

## Suffering – A Precious Gift

The world has indoctrinated people to look at suffering as a curse. Jesus teaches us otherwise. It is time to let Jesus re-indoctrinate you so that you recognize the precious gift of suffering.

### One Day in the Life of a Victim Soul Living in the Divine Will

Lucy hurriedly walked towards the car carrying an armful of schoolbooks and a container of hot water. As she struggled with the door, the container tipped pouring scalding water on her arm. She screeched and tears filled her eyes. But, immediately she muttered words through the tears, "I take this suffering with the gift of the Divine Will, join it to Jesus' sufferings, and offer it to You, Father, for the reparation of the sins of all souls, past, present, and future. Let your Kingdom come!" Even as the tears continued, she continued. "Jesus, I want to take my little suffering and relieve some of the suffering in your Passion when the soldiers whipped you." Her tears slowed. Lucy mentally checked and made any adjustment necessary to her attitude. "I am totally resigned to this suffering. Father, I thank You for this suffering. And, I adore your holy disposition in giving me this suffering." Recognizing that her demeanor should match her attitude, she managed a faint smile as she wiped the last of the tears from her cheek and continued her day.

This should be a typical event in the day for a soul living in the Divine Will according to the revelations given by Jesus to Luisa Piccarreta.

### Offer Your Sufferings

Jesus told Luisa that suffering is the most precious gift that God can give (3/16/04). He explained that every suffering offered to God is a gold coin that you can actually take with you to Heaven, not like the gold coins of this world (5/9/07). Having offered her suffering, Jesus told Luisa that she had shared in his work of Redemption, so she can share in the compensation for his work. He said that He benefits all souls with His suffering, but He can choose to use his compensation to benefit specific souls (8/22/05).

Lucy remembered this and stated, "I want to benefit all souls with this suffering, but I want to specifically benefit my dad."

## Attitude Towards Suffering

Jesus explained to Luisa that a soul needs to have the right attitude towards suffering. He compared suffering to a "citation that notifies the soul to pay some debt." He said the soul can avoid "many inconveniences...like being cited again" if the soul responds to the suffering by (1) resigning herself to his Will, (2) thanking Him, and (3) adoring his holy disposition (3/5/04). Lucy knew to do this because she had fixed it in her mind.

Jesus explained true resignation to God's Will to Luisa. "True resignation, not an imaginary one, does not put things under scrutiny, but adores in silence the divine dispositions" (3/16/04). Lucy did not scrutinize why God let her burn herself- Was this a little purgatory for a past sin? Is God angry with me? Lucy did not analyze the suffering. She had already decided that she would encounter all suffering as a victim soul even if God may be using the suffering for her purification. Lucy also knew the benefit of resignation to her personally. Jesus had told Luisa that "one act of perfect resignation" was enough to purge her of "imperfections, weaknesses, coldnesses and the like" (4/9/04).

Interesting, when Luisa explained this promise to her confessor, he told her, "It is not right- that it is sorrow that purges the soul and that resignation has nothing to do with this." Jesus explained, "My daughter, when it is about voluntary sin, then it takes sorrow; but when it is about imperfections, weaknesses, coldnesses and the like, and the soul has added nothing of her own, then a perfect act of resignation is enough" (4/9/04). Lucy knew that if she demonstrated true resignation, God would remove the weaknesses and imperfections that she had battled for years.

The second attitude towards suffering that Jesus explained to Luisa was thankfulness to God for the suffering. How many people in this world would stop to thank God for a suffering? Quite the opposite is true. People complain and do everything they can to avoid, eliminate, or lessen a suffering. Jesus embraced his suffering. He marched towards Jerusalem even though He knew what was waiting for Him there; when Peter tried to talk Him out of going, He refused the temptation. When He saw his cross, He exclaimed, "Oh beloved cross!" (Hours of Passion- 10:00 am - 11:00 am) Jesus knew that the cross was a precious gift.

Even as Jesus hung on the cross, He refused to lessen his suffering by accepting a drug to dull the pain. Remember this the next time you have a headache. Instead of automatically popping an aspirin into your mouth, ask God if it is his Will for you to suffer the pain without taking drugs- an extreme idea in this world. Jesus refused the drug because He wanted to suffer fully as a victim. So, embrace your sufferings as precious gifts and thank God for them.

Thirdly, Jesus told Luisa to adore God's holy disposition in giving a suffering. Accept the fact that God has the best plan for you and that it is foolish to question why God gives a certain cross at a certain time. Instead, adore God's wisdom in giving you a suffering.

Fix these attitudes in your mind so that you are ready when God gives you a suffering. Despite the fact that the world would teach her otherwise, Lucy had accepted and fixed in her mind *Jesus'* words to Luisa so she would be ready. When the hot water touched her skin, there were no curses, no impatience, no disgust. She accepted the suffering as a victim soul and offered it to the Father. *Then*, she was careful not to ruin the offering. She adopted and maintained the right attitude of true resignation, thankfulness and adoration of *God's* Holy Will.

Why did Lucy make a point of drying her tears and smiling despite the pain? She remembered how once Luisa was enduring terrible sufferings as a victim soul. She was miserable. Jesus appeared to her and told her that she was making Him suffer to see her suffer! He advised her to be cheerful in her suffering (10/10/05). In short, you do not want to offer your suffering to help lessen the sufferings that Jesus endured in his Passion, then turn around and cause Him more suffering by being miserable. Lucy's little smile was telling *Jesus, I'm* going to suffer this cheerfully."

### Suffering is a Gift to be Celebrated

At the end of every day of suffering, you might want to plan a celebration. Jesus told Luisa, "My daughter, among the many titles the cross *has*, it has the title of 'feast *day*', because when one receives a gift, what happens? One makes feast, rejoices and is more content. *Now*, since the cross is the most precious, the noblest gift, and is given by the greatest and most unique Person that exists, it is more pleasing and brings more feast, more gladness than all other gifts" (3/16/04). While the world is celebrating superbowl, celebrities birthdays, and the like, you can have your own private party- private because not many people will want to join you as you celebrate the sufferings you were given that day.

### Privation is the Greatest of All Sufferings

Luisa suffered the crucifixion of Christ many times during her extraordinary life as a victim soul. She had the stigmata of Christ in a hidden form. She came to love suffering so much that she would complain when Jesus would not come to her and share the sufferings of his Passion. Ironically, even as she complained about having no sufferings, she was actually suffering an even greater suffering than the crucifixion- privation. Jesus repeatedly tried to explain this to her. In explaining it to her, He explains it to us.

"My daughter, all other tribulations can be penances, expiations, compensations, but only the privation is pain of fire that ignites, consumes, annihilates, and does not

give up until it sees the human life destroyed. But while it consumes, it vivifies and it constitutes Divine Life in it" (8/6/04). When the fire of Purgatory was compared to the fire of privation of God, the fire of Purgatory disappeared (7/30/04). Luisa herself describes her privation. "Oh, God, what pain! All other pains compared to this are nothing but shadows, or rather, refreshment. Your privation alone can be given the name of pain" (12/3/06). Jesus told Luisa, "There is no other pain that equals it or resembles it either in Heaven or on earth" (12/16/08).

Luisa suffered bitterly when she could not see or hear Jesus, and yet she carried on her work as a victim soul. Even though Lucy is not restricted to a bed and does not suffer the crucifixion, nor does she bear hidden stigmata, she suffers a privation like Luisa's. At times Luisa could hear and see Jesus. Lucy cannot. Yet, she is asked to carry on day after day living in the Divine Will and as a victim soul without ever seeing or hearing Jesus as Luisa did. She is asked to do so in faith- believing in Jesus' words to Luisa. These words are instructions to her as well, teaching her how to live a life that is in striking contrast to the world around her. Lucy's hidden life is as radical as building the ark was in Noah's time. She has no consolation of miracles. She has no spiritual director to encourage her. Even when she experiences lights or answers to prayers, she does so in faith. She does not hear Jesus with her ears. She must hear Him with her heart. Trusting this voice, she must persevere with the help of graces she cannot see. Lucy is suffering a privation greater than Luisa's. She has the greatest of all sufferings to offer as a victim soul along with all the other sufferings that are a part of living in this world. Blessed are those who do not see, but they believe and act on this belief.

So, do not underestimate your ability to be a victim soul. Even little sufferings have redemptive value when you offer them to the Father. And, you have the greatest suffering to offer- privation. Jesus, the greatest of all victims, suffered the most extreme privation. He had come from a glorious life in Heaven, where He enjoyed full communion in the Trinity, to a life of privation on earth. It only makes sense that Jesus, the greatest of all victims, suffered the greatest of all privations. This privation reached an extreme in his Passion. He expressed the agony of this suffering when He cried out to his Father. "My God, why have You abandoned Me?" With this cry, He let us know that He also suffered privation.

### Anything Short of Heaven is a Suffering

In truth, Jesus' entire life from his conception to his death was a suffering. Even in Mary's womb, He suffered. Luisa expressed these sufferings in the Nine Excesses of Love (Volume 1). He came from Heaven and spent nine months in the cramped womb of Mary.

In fact, every moment on earth was a suffering for Jesus. Imagine Him as a young man having a pleasant time talking and laughing with Mary and Joseph. Even this was a suffering. There were no angels surrounding Him. He wore humble clothes. He may have been tired or hungry. He had calluses on his hands from working.

Broaden your understanding of what constitutes a suffering. God made you for Heaven. Anything short of Heaven is a suffering. Even as you take a walk on a beautiful day, you can thank God for the birds, the sun, and the flowers. At the same time, you can offer the suffering of privation for not being able to walk with Him for hundreds of miles in the glory, surrounded by myriads of angels and the saints. Expand your idea of suffering beyond the obvious physical, emotional or spiritual pain because all suffering is a gift from God to be offered back to Him.

### Use the Gift of Suffering

Jesus told Luisa, "My daughter, mortifications, miseries, privations, sufferings, crosses, for those who make use of them, serve for nothing but to impress well my Sanctity in the soul" (5/5/09). The operative words here are "for those who make use of them." If you do not offer the suffering to the Father, you have wasted it. You need to use the gift.

Once Luisa saw a person who was suffering. Jesus told Luisa to advise this person that her sufferings could medicate Him. "Tell her that in the act in which she feels as though dogged by persecutions, by punctures, by sufferings, she should think that I am present with her, and that whatever she suffers she can use to heal and medicate my wounds... This is a great honor that I give her, by giving her, Myself, the medicine to medicate my wounds..." Many purging souls were amazed when they heard Jesus explaining this to Luisa. "Fortunate are all of you to receive so many sublime teachings- that you acquire the merits to medicate a *God*, which surpasses all other merits in merit- and your glory will be distinct from the others, as is Heaven from the earth. Oh, if only we had received these teachings... how many riches we would acquire, which now we do not have!" (10/2/06) God gives us all sufferings that can be used to relieve Jesus' suffering. Do not waste your sufferings. Make use of them. The souls in purgatory would love to have your opportunity to "medicate a God!"

### Mary's Sufferings Can Be Ours

The Blessed Mother is a perfect model of suffering. Jesus told Luisa, "Everyone can share in the merits and in the goods produced by the sorrows of my Mother." Jesus lists these seven sorrows and explains them to Luisa.

A soul can participate in the Mary's first sorrow, the prophecy of Simeon, if a soul "in advance, places herself in the hands of Providence, offering herself to suffer any

kind of pains, miseries, illnesses, calumnies, and everything which the Lord will dispose upon her." Do you have a difficult day ahead, an operation, a test, or a tough job? Offer this suffering "in advance" to God, and share in the merits of Mary's first Sorrow.

Do you find yourself in the midst of suffering without any warning as Lucy did when she burned her arm? Offer the suffering to God with cheerfulness and participate in Mary's second sorrow, the flight to Egypt. Here the soul "actually finds herself amid sufferings, and is resigned, clings more tightly to Me and does not offend Me... as if she were saving Me from the hands of Herod."

In Mary's third sorrow, Jesus was lost in the Temple. If a soul "who feels downhearted, dry and deprived of my presence, and remains yet firm and faithful to her usual practices- even more, she takes the opportunity to love Me and to search for Me more, without tiring," she shares in the merits of Mary's third sorrow.

The fourth sorrow was the arrest of Jesus. If a soul sees Jesus "gravely offended, despised, trampled upon, tries to repair Me, to compassionate Me, and to pray for the very ones who offend Me- it is as if I encountered in that soul my own Mother who, if she could have done it, would have freed Me from my enemies." Are you surrounded by people who offend God with their language, activities, or lack of faith? Comfort God with loving words and pray for those who are offending Him, and you will share in the merits of Mary's fourth sorrow.

The fifth sorrow was the crucifixion. Are you suffering from a serious disease or injury? Offer these to the Father as Jesus offered his sufferings on the cross. Use your suffering to mitigate Jesus' suffering. If a soul "crucifies her senses for love of my crucifixion, and tries to copy the virtues of my crucifixion within herself" she will participate in the fifth sorrow of Mary.

In the sixth sorrow, Jesus was taken down from the cross and laid in Mary's arms. If the soul "is in a continuous attitude of adoring, of kissing my wounds, of repairing, of thanking etc., in the name of all mankind, it is as if she were holding Me in her arms, just as my Mother held Me when I was deposed from the cross." Pray the rounds of the Redemption and the Hours of the Passion on behalf of all souls, and share in the merits of Mary's sixth sorrow.

Mary's seventh sorrow was the burial. If the soul "remains in my grace and corresponds to it, giving a place to no one else but Me within her heart, it is as if she buried Me in the center of her heart." Stay faithful and attentive in your life as a victim soul in the Divine Will, and you will participate in the seventh sorrow of Mary (9/17/05).

Clearly, understanding the sorrows can expand your perception of what constitutes a suffering. As promised by Jesus, a soul can even participate and share in the merits and in the goods produced by Mary's sufferings.

## Life is a Weight

Even on the best of days, life on this earth is difficult and full of obvious and subtle sufferings. Jesus told Luisa that life is a weight, but if a person carries it with Him, "this weight will turn into a treasure... to make him happy for eternity" (2/7/08).

However, you need not wait for Heaven to be happy. Jesus outlined the four "contentments" of a soul. The first is "God alone"; the second, "when the soul, within herself and outside of herself, looks at nothing but God"; the third, when "no created object, nor creatures, nor riches can break the Divine Image within her mind"; and the fourth, "suffering for God... God gives her suffering and the soul gladly suffers- or rather, she desires to suffer more for love of Him... this is the greatest of all contentments" (2/10/05). When you come to terms with the inevitable sufferings that are a part of life, and you can truly smile as you offer them to God as precious gifts, then you can reach the fourth and greatest of all contentments.

## Putting It All Together

You need to use what you learn.

Lucy was required to read an essay in her college English class glorifying homosexuality. She was disgusted. In the English class she quietly listened to the professor and the students discuss homosexuality as an alternative lifestyle, normal, and other politically correct rhetoric. Most of the students joined the professor in glorifying homosexuality. Two girls were particularly vocal. A few, including Lucy, sat silent. Lucy was very uncomfortable and recognized this as a suffering to be offered. She made the offering. She was silent because she knew that the work of living in the Divine Will is a hidden life. However, the discussion was so offensive that she finally asked Jesus, "Do You want to speak?", and He said, "Yes." She raised her hand. She told the group that the author of the essay had an agenda to try to convince people that homosexuality was a normal lifestyle. However, she stated, "Homosexuality is abnormal." The professor and some of the students were upset with Lucy. *But*, with Lucy's words the class came to an end. The professor only had time to tell the class that she was not going to end the discussion with Lucy's words. "We will certainly continue this discussion at the next class."

Lucy was ready for the next English class- ready if Jesus wanted to speak again, or ready if He wanted to be silent. However, as she walked into the building she discovered that the professor had cancelled the class. The next class would be on Monday. She thought about the situation over the weekend, but was determined not to plan her action. She wanted Jesus to be free to move in her movement, speak in her speaking, or be silent in her silence. Before going into the class on Monday, she

prayed, "Father, I offer up any suffering that I will suffer in this class to You for the reparation of the sins of all souls. And, if I am attacked, humiliated, or ridiculed, I want to alleviate your sufferings, Jesus, as you hung on the cross humiliated and ridiculed by the crowd." Lucy walked into her class. The English professor never spoke another word about the discussion from the previous class.

Looking at this situation from the perspective of living in the Divine Will as a victim soul, Lucy did all the right things. She recognized a suffering, she offered it to God, and maintained the right attitude. Recognizing that living in the Divine Will is for the most part a hidden life, she asked Jesus if He wished to speak. She had in the back of her mind the words Jesus once spoke to Luisa. "As much as you can, do not neglect to manifest this naked and simple truth... always complying to the obedience of the one who directs you; but as the opportunity arises, manifest the truth" (9/16/06). So, Lucy did the right thing. She asked Jesus if He wanted to speak, listened to his voice, and obeyed. She allowed Him to speak the "naked and simple" truth, not a "covered and veiled" version of the truth, which is offensive to God and does not allow the person who receives it to be "touched by the naked truth"; "the most powerful magnet to draw hearts" (9/16/06).

Why did the problem go away? Why did the professor not go after Lucy at the next class? Maybe the naked and simple truth had its affect. Or, maybe the demons that inspire souls to be rabid defenders of the sin of homosexuality had changed their mind about stirring up this battle with Christ. The demons know the power of a victim soul. Once when the devil threatened Luisa, she encouraged him to go find a stick to beat her. "Each drop of blood I shed be one more proof of love, of reparation and of glory which I intend to give to my God." Luisa heard the devil discussing her with another demon. "It is useless for us to go back. Why should we beat her, if this must serve to harm us, and as a loss for us? It is good to make suffer one who does not want to suffer, because he would offend God; but if one wants to suffer, we would do harm to ourselves with our own hands." The demons left Luisa (5/28/04). Lucy had taken the time to offer the suffering, in advance. Like Luisa, if she suffered, she had decided it would be for the glory of God. If Lucy suffered at the hands of her classmates and the professor, the demons would have done harm to themselves. It was a win-win opportunity for Lucy. And, since she had offered her suffering in advance, she could even share in the first sorrow of Mary, the prophesy of Simeon.

Lucy did not suffer any humiliation in English class that Monday. But, there were other sufferings to offer that day- in the biology class where she was told her ancestors were sponges and apes; and the theater class where the professor used profanity and encouraged promiscuity and drinking. Lucy was ready. Her liberal college was a goldmine of suffering. And, Lucy had it planted firmly in her mind that she was going to take advantage of this and use every suffering as a precious gift to offer back to God, gold coins she could take to heaven (5/9/07). Knowing this, a victim soul should be able to smile in the midst of all suffering.

God wants victim souls in the convents and monasteries, but He also wants them out in the world. A victim soul with the gift of the Divine Will gives Jesus a new opportunity in this day and age to eat and drink with the sinners. Lucy's position is



not unique. Whether you are at a school or at the workplace, we are all called to be victim souls. Suffering surrounds us. *But*, it is not enough to know and understand the gift of suffering; you need to put in practice what you know.

### Power of the Victim Souls

Understand how important the role of victim souls is especially in our times. "This is the order of my Providence, of my Justice and my Love- that in each time I must have at least one with whom I might share all *goods*, and that the creature must give Me everything she owes Me as creature. Otherwise, why maintain the world? In one moment I would shatter it. This is precisely why I choose victim souls" (9/4/05).

"My daughter, human perfidy has reached such a point as to exhaust my Mercy on its part. But my goodness is so great as to constitute daughters of Mercy, so that on the part of creatures also, this attribute may not be exhausted. These are the victims who are in full ownership of the Divine Will, having destroyed their own" (6/20/04).

Luisa would plead with Jesus to take her to Heaven. Jesus refused and made it clear how important it was for Luisa, as a victim soul, to remain on earth. "You must know that all Europe lays on your shoulders, and the good or bad outcome for Europe depends on your sufferings" (3/12/04).

Another time Luisa saw two pillars in the hands of *Jesus*, and He was leaning on Luisa quite heavily. "I understood that those pillars were the Church and the world... but if good Jesus has no place on which to lean *them*, He will soon tire of keeping them suspended in His hands – and woe! ... but such woes as to be horrifying. They are such and so many, that I believe it is better to keep them in silence" (7/10/07).

There have been victim souls throughout the ages. However, a victim soul with the gift of living in the Divine Will is infinitely powerful. With the gift, the suffering of the victim becomes divine, as if Jesus Himself is suffering anew. These sufferings are multiplied over all souls past, present, and future.

### Victim Souls Can Negotiate With God

Jesus told Luisa, "It is not licit for creatures to fight with my Justice. Only for one who has the title of victim is it licit, not only to fight, but to play with Justice; and this, because in fighting or playing, one easily suffers blows, defeats and losses, and the victim is ready to receive the blows upon herself, and to resign herself in the defeats and losses, without caring about her losses, about her sufferings, but only

about the glory of God and the good of her neighbor. If I wanted to placate Myself, I have my victim here, who is ready to fight and to receive all the fury of my Justice upon herself" (4/21/04).

Many times Luisa would witness a chastisement unfolding and would beg Jesus to spare souls. Once when she was pleading with Jesus to extend His Mercy, God the Father appeared and Luisa was told to "present yourself to my Father and see what He tells you." Luisa presented herself "all trembling." The Father told her that it was necessary to pour out His Justice and, after, His Justice "will produce abundant fruits of Mercy." Luisa continued to appeal to the Father as a servant before her absolute Master. "Don't You want to give anything of what this poor little one has asked of You?" After a silence, God the Father decided to lessen the number of chastisements. "For love of you, instead of doing ten, I will do five" (4/16/04).

Now, one hundred years later, the need for victims to intercede for souls is even greater. The fury of God's Justice is being unleashed on our sinful world like never before. The evil in the world is so extreme that victim souls will not be able to prevent the coming chastisements, but negotiate with God for mitigation.

#### Look at Suffering From God's Perspective

Don't look at sufferings like the world does. "My daughter, one who takes the cross according to human views finds it muddy, and therefore heavier and more bitter... the human views are without grace, strength and light, therefore she has the boldness to say: 'Why did that person do that wrong to me? Why did this one cause me this displeasure, this calumny?' And the soul fills herself with indignation, with anger, with revenge, and so the cross becomes muddy, dark, heavy and bitter" (11/20/09).

Look at the cross from God's perspective. "On the other hand, one who takes the cross according to divine views finds it full of light, light and sweet... The divine views are full of grace, of strength and of light, therefore she does not have the boldness to say: 'Lord, why did you do this to me?' On the contrary, she humbles herself, she resigns herself, and the cross becomes light and brings her light and sweetness" (11/20/09).

God handpicks your sufferings as special gifts for you. Jesus called them gifts from the groom to honor the bride. "So I do with my beloved spouses. The love I have for them is so great that I trust no one; I am even forced to act as their executioner- but a loving executioner. And so now I give her a wash, now a comb; now I clothe her a little more beautifully, now I bejewel her- but not with the gems that come from the earth, which are things all superficial; rather, with the gems that I make come out from the depth of her soul, from the most intimate parts, and which are formed at the touch of my fingers that creates suffering; and from suffering come the gems. It converts the will into gold, and this will converted into gold by my own hands, will

send out all kinds of things; the most beautiful crowns, the most magnificent garments, the most fragrant flowers, the most pleasant melodies. And with my own hands, as I have them produced, I keep arranging them to adorn her more and more, All this happens with suffering souls; so, am I not right in telling you: "Too great for you the honor'?" (4/1/09) You are the beloved spouse of God. He handpicks every suffering He gives you as a groom carefully selects precious gifts for his bride. Get into the habit of telling Him, "Thank you, my love, for this suffering. It's beautiful." Show your love and thankfulness to God.

"My daughter, it is really so, the cross alone is that which makes one know whether he really loves the Lord- but a cross carried with patience and resignation, because where there is patience and resignation in crosses, there is divine life. Since nature is so reluctant to suffering, if there is patience, it cannot be something natural, but divine, and the soul no longer loves the Lord with her love alone, but united with the love of the divine life" (2/16/08).

### Living in the Divine Will Surpasses Suffering

Do not be alarmed if your sufferings begin to disappear. Jesus told Luisa, "My daughter, everything that happens around and inside the soul- bitternesses, pleasures, contrasts, deaths, privations, contentments, and other things- is nothing other than my continuous crafting so that my Will may be fulfilled and carried out in her. When I obtain this, all is done, and therefore everything gives the soul peace. It seems that even suffering wants to stay away from her, in seeing that the Divine Volition is greater than it is, and that It holds in her the place of everything, surpassing everything" (9/20/13).

In short, suffering may disappear, in part, because you reach a point where you no longer consider suffering a negative experience. It truly becomes a handpicked gift from God to celebrate. Maybe it disappears, in part, because you no longer focus on the suffering itself, but on the good that comes from suffering. However, this passage goes beyond this. Jesus told Luisa that suffering disappears because living in the Divine Will is greater than suffering. Reaching the point where you sacrifice your will in every moment to the Divine Volition substitutes for everything and surpasses everything. "When the soul reaches this point- of using everything in order to let Me accomplish the crafting of my Will- once this is done, I prepare her for Heaven" (9/20/13). As Jesus explained to Luisa, "Her life is more in Heaven than on earth. This is the fruit that my Will produces- to beatify her in advance" (5/3/08).

Notice in the passage also that Jesus does not differentiate, but mixes "bitternesses, pleasure, contrasts, death, privations, contentments." They all come from God, so they are all precious gifts. Jesus goes on to tell Luisa, "True and solid sanctity consists of receiving anything which may happen to her or which she may

be doing, be it even the most indifferent thing, as a specialty of divine love." If is an enjoyment, Jesus "loves her to the point of giving her pleasure even in material things." If it is a suffering, it is a specialty of love Jesus produces "in order to make her similar to Himself in mortification, giving her, Himself, a little coin that she can offer to Him." Jesus continues, "A specialty of divine love if she is humiliated, if she is exalted, if she is healthy, if she is infirm, if she is poor or rich. A specialty of love her breathing, her sight, her speech – everything, everything; and just as she must receive everything- everything as a specialty of divine love, she must give everything back to God as a special love of hers. So, she must receive the wave of the love of *God*, and must give to God the wave of her love. Oh, what a sanctifying bath is this wave of love! It purifies her, it sanctifies her, it makes her advance without her realizing it; it is a life more of Heaven than of earth" (1/5/07). Everything, including suffering, is a precious gift from a God who loves you. However, even suffering disappears for a soul in the immensity of living in the Divine Will.

#### Embrace the Mission of Victim in the Divine Will

Luisa once questioned Jesus about how much time was left before He would take her to Heaven. He told her, "Indeed, very little." She complained, "Your little can be ten...or twenty years. I am already forty-two." And Jesus, "That is not true; your years begin from the moment you began to be a victim" (7/10/07). The world will tell you that you have not lived until you have made a million, obtained a *degree*, seen the world... Do not listen to the world. Listen to Jesus. You begin to really live when you begin to be a victim.

There have been victim souls throughout the ages. However, now that God has given us the gift of living in the Divine Will, you can take the role of victim to the divine level. Embrace the mission of victim with the gift of the Divine Will.