

23. *May the Cross strengthen the bonds of charity and conform us to the divine Hearts.*

“May the Cross which united heaven and earth serve to strengthen more and more the bonds of charity which have united us since in Jesus Christ our Lord. May it always serve the glory of God and our advancement in perfection. If we are united here in the Cross, we will be even more intimately united in glory. This is where all our desires should tend, and we will count for very little all that we can endure on earth. Without wishing to foresee what God intends for us, accept without reserve all the sufferings of mind and body that he deigns to send us, his good pleasure must be always ours.

May God have mercy on us. May we grow each day in his Love and mark our love for him through the holiest works and the most perfect conformity to his good pleasure in all things. All yours in the Lord and his most holy Mother. Let us prepare for the great feast of Mary”.

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“The Societies of the Heart of Jesus and of the [Heart] of Mary must have a share in their pains and sufferings. Was it not right that those who are at the head take part in it first? (...) If it pleases Him to send us more crosses, let us rejoice; he will help us find salvation, strength and perfection there”.

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“But let us have confidence, God will come to our help in the most fitting time and then our sorrow will be changed to joy. And later in Heaven, the hand of the Lord will wipe away our tears and make us reap the fruit of our sufferings. Let us therefore love the Cross”.

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