



## Day 29: THE GIFT OF LOVE

John 15:13

For the greatest love of all is a love that sacrifices all.  
And this great love is demonstrated when a person sacrifices his life  
for his friends.

### **DAY 29 MORNING PRAYER:**

#### **Psalm 67**

**May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us.**

<sup>1</sup> May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face shine on us—

<sup>2</sup> so that your ways may be known on earth,  
your salvation among all nations.

**May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us.**

<sup>3</sup> May the peoples praise you, God;  
may all the peoples praise you.

<sup>4</sup> May the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you rule the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations of the earth.

**May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us.**

<sup>5</sup> May the peoples praise you, God;  
may all the peoples praise you.

<sup>6</sup> The land yields its harvest;  
God, our God, blesses us.

**May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us.**

<sup>7</sup> May God bless us still,  
so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.**

**Amen.**

**May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us.**

## **MEDIATION**

**BECOME AS I AM IN THE LIKENESS OF LOVE, HEART OF MY LONGING.** You have been raised in a world that uses the language of heaven but has different definitions. This is the brilliance of the Father of Lies. In so many ways he does not discard the things of God, but instead he twists them to his own using. Learn My definition and you will walk in the light of the truth, experiencing its beauty and blessing. Love is such a thing which you must be careful to know its true meaning. You might be clouded by taking love to yourself for yourself to serve yourself. This is a deception. I call you to the Way of Love that is seen on the Cross. Keep the image of the Crucified One always before you for it is the School of Love. There you will see the definition of heaven as to the meaning of love. It is a love that does not take or demand, control or manipulate. It is a love that gives without measure at the cost of self for the sake of the other. Truly, this Way of Love is a Divine Way only to be taken by the Divine. You might see the problem that now arises – You not Divine so you cannot Divinely love. We are back to that of which I have spoken in the past. Immediately, it breaks forth in you, without thinking, *“If this is the Way of Love, and I am not loving in this Way, then I need to try harder.”* No, Humble One, that is not Our way. The solution is not to try harder. It is to surrender to Me and allow Me to form love in you to be expressed through you. I am a master at loving. Now, that is the truth! I want to give you what I have. Just ask Me. Joy fills My heart, even as you read, because I know that as you surrender to My gift you will become it. My manner is not only for you to receive the gift, but to become the gift. Now, you have to admit that that is brilliant. I want to reduce you to love, Abba’s Child. O, I don’t want what I just said to fade away into a lost memory for I just presented you the goal of your life – to be reduced to love. That is something which I have hidden in every heart as a longing. I do love the flavors of really good food. The deep tones of those flavors consolidate when the liquid is reduced by heat. Let Me do this reduction in the recesses of you spirit, so that, again, you look like Jesus; you walk like Jesus; you talk like Jesus; you desire what Jesus desires; and you forgive like Jesus forgives; all of this inebriated with the texture of love.

Have you ever wondered as to My name? A name summarizes the essence of the person. A name is no small thing, for it is so sacred that in it is the person. To speak their name is to speak them. I reveal to you My name, Chosen One. My name is Love; I am Love; I have Love; and I only give Love. When you speak of love in the way Jesus speaks of love, you speak of Me. When you experience love in all its pure varieties, you experience Me. It is easy to think that all the gods of this world are as I am. They are not. They might offer love, but they are not love. I, alone, am love. When you encounter and enjoy pure, unsullied love, whether it be from a believer or pre-believer, you encounter Me. With this in mind, search out love and you are searching out Me, and I have promised that if you seek Me, you will find Me, therefore, seek out opportunities to demonstrate love and you will find Me, My Beloved.

### **JOURNAL EXERCISE:**

Tell of some of the times when you most profoundly experienced being loved:

Write of the experiences where you have loved from the depth of your being:

Write a prayer to Love asking to be reduced to love becoming the gift that is being offered to you:

**Spiritual Exercise**

Throughout the day make it your constant aim to pray the Declaration for the Day.

Try to memorize the scripture for today.

With whom can you share today's experience with the Holy Spirit?

**DECLARATION FOR DAY 29:**

Throughout the day come back to this prayer and pray it from your heart.

More and more, moment by moment,  
I am being conformed to the likeness of Jesus  
which is love.

## **DAY 29 EVENING PRAYER:**

**John 15:13**

For the greatest love of all is a love that sacrifices all. And this great love is demonstrated when a person sacrifices his life for his friends.

### **Holy Spirit Rosary**

*This prayer uses a regular rosary. If you do not have one, do not worry. The heart of the rosary are ten prayers in a row. The Father made you with ten fingers. Just use your fingers if you do not have a rosary. I invite you to get one, though.*

1. Kiss the crucifix, making the sign of the cross.

2. Say this prayer while holding the crucifix:

*Glory to You, Who has shown forth the light.  
Glory be to God on high, and on earth, peace and goodwill towards men.  
We praise You, we bless You,  
we worship You, we glorify You,  
we give thanks to You for Your great glory.  
O Lord and King, heavenly God, Father Almighty;  
O Lord, the only-begotten, Son Jesus Christ,  
And, O Lord, the Holy Spirit.  
O Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father,  
that takes away the sin of the world;  
have mercy upon us.  
Accept our prayer, you that sits at the right hand of the Father,  
and have mercy upon us.  
For you alone are Holy;  
Jesus, you only are Lord,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

*Every day will I bless You and will I praise Your Name  
forever and ever.  
Strengthen us, O Lord, this day to be kept sinless.  
Blessed are You, O Lord, God of our fathers,  
and praised and glorified is Your Name forever. Amen.*

*Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we place our trust in You.  
Blessed are You, O Lord, teach me Your statutes.  
O Lord, You have been a refuge for us from generation to generation.  
For I have said, Lord have mercy upon me;  
heal my spirit, soul, and body,  
for I have sinned against You.  
O Lord, to You have I fled;  
teach me to do Your will,  
for You are my God.  
For with You is the fountain of life,  
and in Your light we see light.  
Extend Your mercy to all, Lover of Mankind.*

*Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. [3 times]*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

3. Next is a single bead. On this bead pray the Our Father:

*Our Father,  
Who art in Heaven,  
hallowed be Your name;  
Your Kingdom come,  
Your will be done  
on earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. Amen.*

4. Now there are three beads on a row. On those beads pray:

1<sup>st</sup> Bead

*Holy Spirit,  
be praised and adored  
for you are God from God, true God from true God,  
consubstantial with the Father and the Son.*

2<sup>nd</sup> Bead

*Holy Spirit,  
be praised and glorified  
for you are the Lord and Giver of Life  
with the Father and the Son.*

3<sup>rd</sup> Bead

*Holy Spirit,  
be praised and adored  
for you are the Sanctifier,  
making us like you and the Father and the Son.*

5. You come to another single bead. As you move through the ring of the rosary there will be five single beads. When you come to these single beads, pray:

*O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth,  
who are in all places and fills all things,  
Treasury of Blessings and Giver of Life:  
come and dwell in us,  
cleanse us from every stain,  
and save our souls,  
O gracious Lord.*

6. On all sections where there are ten beads (known as a decade)

1<sup>st</sup> decade, pray

*Come Holy Spirit, fill and renew me.*

2<sup>nd</sup> decade, pray

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill and renew my family.*

3<sup>rd</sup> decade, pray

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill and renew your Church.*

4<sup>th</sup> decade, pray

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill and renew all people.*

5<sup>th</sup> decade, pray

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill and renew all creation.*

7. At the end of the Holy Spirit Rosary, pray three times:

*Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One,  
have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

8. End by kissing the crucifix, blessing yourself with the sign of the cross.

### **REVIEW OF DAY:**

What sticks out to you from today's encounter with the Holy Spirit?

How do you think today's encounter with the Holy Spirit will affect your life?

With whom did you share today's encounter? How did they respond?

### **Prayer for the Theological Virtues**

Holy Spirit,  
strengthen my faith;  
increase my hope  
and deepen my love.

### **Further Thoughts:**