

## JUNE CONTEMPLATION

*It is necessary to send our workers everywhere, so that the earth will be cleansed in the Divine Blood.*  
– St. Gaspar (Letter #1308)

### Opening Hymn

*Eucharistic Exposition*

#### Leader:

May this time of prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament be a precious opportunity to grow in awareness of the incomparable treasure which Christ has entrusted to his Church. May it encourage a more lively and fervent celebration of the Eucharist, leading to a Christian life transformed by love. May all of us rediscover the gift of the Eucharist as light and strength for our daily lives in the world in the exercise of our respective professions. We pray in Jesus' name.

**All: Amen.**

#### Leader:

Let us pray together the Daily Offering with the intention of the Holy Father:

#### All:

Eternal Father, we offer you in union with Mary, Mother of the Redeemer of humankind, the Blood Jesus shed with love in his passion and every day is offered on the altar. In union with the Victim offered for the salvation of the world, we offer today's actions in expiation for our sins, for the conversion of sinners, for the souls in purgatory, for the needs of the holy Church, and especially: that national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimizes so many innocent people.

#### *Silent Reflection*

*Let us keep silent within ourselves that our hearts and ears may be open.*

### Prayer Before Reading Scripture

**Leader:** *Let us pray.*

**All:** Jesus Christ, our Master, You are the Way and the Truth and the life. Grant that we may learn the sublime knowledge of Your charity in the Spirit of St. Paul the Apostle and of the Catholic Church. Send Your Holy Spirit to teach us and remind us of what You have preached. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

### Scripture Reading: (Romans 12:9-21)

Love must be completely sincere. Hate what is evil, hold on to what is good. Love one another warmly as Christians, and be eager to show respect for one another. Work hard and do not be lazy. Serve the Lord with a heart full of devotion. Let your hope keep you joyful, be patient in your troubles, and pray at all times. Share your belongings with your needy fellow Christians, and open your homes to strangers.

Ask God to bless those who persecute you—yes, ask him to bless, not to curse. Be happy with those who are happy, weep with those who weep. Have the same concern for everyone. Do not be proud, but accept humble duties. Do not think of yourselves as wise. If someone has done you wrong, do not repay him with a wrong. Try to do what everyone considers to be good. Do everything possible on your part to live in peace with everybody. Never take revenge, my friends, but instead let God's anger do it. For the scripture says, "I will take revenge, I will pay back, says the Lord." Instead, as the scripture says: "If your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them a drink; for by doing this you will make them burn with shame." Do not let evil defeat you; instead, conquer evil with good.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Responsorial Psalm** (*Psalm 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10*)

**Response:** *All the nations shall worship you, O LORD!*

Be merciful to me, O Lord,  
for I am calling on you constantly. *R/.*

Give me happiness, O Lord,  
for I give myself to you. *R/.*

O Lord, you are so good, so ready to forgive, so full of unfailing love  
for all who ask for your help. *R/.*

Listen closely to my prayer, O LORD;  
hear my urgent cry. *R/.*

I will call to you whenever I'm in trouble,  
and you will answer me. *R/.*

All the nations you made will come and bow before you, Lord;  
they will praise your holy name. *R/.*

For you are great and perform wonderful deeds.  
You alone are God. *R/.*

**Glory be to the Father...**

### **Prayer for Missionaries**

**All:** Lord our God, loving Father, we humbly pray to You for our beloved missionaries, heralds of the Gospel. May our prayers reach their hearts that they may feel our love, our strength, and our faith that they continue the mission entrusted to them with Your zeal. May their presence in our community be a reminder of Your presence among us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

### **Meditation:** CHAPTER II - THE MINISTRY OF PRIESTS

Priests have been placed in the midst of the laity to lead them to the unity of charity, "loving one another with fraternal love, eager to give one another precedence" (Rom. 12:10). It is their task, therefore, to reconcile differences of mentality in such a way that no one need feel himself a stranger in the community of the faithful. They are defenders of the common good, with which they are charged in the name of the bishop. At the same time, they are strenuous assertors of the truth, lest the faithful be carried about by every wind of doctrine. [cf. Eph. 4:14] They are united by a special solicitude with those who have fallen away from the use of the sacraments, or perhaps even from the faith. Indeed, as good shepherds, they should not cease from going out to them.

Mindful of the precepts on ecumenism, [cf. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vatican Council, *Decree on Ecumenism*, pp. 90ff] let them not forget their brothers who do not enjoy full ecclesiastical communion with us. Finally, to them are entrusted all those who do not recognize Christ as their Savior. The Christian faithful, for their part, should realize their obligations to their priests, and with filial love they should follow them as their pastors and fathers. In like manner, sharing their cares, they should help their priests by prayer and work insofar as possible so that their priests might more readily overcome difficulties and be able to fulfill their duties more fruitfully. [*Lumen Gentium*, pp. 42-43] (*Presbyterorum Ordinis, Decree on the Ministry and Life of Priests*, #9)

## *Silent Reflection*

### **Prayer for Fathers**

**Leader:** *Let us pray.*

Most gracious Heavenly Father, we thank you for our earthly fathers, those to whom you have entrusted the responsibility to provide loving protection of their families and guidance of their children. We thank you, also, for our priests and bishops, whose spiritual fatherhood is so vital to the faith of your people. May your Holy Spirit constantly inspire them with justice and mercy, wisdom and strength, fidelity and self-giving love. May they receive your grace abundantly in this earthly life, and may they look forward to eternal joy in your presence in the life to come. Amen.

### **Intentions**

**Leader:**

Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, you have loved us with an everlasting love, and have established your friendship with us. We desire to live as you live, following you as your disciples along the path of holiness. Help us to share the good news of your love and your salvation to many others on life's journey. Amen.

Our response will be: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For each of us, that we may grow in faith and in the desire to encounter the Lord by more frequent prayer and by the commitment to carry out good works, we pray. *R/.*

For affluent nations, that their wealth and power might become a force for peace, rather than conflict; a source of hope, rather than discontent, an agent of friendship, rather than enmity, we pray. *R/.*

For ourselves, that we may have the grace to rejoice with those weep with those who weep, to grieve for others' losses, rather than our own, to be quick to forgive and slow to take offense, we pray. *R/.*

Lord, You have promised to be with your Church always, may the Holy Spirit inspire many more vocations to the priesthood and religious life, we pray to the Lord. *R/.*

For those who've asked the help of our prayers, for those who have no one to pray for them, and for the intentions we hold in the silence of our hearts, we pray to the Lord. *R/.*

*Sharing in the mission of the Church to establish the kingdom of God we pray:*

**Our Father...**

*Silent Reflection*

### **Closing Prayer**

**Leader:** *Let us pray:*

**All:** Lord Jesus, in the Eucharist You make your dwelling among us and become our traveling companion; sustain our Christian communities so that they may be ever more open to listening and accepting your Word. May they draw from the Eucharist a renewed commitment to spreading in society, by the proclamation of your Gospel, the signs and deeds of an attentive and active charity. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Benediction and Reposition*

### **Closing Hymn**