



# GOD HAS RECONCILED US TO HIMSELF THROUGH CHRIST AND GIVEN US THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

*From the commentary on the second letter to the Corinthians by Saint Cyril of Alexandria, bishop*

Those who have a sure hope, guaranteed by the Spirit, that they will rise again lay hold of what lies in the future as though it were already present. They say: Outward appearances will no longer be our standard in judging other men. Our lives are all controlled by the Spirit now, and are not confined to this physical world that is subject to corruption. The light of the Only-begotten has shone on us, and we have been transformed into the Word, the source of all life. While sin was still our master, the bonds of death had a firm hold on us, but now that the righteousness of Christ has found a place in our hearts we have freed ourselves from our former condition of corruptibility.

This means that none of us lives in the flesh anymore, at least not in so far as living in the flesh means being subject to the weaknesses of the flesh, which include corruptibility. *Once we thought of Christ as being in the flesh, but we do not do so any longer*, says Saint Paul. By this he meant that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us; he suffered death in the flesh in order to give all men life. It was in this flesh that we knew him before, but we do so no longer. Even though he remains in the flesh, since he came to life again on the third day and is now with his Father in heaven, we know that he has passed beyond the life of the flesh; *for having died once, he will never die again, death has no power over him any more. His death was a death to sin, which he died once for all;*

*his life is life with God.*

Since Christ has in this way become the source of life for us, we who follow in his footsteps must not think of ourselves as living in the flesh any longer, but as having passed beyond it. Saint Paul's saying is absolutely true that *when anyone is in Christ he becomes a completely different person: his old life is over and a new life has begun*. We have been justified by our faith in Christ and the power of the curse has been broken. Christ's coming to life again for our sake has put an end to the sovereignty of death. **We have come to know the true God and to worship him in spirit and in truth, through the Son, our mediator, who sends down upon the world the Father's blessings.**

And so Saint Paul shows deep insight when he says: *This is all God's doing: it is he who has reconciled us to himself through Christ*. For the mystery of the incarnation and the renewal it accomplished could not have taken place without the Father's will. Through Christ we have gained access to the Father, for as Christ himself says, no one comes to the Father except through him. *This is all God's doing*, then. *It is he who has reconciled us to himself through Christ, and who has given us the ministry of reconciliation.*



## THE CHRISTIAN ...

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are persecuted by the Greeks, yet no one can explain the reason for this hatred.

To speak in general terms, we may say that the Christian is to the world what the soul is to the body. As the soul is present in every part of the body, while remaining distinct from it, so Christians are found in all the cities of the world, but cannot be identified with the world. As the visible body contains the invisible soul, so Christians are seen living in the world, but their religious life remains unseen. The body hates the soul and wars against it, not because of any injury the soul has done it, but because of the restriction the soul places on its pleasures. Similarly, the world hates the Christians, not because they have done it any wrong, but because they are opposed to its enjoyments.

Christians love those who hate them just as the soul loves the body and all its members despite the body's hatred. It is by the soul, enclosed within the body, that the body is held together; and similarly, it is by the Christians, detained in the world as in a prison, that the world is held together. The soul, though immortal, has a mortal dwelling place; and Christians also live for a time amidst perishable things, while awaiting the freedom from change and decay that will be theirs in heaven. As the soul benefits from the deprivation of food and drink, so Christians flourish under persecution. Such is the Christian's lofty and divinely appointed function, from which he is not permitted to excuse himself.

## Healing Prayers

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that we may realize their vanity but use it only for Your greater glory and our own salvation. Teach us to want no one else but You. To possess You is sufficient enough, nothing else matters but in Christ alone is everything. Sanctify our souls, Spirit Divine, that we may reach our heavenly reward. In Jesus' Holy Name with Mary, our Lady of Grace, we pray. Amen.

**O** glorious King of heaven and earth, how great thou art! You love us so much that you did not want to leave us empty handed and hopeless. That is why you sent the Spirit of Truth to guide us in knowing all the truth. Jesus, you are the redeeming sacrifice that was slain and raised up by the Father. Blessed are you for the salvation you won for us. You instituted the Holy Eucharist to serve as the lifeline of the Catholic Church with the Pope, bishops, clergies, the modern day apostles and all the faithful ones who labor and toil as pilgrims in this world. We praise your name O divine Savior for making us worthy to receive the benefits from the friendship you established between us and the Father. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we are rendered to be knowledgeable of the things that pleases you. We are drawn to your grace in every circumstances in our lives. We will always remain in your love and abide by word; constantly mindful of your commandments and repentant for every sin we commit daily. Lord, you alone can wipe every tear from our eyes. You alone can bring us true joy and constant hope from the infinite love and mercy you blessed us with. We are forever grateful and ever zealous in worshipping you in spirit and in truth for the glory of the Father in heaven. O Virgin Mary of the Most Blessed Sacrament, pray for enlightenment of the ignorant and misinformed and for healing of the sick and of the whole world. Amen.



*Hail, Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee.*

*Blessed art thou among women  
and blessed is the fruit  
of thy womb, Jesus.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour  
of our death. Amen.*

## Healing Prayers

Lord Jesus, to completely understand you and your teaching is impossible for me to do. You are unlimited while I am subjected to my human limitation. Thank you for assuring me the Holy Spirit who will teach me about the truth. I know that as I live, the Holy Spirit gradually unfolds your message speaking to me at every appropriate times in my life guiding and making clear your message. Allow me to clearly hear and see the Good Spirit everyday of my life.

Come, O Holy Spirit, illumine us with Your light, inflame our hearts with Your love, guide and counsel us into all Your supernatural truths---the white, unblemished dove, the breath of air, rush of wind that blows wherever it wills & tongues of fire are such Your realities and manifestations for us, followers who seek to come closer to You. Send forth Your seven-fold gifts---knowledge, understanding, fortitude, wisdom, piety, counsel & fear of the Lord that we may perceive the Will of the Father. Show us the nothingness of earthly things,

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## Servant's Prayer

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Jesus, present and alive in the Sacrament of Love, you said to your apostles; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, drive out demons and strengthen the weak. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.

You are my hands, my heart, my voice and my feet.

Go forth and become fishers of men.

Offer your time, talent and treasure to those in need.

Spread my word and proclaim my Eucharistic Kingdom.

Abide in my love and remain in my word so you will have eternal life.

Here we are O Lord, ready to do your will. Amen.

## Prayer Requests

**"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest." (Matt 11:28)**

Lord, we lift up to you all prayer intentions of our brothers and sisters who need your healing love and presence, especially those petitions we received through <http://EucharisticLove.org>, <http://2000HailMarys.org> and individual forms submitted during our community services.

**Dear Lord,  
we thank you  
for all  
the blessings  
you showered  
upon us  
and all  
answered prayers.**

# HEALING THROUGH THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ACTIVITY	WHEN	VENUE
Healing Service with Eucharistic Celebration	Every First Monday of the month 8:00 PM	Resurrection Parish - St. Bridget Church
Healing Service with Eucharistic Adoration	All other Mondays of the month 8:00 PM	Resurrection Parish - St. Bridget Church
2000 Hail Mary's with Eucharistic Celebration	Every last Saturday of the month 8:30 AM	Resurrection Parish - St. Bridget Church
Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration	Every second Saturday of the month 9:00 AM	Resurrection Parish - St. Bridget Church
	Every Monday before 2000 Hail Mary's 8:30 PM	

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