

## "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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