

**FROM MANUEL DE JESUS – 03.04.21**

**THE ANGELUS OF GETHSEMANE**

From the source of favorite prayers of the instrument of the Apostolate, Manuel de Jesús, who for the last five years maintains this Devotion during Lent, at the Hour of Angelus.

We transcribe it here for you to do, too, if you wish. It is a prayer of Cardinal Merry de Val, who was born in London on October 10, 1865. After completing his secondary studies in Brussels, he entered the University of Ushaw (UK), where his priestly vocation would be awakened. He was a good young athlete, passionate about tennis, chess, horsemanship, fencing.

One day, his father, Marquis Merry del Val, a career diplomat, to test the firmness of his son's intentions to be a priest, said to him: How can you be a priest, Rafael, you who are so lover of sports, of games and horse riding? For God's sake everything can and should be sacrificed! was his firm and decisive answer.

The great intelligence with which he was endowed and the command of languages that he possessed soon opened the doors of the highest academic distinctions.

Distinguished by the affection and admiration of Leo XIII, the latter entrusted him, even before being ordained, difficult missions, from which the ecclesiastical nobleman succeeded.

On July 20, 1903, Leo XIII died.

The Sacred College of Cardinals chose Merry del Val to be secretary of the conclave from which the deceased Pope's successor would emerge.

On August 4, 1903, the Patriarch of Venice, Cardinal Sarto, was elected Pope, taking the name of Pius X. The new Pontiff confirmed all the prelates of the Curia in their positions. The only exception was that of the Secretary of State. For this position of honor and trust, in addition to a great responsibility, he found an indefatigable

collaborator, a providential complement to his personality, Monsignor Merry del Val, a cultured man, as pious as he is a shrewd diplomat. From the first moment, Merry del Val had aroused a feeling of trust and attraction in Pius X, who, despite his repeated pleas to the contrary, appointed him his Secretary of State.

After the death of Pius X, and the cessation of the Secretary of State, he intensified the social apostolate, in such a way that this work, together with the secretariat of the Holy Office, a position for which he was appointed by Benedict XV, and the writing of his testimonies for the beatification process of Pope Sarto, absorbed the main anxieties of the last stage of his existence.

Cardinal Merry del Val composed several prayers, among others:

- Litanies of humility,
- Prayer to ask for the conversion of a soul.
- The Angelus of Gethsemane.

It is not known if these prayers have Imprimatur, but the same ones that have great favor for Manuel de Jesus and he has been given permission by Heaven to pray the Angelus during Lent at 12:00 noon.

Rafael Merry del Val died in Rome on February 26, 1930. His beatification process is currently open, having already declared the heroism of the Christian virtues of the Servant of God.

### **THE ANGELUS OF GETHSEMANE**

V. The Angel of the Lord appeared to assist Jesus.

R. And he was comforted by the Holy Spirit.

Our Father

V. Here I am in agony: if it is possible, let this cup pass me by.

R. Let it be as you, not I, would have it.

Our Father

V. The Word made flesh was nailed to the cross.

R. And suffered for us.

Our Father

V. Have mercy on us O Jesus!

R. That we may be worthy of your consolations.

Our Father

## **PLEA**

We beg you, O Lord, pour forth Your Grace on  
Into our hearts; that having your  
Only Begotten Jesus offered his agony in the Garden  
of Gethsemane, by the merits of His passion and cross  
we may be reborn to the glory of His Resurrection.  
Through the same Jesus Christ, Our Lord.  
Amen.

## **LITANY OF HUMILITY**

(Author: Rafael Cardinal Merry del Val)

O Jesus, meek and humble of heart, *Hear me.*

From the desire of being esteemed, ***Deliver me, O Jesus.***  
From the desire of being loved,  
From the desire of being praised,  
From the desire of being extolled,  
From the desire of being honored,  
From the desire of being praised,  
From the desire of being preferred to others,  
From the desire of being consulted,  
From the desire of being approved,  
From the desire of being humiliated,  
From the fear of being despised,  
From the fear of suffering rebukes,  
From the fear of being calumniated,  
From the fear of being forgotten,

From the fear of being ridiculed,  
From the fear of being wronged,  
From the fear of being suspected,

That others may be loved more than I,  
*Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*

That others may be esteemed more than I,  
*Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*

That, in the opinion of the world, others may increase, and I may decrease, *Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*

That others may be chosen, and I set aside,  
*Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*

That others may be praised, and I go unnoticed,  
*Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*

That others may be preferred to me in everything,  
*Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*

That others may become holier than I, provided that I may become as holy as I should,  
*Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*

## **PRAYER**

Oh Jesus who, being God, humbled yourself to death, and death on the cross, to be a perennial example that confuses our pride and self-love. Grant us the grace to learn and practice your example, so that by humbling ourselves accordingly to our misery here on earth, we can be exalted until we enjoy you eternally in heaven.

## **CLARIFICATION**

*Apostolate of the United Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary*

Manuel de Jesus, the little prophet of the Apostolate, prays the Angelus of Gethsemane throughout Lent at:

6:00 am

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