

(English translation)

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### So that Love may not be Abandoned

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We'll begin by reading some excerpts from a long letter to Duccia Calderari. It dates back, in all probability, to Advent 1944. It shows clearly the difference between the suffering of the abandonment and the other sufferings that Jesus experienced during His passion. There is a clear understanding of the special quality of this supreme suffering and that through it Jesus had given humanity the gift of His divinity.

Consequently, in this letter as in other letters from those years, we find the resolute decision to follow Him and to love Him in this greatest suffering of His which immediately appeared to us to be the expression of His greatest love. The letter reveals an awareness of the newness of the light received through the charism and the power of love for Jesus forsaken which burned in our hearts, kindled in us by His boundless love.

After a detailed description of the divine and passionate love that St. Catherine of Siena had for Jesus crucified, the letter continues:

*Duccia, believe me, Love is the salvation of the twentieth century because Love is God.*

*All life's snares, more or less worldly, are a waste of time or they serve as a background for God's plans.*

*Fill yourself therefore with this personal Love for the God-Man, the only one worthy of being loved.*

*... but you don't know the good fortune that is coming to you. You don't realize it.*

*Perhaps now Love will work the miracle of helping you to understand all that my own heart has understood so far in contact with Him, who is my only Love!*

*I have told you: Love does not repeat itself. If Love reappears in the world, it is new with a very pure light infinitely surpassing that already seen.*

*Love has reappeared in the world and has given our heart the Key to open every heart in the world.*

*Believe me Duccia, all those who have climbed towards holiness have reached different heights according to the ardour with which they loved Jesus crucified!*

*Well then: do what I myself want to do: plunge yourself, body and soul, into the Abandoned Love!*

*You have heart and understanding: listen.*

Think of the infinite difference between the suffering of Jesus crucified by His enemies, abandoned by His disciples, forced to entrust His mother to another, and the immense suffering of feeling disunited from His Father who loved Him as Himself and with whom He was completely one.

*Imagine... it was the atrocious doubt of no longer being one with the Father that made Him cry out in that way: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"*

*It is a cry that should break every human heart, made worthy by that divine anguish of being bonded to God, united to God, as an adopted child of God!*

*Here, here is all the Immensity of Love! He gave us His divinity.*

*Duccia – you who have heart – think of Jesus hanging like a rag from the cross, with His soul torn by suffering, in doubt as to whether He is God!*

Think about it and allow Him to lean on your heart which wants great things, but for Him!

*Ask Him to abandon on you His divine humanity, reduced to nothing in order to give us Everything, reduced to hatred (almost, because He believed that the Father no longer loved Him) – to give us Love; ask Him to tell you of and to hand over to you His torment so that, inflamed and impassioned with so much love, you may run through the world, not with your small heart, but rather with the heart of God parched and thirsting for Love, so that you too may no longer touch anything without inflaming it to follow this abandoned Lord of hearts.*

*Vow to Him with your life that He is God, precisely because out of Love He willed to be for a moment in doubt.*

*Promise Him that your heart will never again abandon Him, so that He may find here on earth, in your heart, the paradise He lost when His Father seemed to turn his gaze away.*

*... and then do whatever you like, for everything will be great in the eyes of God and of the world.*

*Decide to follow and to love the Crucified Love like this, in the greatest suffering, expression of the greatest Love!*

*In answer to your promise to Him, to the All Powerful Love, who never allows Himself to be outdone in generosity, He will accomplish in you works greater than those of St. Catherine, because His Love is inexhaustible and He never ceases to kindle on earth the Fire He had reserved for each and everyone, but which no one wants.*

*Open your whole heart to Him and tell Him to give you all the power of Love He had reserved for all the people of today's world.*

*Tell Him that your passion is for none other than Him crucified in His abandonment!*

*Only in this way will you set Italy on fire! Oh! No, it is not enough to preach honesty with our lips and our life.*

*It is God who must preach from our heart with all His Love!*

*I invoke from Jesus forsaken who confided to me His Spiritual Wound (the Wound of the Abandonment) that could have burnt up his heart, I invoke upon you His All-Powerful Blessing so that He may not give you peace until you have given yourself totally to this madness of Love!*

*God - My Love has the right to fervent hearts and He expects from you your whole heart with every power that He has sown in it (which is the power of Love).*

*Don't hold back at all, Duccia, and with your spontaneous generosity make yourself available to God's plans; strongly resolve, as though taking an oath, to miss nothing (as long as you live) so that by you and by all, Love may not be abandoned!*

But you will not be able to do this until you sincerely love Him and for Him spare nothing in Love.

*(Advent of the Kingdom of Love)*