

4th Day – Life From the Spirit of the Beatitudes

Mt 5:1-12

When He saw the crowds, He went up to the mountain. After He sat down, His disciples came to Him. He began to teach them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you, persecute you, utter every kind of evil against you, falsely, because of Me. Rejoice, and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. They persecuted the prophets who were before you.

From the Life of the Young Congregation

The patient was haunted by fear. She urged him to have trust in God, prayed with him, encouraged him and stayed with him until midnight.

The poor patient was consoled and his fears disappeared. With joyful heart and brightened face, he thanked the Sister for her visit (*Rekindle the gift of God that is within you, Issue IV, Page 46.*)

Prayer

God, our Father, Your Son Jesus Christ taught us to see God Himself, in their neighbor.

Let us, like Mother Alphonse Marie, to deeper understand Your Word and to act accordingly: “Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of Mine, you did for Me” (*Mt 25:40*).

Daily prayer

Lord, our God,

You gifted Mother Alphonse Marie

with the grace of being powerfully attracted

to the mystery of the Cross,

even in her most tender years.

In this mystery, she perceived Your merciful love for all Your children.

You inspired her to found a Congregation to manifest that love through serving those who suffer in body or in spirit.

Through the Eucharist, You gave her the strength to participate in the work of the Redemption.

May we be transformed by the love of Christ the Redeemer, even as she was;

and may our lives be a witness

of Your great love to all those we encounter.

Hear the prayers that we present through her intercession...

and if it be Your will, grant that we may soon venerate

Mother Alphonse Marie among the Blessed. Amen.

