

O God, come to our aid. O Lord, make haste to help us. Glory be ...

Magnificat, magnificat, magnificat anima mea dominum. Magnificat, magnificat, magnificat anima mea.

The Imitation of Christ

Be not solicitous for the shadow of a great name; neither seek to be familiarly acquainted with many, nor to be particularly loved by men. For these things beget distractions and great darkness in the heart. (Bk 3 ch 24)

Nature rejoices in a multitude of friends and kindred; she glories in the nobility of her stock and descent; she fawns on them that are in power, flatters the rich and applauds such as are like herself.

But grace loves even her enemies, and is not puffed up with having a great many friends, not has any value for family or birth, unless when joined with greater virtue. (Bk 3 ch 54)

Story of a Soul

Céline and I found ourselves in the midst of Society people, who made up the bulk of the pilgrimage, but we were not in the least dazzled by their titles. I understood the reference in the Imitation to *the shadow of a great name*, and that greatness is not to be found in a name, but in the soul. Isaias says that: *The Lord God shall call his servants by another name* (Is 65:15), and we read in the Apocalypse: *To him that overcomes I will give a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knows but he that receives it* (Rev 2:17). It is only when we reach Heaven that we shall learn what are our titles of nobility, for *then shall every man have praise from God* (1 Cor 4:5). He who chose to be poor and unknown on earth for the love of Christ will then be the first, the richest, and the most noble.

O Lord, you hold and protect me; you know all my heart's desire. Guide my steps along the everlasting way, guide my steps along the everlasting way.

(Silence)

Our Father

Intercessions

Response: Kyrie, Kyrie, Eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie, Eleison

(a time for brief spontaneous personal intercessions. Each intercession is followed by the Kyrie, sung by all.)

Concluding Prayer

Stay with us, Lord Jesus, as evening falls; be our companion on our way. In your mercy inflame our hearts and raise our hope, so that, in union with our brethren, we may recognize you in the scriptures, and in the breaking of Bread.

Salve Regina

Salve, Regina, Mater misericordiae
vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve
ad te clamamus, exsules filii Evae
ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes
in hac lacrimarum valle

Eia, ergo, advocata nostra,
illos tuos misericordes oculos
ad nos converte;
et Iesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,
nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.
O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.

Hail, Queen, Mother merciful
life, sweetness and hope of ours, hail
to you we cry, exiles, children of Eve
to you we sigh, mourning and weeping
in this tearful valley

Quick, then, advocate of ours,
those your merciful eyes
to us turn
and Jesus, blessed fruit of your womb,
unto us, after this exile show.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.