

With Mary, she who believed

When inside the hospital of Santo Spirito, in Rome it was prohibited for the Sisters of Charity to speak of God, Sister Agostina, managed to find in secret, a small hidden corner where to place the statue of the Virgin Mary.

On the 13th November 1894 when Romanelli took her by surprise and stabbed her without giving her the chance to escape, only invocations to the Virgin and words of pardon escaped from Sr. Agostina's lips ..

Psalm 26 Refrain : Yahweh is my light and my salvation, alleluia!

You did not want neither offering
nor sacrifice,
you opened my ears;
you do not ask for holocaust
nor victims
So I said: « Here I am Lord ».

In the book, is written for me
what he wants me to do.
My God, this is what I love:
your law holds me on to you.

I did not escape your justice
at the bottom of my heart,
I have not hidden your fidelity,
your health; I have repeated your
love and your truth

You Lord,
do not hold back from me your
kindness;
may your love and truth
guard me incessantly!

I am poor and unfortunate,
but the Lord thinks of me.
You are my saviour my liberator:
my God do not delay!

**Refrain : Yahweh is my light and
my salvation, Alleluia !**

Let us pray together: O Mary, remind us that those who
believe are never alone.



Teach us to see all things with the eyes of Jesus,
that he may be light for our path.
And may this light of faith always increase in us
until the dawn of that undying day
which is Christ Himself, Your Son our Lord!
Amen! *Lumen Fidei* n. 60



A Hymn to Mary



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TOGETHER WITH ST. AGOSTINA

Witness of Faith

“There was once and there still is, among the Sabina hills, with a new appearance, a village called Pozzaglia, ... There was a house blessed filled with the voices of children among which there was that of Olivia, later known as Livia and which in religious life received the name of Agostina.”.

A simple and limpid woman, courageous at work, a Sister of Charity overflowing with love for the sick, ready to do anything in order to do God's Will”.

It is the light of faith that enables sister Agostina to look at events and at persons with the same look and heart of Jesus. That is why our prayer is inspired with Sister Agostina's words when referring to some of the texts of the Encyclical *Lumen Fidei* (*The Light of Faith*)

HYMN

I believe in God's fidelity

From Lumen Fidei n. 53

“Faith is no refuge for the faint-hearted, but something which enhances our lives. It makes us aware of the magnificent calling, the vocation of love...based on God's faithfulness ...which is stronger than our very weakness”.



From Sr Agostina :

“I was nothing and it is exactly I, whom the Lord has chosen out of His goodness”

**Refrain : “The Lord is my Shepherd
I lack nothing”**

*Together, let us recite
Psalm 23 and then, who wishes may repeat a
word or a line of this Psalm*



1-The Lord is my shepherd:
I lack nothing.
In meadows of green grass he lets me lie,
To the waters of repose he leads me
there He revives my soul.

2-He guides me by paths of virtue
For the sake of His name;

3-Though I pass through a gloomy
valley I fear no harm,
Beside me your rod and your staff
Are there to hearten me

4-You prepare a table before me
under the eyes of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil,
My cup brims over.

5-Ah how goodness and kindness
pursue me, every day of my life;
my home, the house of Yahweh
as long as I live.

A brief moment for sharing...

Glory be to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit etc.

Refrain : The Lord is my Shepherd I lack nothing

“All for Jesus”

From Sr. Agostina:

“Jesus, I love you so much, that I would like to be a fire of love for you,”

“The light of Christ shines as in a mirror, on the face of christians, as it spreads down to us; so that we too can share that same vision and reflect that light to others. Faith is transmitted, so to say, by contact, from person to person, just as a candle is lighted from another..” *Lumen Fidei n.37*

Let us pray:

Lord you come to us like light
To accompany us along our path
of fatigue and of hope
Remain with us, Lord, when doubt assails us,
and when discouragement alters our hope,
when indifference weakens our love.
And temptation is too strong. **Kyrie, Christe, Kyrie eleison**

Remain with us, Lord, when our trust is betrayed
Or when our days are full of distractions.
When defeat takes us by surprise
And weakness annihilates our desires. **Kyrie, Christe, Kyrie eleison.**

Remain with us, Lord when we are alone,
abandoned by everyone,
And when suffering makes us cry hurtfully.
Lord, in joy and sorrow,
in life and in death remain with us. **Kyrie, Christe, Kyrie eleison.**

From the Gospel according to St Luke 12, 35-38

Jesus said to his disciples: “See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be at the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. ”

For a few minutes of silence, I shall contemplate the person of Christ servant not without evoking the scene of the washing of the feet...and I will let his word resound in me, saying: “Remain: in the attitude of service!”

refrain

From sr Enrichetta :

“We must not abandon anything
Of our service of charity
to escape danger,
Even if it were to cost us our”

“JI feel myself inflamed with love for
all and ready for any sacrifice even if it
were to shed my blood for love if it is
God’s Will.”.



“Oh! How comforting is the
thought that in the [person of the
sick, it is Jesus Christ himself
that I serve”

the preceding refrain