

Praises of the Soul to the Lord



Paragraph 2639 - V. Prayer of Praise

2639 Praise is the form of prayer which recognizes most immediately that **God is God**. It lauds **God** for his own sake and gives him glory, quite beyond what he does, but simply because **HE IS**. It shares in the blessed happiness of the pure of heart who love God in faith before seeing him in glory. By praise, the Spirit is joined to our spirits to bear witness that we are children of God,¹²¹ testifying to the only Son in whom we are adopted and by whom we glorify the Father. Praise embraces the other forms of prayer and carries them toward him who is its source and goal: the “one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist.”¹²² (213)... CCC

Ecclesiasticus 17:27

Give thanks whilst thou art living, whilst thou art alive and in health thou shalt give thanks, and shalt praise God, and shalt glory in his mercies.

FROM THE BOOK OF HEAVEN

¼ – January 5, 1901 - After this, He Transported me outside of myself, and Blessed Jesus gave me a Kiss. As He was doing this, a Bitter Breath came out, and He was in the Act of Wanting to Pour His Bitternesses; but He did not do it, because He Wanted to be told by me to do it. Immediately I said: 'Do You Want some Reparation? Let us do it together; in this way my reparations, United to Yours, will have the Effects of Yours, for if I do them on my own I believe they will disgust You more.' So I took His Hand, Dripping with Blood, and Kissing it, I Rrecited the Laudate Dominum [Praise the Lord] with the Gloria Patri [Glory Be] – Jesus one part, I the other – to Repair for the many evil works that are committed, placing the Intention of Praising Him as many times for as many offenses as He receives because of evil works. How Moving it was to see Jesus Praying! Then I continued to do the same to the other Hand, Placing the Intention of Praising Him as many times for as many offenses as He receives because of sins of causes. Then, His Feet, with the Intention of Praising Him as many times for as many evil steps and as many wrong paths which are covered, even under the appearance of Piety and Sanctity. Lastly, His Heart, with the Intention of Praising Him for as many times as the human heart does not Palpitate, does not Love, and does not Desire God. My Beloved Jesus seemed all Refreshed by these Reparations Done Together with Him,...

¼ – October 3, 1901 - 'My Most Beloved Jesus, I offer You my heart for your Satisfaction and in Eternal Praise of You; and I offer You all of myself, even the tiniest particles of my body like as many walls to be Placed before You in order to block any offense which might be given to You, accepting them all upon myself if it were possible, and for Your Pleasure, until the Day of Judgment. And since I want my offering to be Complete and to Satisfy You for all, I Intend for all the pains which I will bear by receiving upon myself the offenses given to You, to Repay You with all the Glory which the Saints who are in Heaven were Supposed to give You when they were on earth; that which the souls in Purgatory were Supposed to give You, and that Glory which all men, past, present and future, owe You. I offer them to

You for all in general, and for each one in particular.' As I finished speaking, all Moved by this offering, Blessed Jesus told me: "My Beloved, you yourself cannot Understand the great Contentment you have given Me by offering yourself in this way. You have Soothed All My Wounds, and have given Me a Satisfaction for all offenses, past, present and future. And I will take it into Account for All Eternity Like a Most Precious Gem which will Glorify Me Eternally; and every time I will Look at it, I will Give you New and greater Eternal Glory. My daughter, there is no greater obstacle which prevents the Union between creatures and Myself, and which is opposed to My Grace, than one's own will. You, by offering me your heart for My Satisfaction, have Emptied yourself of yourself; and because of your Emptying yourself of yourself, I will Pour All of Myself into you, and from your heart a Praise will Come to Me which will Carry the Same Notes as the Praise that My Heart Gives to My Father Continuously, to Satisfy for the Glory that men do not give Him."

While He was saying this, I saw that by means of my offering, Many Rivulets were Coming Out of every part of me, which Poured Over Blessed Jesus, who then, with Impetus and greater Abundance, Pour them over the Whole Celestial Court, over Purgatory and over All peoples. Oh, Goodness of my Jesus, in Accepting such a meager offering, and Requiting it with So Much Grace! Oh, Prodigy of the Holy and Pious Intentions! If in all our works, even trivial, we made use of them, What Traffic would we not Produce? How Many Eternal Properties would we not Acquire? How Much More Glory would we not Give to the Lord?