

"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,*
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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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