus es tu!* [2], I know the way you are, as I have always known it.

Forward! (Friends of God, 214-215)

[1] Prov 24:16

[2] 'You are mine' (Is 43:1)