

"The gentle light of his mercy"

"Seek union with God and buoy yourself up with hope, that sure virtue, because Jesus will illuminate the way for you with the gentle light of his mercy, even in the darkest night." (The Forge, 293)

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Another fall, and what a fall! Must you give up hope? No. Humble yourself and, through Mary, your Mother, have recourse to the merciful Love of Jesus. A *miserere*,

and lift up your heart! And now begin again. *The Way*, 711

What depths of mercy there are in God's justice! For, in the judgements of men, he who confesses his fault is punished: and in the Judgement of God, he is pardoned.

Blessed be the holy Sacrament of Penance! *The Way*, 309

"Learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart ... " The humility of Jesus!...What a lesson for you who are a poor earthenware vessel. He, always merciful, has raised you up, and made the light of the sun of grace shine upon your baseness, which has now been freely exalted. And you, how often you have covered your pride under a cloak of dignity or justice...! And how many chances to learn from the Master you have wasted by not knowing how to supernaturalize them! *Furrow*, 261

Get accustomed to entrusting your poor heart to the Sweet and Immaculate Heart of Mary, so that she may purify it from so much dross, and lead it to the Most Sacred and Most Merciful Heart of Jesus.

Furrow, 830

Saint Luke the Evangelist tells us that Jesus prayed. What must his prayer have been like!

Contemplate this fact slowly: the disciples had the opportunity of talking to Jesus and in their conversations with him the Lord taught them by his words, and deeds, how they should pray. And he taught them this amazing truth of God's mercy: that we are God's children and that we can address Him as a child addresses his Father. *The Forge*, 71

Yes, you're right: how base your wretchedness is! By your own efforts,

where would you be now, where would you have got to?

You admitted: "Only a Love that was full of mercy could keep on loving me."

Cheer up. He will not deny you his Love or his Mercy, if you go to him.

The Forge, 897

That is why we must insistently go to the Holy Trinity asking God to have compassion on everyone. When talking about this subject, I hesitate to refer to God's justice. I appeal to his mercy, his compassion, so that he will not look at our sins but will rather see the merits of Christ and of his holy Mother, who is also our mother, the merits of the patriarch St. Joseph whom he made his father, and the merits of the saints. *Christ is Passing By, 82, 4*

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