

F&S (Fun and Serious)

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†††JMJ††† **Humor for today** †††JMJ†††

What question can you never answer with a yes? “*Are you sleeping?*”

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How do you name three consecutive days without using the words Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday?

Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow!

†††JMJ††† **Short meditation for today** †††JMJ†††

Be abject in your own eyes, and esteem yourself happy to be regarded so by others. Do not exalt yourself on account of the gifts of God. Then you will be perfectly humble. – *Saint Bonaventure*

Saint Magdalene of Pazzi persuade herself that she was the most miserable of creatures, that there is nothing on earth more abominable than herself. Her great humility made her exaggerate her least falls, so that others might have the same opinion of her. It was a great torment to so humble a soul to hear herself praised, to see herself esteemed. She was most unhappy when she was unable to hide the favors which Our Lord granted her as a sign of His love and of her predilection.

Another Saint attributed to her sins all those committed by others. She said she resembled the demon on account of her pride and ingratitude.

Prayer

Lord, have compassion on the greatest of sinners, on beholding that I detest my sins because they owe friend Thee Who art my Father, my God.

†††JMJ††† **Today's reflection from the *Imitation of Christ*** †††JMJ†††

Whosoever is not ready to suffer all things, and to stand resigned to the will of his Beloved, is not worth it to be called a lover. He that loveth must willingly embrace all that is hard and bitter for the sake of his Beloved, and never suffer himself to be turned away from Him by any contrary occurrences whatsoever.

†††JMJ††† **A Scripture quote for today** †††JMJ†††

But the Lord is the true God.

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Is God Cruel? The Purpose of Sorrow and Suffering.

“If God is not a cruel tyrant why does He send sorrow and calamity to nations and individuals?” This question raises no light difficulty but a very real and formidable problem which is as old as the world and will continue to be a problem as long as the world endures, the problem, namely, of evil, the problem of sorrow and suffering.

At certain periods in the world's history men are inclined to inquire: “If there is a Power on high Who cares for humanity, why does He permit earthquakes, famines, and wars? If there is a Ruler of the world, why does He allow these terrible occurrences which at times plunge individuals and whole nations into misery?” These reflections come to every man, particularly in moments of affliction, and it is a fair question which any man, good or bad, may well ask. Before we reply to the question let us, of course, admit the existence of evil and of pain in the world. If the purpose of our lives were our happiness in this world, then we could not reconcile pain with God's goodness. If men were not immortal, then, in the presence of human misery, certainly we would have to conclude that God is cruel. If we grant man was intended for future happiness, however, a very different light is then thrown upon sorrow and suffering, for these serve as constant reminders of the next world where man's final happiness lies.

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My prayer for everyone; and especially for those on my email list: “May the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and St. Joseph grant you and yours all of the Joys, Graces, and Blessings necessary to live and die in the state of Sanctifying grace in perfect Uniformity with God’s Most Holy Will. May you know the truth and live and die in the True Church having obtained that degree of holiness it is God’s Will you obtain.”

I will pray an extra 15-decade Rosary every Sunday and Holyday throughout the year for those who are on my email list.

Thank you for all of your prayers, penances, and sacrifices for me.

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