**The Act of Oblation to Merciful Love**June 9, 1895 by St. Therese of the Child Jesus and of the Holy Face

O MY GOD! Blessed Trinity, I desire to Love you and make you Loved,  
To work for the glory of the Holy Church  
By saving souls on earth and by liberating those suffering in purgatory.  
I desire to accomplish your will perfectly  
And to reach the degree of glory that you have prepared for me in Your Kingdom.  
I desire, in a word, to be Holy, but I feel my powerlessness  
And I beg you, O my God! to be yourself my Holiness!

You loved me so much that you gave me your only Son  
To be my Savior and my Spouse.  
The infinite treasures of his merits are mine.  
I offer them to you with gladness.  
Look on me through the Face of Jesus and in his Heart burning with Love.

I offer you, too, all the merits of the saints in Heaven and on earth,  
Their acts of Love, and those of the Holy Angels.

Finally, I offer You, O Blessed Trinity!  
The Love and merits of the Blessed Virgin, my cherished Mother.  
To her, I entrust my offering completely, imploring her to present it to you.  
Her Divine Son, my Beloved Spouse, during his earthly life declared:  
“Whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give to you!”  
I am certain, therefore, that you will grant my desires; I know it, O my God!  
The more you want to give, the more you make us desire.  
I feel in my heart immense desires and  
With confidence I ask you to come and take possession of my soul.  
Ah! I cannot receive Holy Communion as often as I desire,  
But, Lord, are you not all-powerful?  
Remain in me as in a tabernacle and never separate yourself from your little victim.

I want to console you for the ingratitude of the wicked, and  
I beg you to take my freedom to displease you away.  
If through weakness I sometimes fall,  
May your Divine Glance cleanse my soul immediately,  
Consuming all my imperfections like fire that transforms everything into itself.

I thank You, O my God! for all the graces that you have granted me,  
Especially the grace of making me pass through the crucible of suffering.  
With joy I shall contemplate you on the Last Day  
Carrying the scepter of your Cross.  
Since you have chosen to give me a share in this very precious Cross,  
I hope in heaven to resemble you  
and to see shining in my glorified body the sacred stigmata of your Passion.

After earth’s Exile, I hope to go and enjoy you in the Fatherland,  
But I do not want to lay up merits for heaven.  
I want to work for your Love Alone with the one purpose of pleasing you:  
To console your Sacred Heart, and to save souls who will love you forever.

In the evening of this life, I shall appear before you with empty hands.  
Lord, I do not ask you to count my works.  
All our justice is stained in your eyes.  
I wish, then, to be clothed in your own Justice  
And by your Love to receive you as my eternal possession.  
No other Throne, no other Crown do I want but you, my Beloved!

Time is nothing in your eyes, and a single day is like a thousand years.  
You can, then, in an instant prepare me to appear before You.

Finally, in order to live in an act of perfect Love,  
I offer myself as a victim of holocaust to your Merciful Love.  
I beg you to consume me incessantly.  
Allow the waves of infinite tenderness shut up within you to overflow into my soul.  
In this way, make me become a Martyr of your Love, O my God!

In the end, after it has prepared me to appear before you, may this martyrdom make me die.  
May my soul take its flight without delay  
Into the eternal embrace of your Merciful Love.

I want, O my Beloved, with each beat of my heart  
to renew this offering to you an infinite number of times,  
until the shadows are no more, and  
I am able tell you of my Love in an Eternal Face to Face!