

NOVENA TO SAINT JOHN PAUL II

DAY 6 – SIN

The greatest suffering of mankind and of every single individual is sin. There is no greater pain that you can inflict upon a soul than to plunge it into a state of mortal sin.

Sin does not come to a conclusion when it reaches the limits of a person's conscience, when it is enclosed by them. It is etched deeply into one's very essence as it relates to God. This relationship is, however, redemptive - that is, it means that "I", a person, do not remain alone with my guilt. God, who is in a way an eye witness to my sin (even though not a visible one) is with me, but not only to judge me.

It's true He judges me with the very internal judgment of my conscience, if it has not been silenced and depraved. However, this very judgment is already redemptive. Calling evil by its name means (in some way) I've already severed the bond with it, distanced myself from it, even though at the same time I know that this evil, this sin does not cease to be my sin.

However, even though my sin is directed against God, God does not come forward against me. In the moment of an internal tension of a human conscience, God does not render a judgment, does not condemn. God waits for me to turn to Him as a loving justice, as a loving Father, just as in the parable of the prodigal son, so that I may reveal my sin to Him, and express my trust in Him. In this way, we pass from an examination of conscience to that which constitutes the essence of a conversion and reconciliation with God.

Let us pray:

**God our Father,
sin is a prod that causes pain and kills
sanctifying grace.**

**In Your concept of salvation,
suffering is the way leading to You.
Your Son, through His free will, passion, and
death on the cross,
took upon Himself all the evil of sin,
and gave suffering a whole new meaning;
He introduced it into the order of love.**

**In the name of this Love
that was able to assume suffering without any
guilt, we ask You that Saint John Paul II,
marked with the stigmata of martyrdom
while serving the people of God,
will intercede for us all.**

**Through His intercession, grant this special
grace... Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.**

**Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory be...
Litany....**

