

Jesus wants a continuous attitude of sacrifice in the soul.

After spending several days of almost total privation of my highest and only Good, days accompanied by hardness of heart, without even being able to cry over my great loss, though I offered to God even that loss, saying to Him:

'Lord, accept it as a sacrifice; You alone can soften this heart of mine, so hard' –

Finally, after long suffering, my dear Queen Mama came, carrying the celestial Baby on Her lap, wrapped in a little cloth, all shivering. She placed Him in my arms, **telling me:**

"My daughter, warm Him with your affections.

Because my Son was born

- in extreme poverty,*
- in the complete abandonment of men, and*
- in highest mortification."*

Oh, how pretty He was, with such a celestial beauty!

I took Him in my arms and I clasped Him to myself to warm Him, because He was almost numb with cold, since He had nothing else to cover Him but one little cloth.

After I warmed Him as much as I could, my tender little Baby, moving His purple lips, told me:

"Do you promise Me always to be victim for love of Me, just as I am for love of you?"

And I: 'Yes, my little Treasure, I promise You.'

And He: "I am not content with the word, I want an oath, and also an underwriting with your blood."

And I: 'If obedience wants it, I will do it.'

He seemed to be all content, ***He and added:***

"From the moment I was born, I always kept my Heart offered in sacrifice,

- to glorify the Father,***
- for the conversion of sinners, and***
- for the people who surrounded Me,***

and who were my most faithful companions in my pains.

In the same way, I want your heart to be in this continuous attitude,

- offered in spirit of sacrifice for these three purposes." (...)