

## CHAPTER 1 THE ORPHAN SEEKING A HOME AND FINDING A HUSBAND

Elizabeth (nee Szántó) was born on June 6, 1913 at St. Stephan's Hospital in Kispet, Hungary and baptized one week later. Her father was a printer and Protestant, but her mother raised the thirteen children as Catholics. Her twelve siblings were all twins. None of them reached adulthood. Seven died during the 1919 Spanish Plague. Two more died of diphtheria. Two died in accidents. One died in infancy.

After her father's death in 1917, Elizabeth stayed for two years with her maternal grandparents. The doctor advised her to live in the countryside because of poor health. She doesn't remember going to the Church (some fourteen kilometers away) but her grandmother always wore a rosary around her wrists.

She returned to Budapest in 1919 and attended an elementary girl's school for four years. At 10, she was sent to Willisau, Switzerland, to the family of a wealthy manufacturer. She writes, "From the weak child that I had been, I became a young girl under the care of French and German governesses, growing in weight from twenty four to thirty-eight kilos."

In November 1924, purely out of love, I came back to Budapest to look after my ailing mother who was seriously ill and bed-ridden. Towards the end of 1924, my foster parents of Willisau wanted to adopt me and take me back to Switzerland. I was to meet them at ten o'clock at the Graz railway station (Austria). I got there at 10:00 p.m. but they expected me at 10:00 a.m. Incredibly, it is this mishap that changed the course of events affecting my life and leading me to fulfill my mission in Hungary. At the time, a young Hungarian couple took me back to Budapest.

By the age of twelve, I was working in the household of my maternal uncle in Vajta for the period running from Easter up to the corn harvest. I simply could not stand the crass laziness of my cousins, (three boys and a girl). I slipped out without a word and went back to Budapest.

From November 1925 to June 1926, I was working as a maid in the countryside for the mother of a man of significant influence. I worked from morning to evening and had to survive on a single meal for the whole day. My social condition was indeed pitiful, and I suffered from severe hunger. So, I packed up my things and simply left for downtown.

Under the carriage port of a small, dilapidated house, I noticed a not so friendly older woman holding an empty bottle of seltzer water. She looked at me and called me over. She asked me to go buy her a bottle of seltzer water at the bar across the street. She gave me the money and watched to see whether I would comply with her request. Upon returning with the seltzer, she proceeded to question me. Then, she let me into the house and gave me breakfast. I was hired to look after her small garden in exchange for meals. There were very strange visitors living

there. I actually had to fight off (with considerable loud yelling) a young man who frequently came to the house. I left the same day and kept on wandering with my meager belongings.

Close by the church of Jozsefvaros, there was a creamery and on the door a note that they were hiring people to distribute bottles of milk. I introduced myself and was hired on the spot. However, I was told I could only start three days later, when the current carrier would leave the job. What would I do meanwhile? On Koszuru Street, I came across a factory hiring people to crack nuts. The employees would sit alongside a table each with two baskets. The nuts taken from one were shelled and placed in the other. Each employee's production was weighed. They paid four fillers an hour, and for ten fillers I could buy myself five croissants at the Teleki marketplace, the cheapest in the city.

Later, I strolled to the Franciscan Fathers who gave me a small amount of money and I shared my bread with a starving woman. We ate it right away sitting on a bench at the marketplace. The Franciscans suggested that I see the Sisters on Maria Street, who gave me shelter for one pengo. Hunger drove me to steal and I was ashamed of myself. I went to confession. The priest who heard my confession was moved to tears and he assured me that I had committed no sin, because poverty had forced me to steal. Later, the Sisters would charge me nothing for lodging.

In my poverty, deprived of any human support, I had to go from employer to employer for any additional remuneration and improved conditions. I worked in a creamery on Baross Street, the Eighth District of Budapest, and was given six pengos and free lunch. The third creamery, also on Baross Street, in effect provided me with a satisfactory livelihood for almost a year. Materially, this job turned out to be the best one I ever held. I was earning eight pengos and working only from 5:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. I spent all my free time praying at the Church of Perpetual Adoration. I attended the Divine Office regularly. To earn more, I worked in a factory peeling potatoes. This paid two fillers for ten kilos of production. In three hours, I could earn twelve fillers. Further, I was supplementing my income by selling sweets in a small suburban cinema. I did not pay attention to the movies, I would simply take an available seat and meditate on God. The managing lady often borrowed small sums from me. When her indebtedness rose to twenty pengos, she simply fired me.

I also became an occasional grocery bag-carrier at the local market in the Ninth District. Early at 6:00 a.m. I would go to the local market offering my services to the ladies doing their shopping. Many times, when we got back to their house, I would be invited to stay for breakfast. This is how I met a middle class family in Budapest. Thanks to them, I was able to take classes at the school of nursing on Dohany Street in the Eighth District. However, it would be another ten years before I would put my nursing skills to actual practice at the Hospital of the Franciscan Sisters and at a hospital on Tarogato Avenue, dedicated to patients afflicted with tuberculosis.

Even after I had landed a job in a small family factory making brushes, I kept my activities at the market. I was paid sixty pengos a month and the family gave me lunch. That provided me with

the means to rent a room and I settled down on the first floor at 10 Magdolna Street. My cost was twenty pengos a month and my working hours went from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Throughout this struggle for survival and for daily bread, I wanted to make people aware of the Lord. The necessity to teach about religion was forever a pressing desire in my perceived mission for this life.

By the age of fifteen, I decided to join the nuns. I had in mind the religious order of Perpetual Adoration. The Congregation was founded in Paris by the Countess of Oultremont. I would spend hours silently contemplating the Blessed Sacrament exposed for the faithful in adoration. In so doing, my heart would fill up with the love of God.

One day, I went to the convent to ask the receptionist Sister about how one could be admitted to the order. She replied that I needed a letter of recommendation and handed me a large printed sheet listing what was to be provided to the convent upon admission. Besides the detailed list of needed personal clothing, it was also pointed out that each candidate should provide a certain amount of money according to the individual's capacity to pay.

I was stunned reading the document, and it was clear to me that I could never raise such a small fortune. As a result, I concluded that my abject poverty made that project vanish altogether from my mind. Despite that, my desire to become a religious missionary was continually growing deep in my soul. There was no way I could suspect that God had other plans for me.

#### Autumn 1928

At the Perpetual Adoration which I often attended, there was an elderly lady whose name I can't recall and in whom I confided about my dream to become a missionary. She gave me the address of the Missionary Sisters on Hermina Street whose mission was to educate orphans and send nuns out on various missions.

When I got there, I asked to speak with the Sister responsible for admissions to the order. I heard the word Superior for the first time. The receptionist nun led me to the guest room. The Superior came in and invited me to sit down, because I was used to just standing up. I told her about my wish to go to the missions and to make people know about God. After telling her I was an orphan and my earnings, she stood up and said: "My child, I will tell you why you want to be a nun. You don't have a vocation. You are an orphan without a home and this is motivating you to join a convent."

That terminated the conversation. I was totally shattered. I told no one about this encounter, except the lady who had given me the address. She listened to my story and said: 'Go to the Mother House on Menesi Avenue and see the Provincial Superior.'

I took the streetcar to Pest across the Franz-Joseph Bridge. Buda and Pest are separated by the Danube River, cutting the city in two parts. I asked to see the provincial Superior and I had to wait some five minutes, which felt like a painful agonizing moment.

The Provincial Sister spoke to me with such kindness that I felt quite relaxed. I told her everything in total honesty. She took my hand like a mother and said: "Let us ask the Lord Jesus what His will is and He will tell us what we must do. Everything will be according to His Will." We went to the chapel but I stayed in the back, standing beside the pews. I kept watching the Provincial Sister speaking with the Lord Jesus. She came back, took my hand and we returned to the guest room. We sat down and she placed her hand on mine, took a deep look into my eyes and said: "My child, the Will of God is different." I almost fainted. "Do you know what the Will of God is? He wants something else for you. He will entrust you with another mission. That mission will need to be fulfilled as best you can."

The Provincial Sister walked me to the door, kissed me on the forehead, blessed me, and I left. God has another plan for me. Following that encounter, it was like everything inside of me was disintegrating. I was quite distraught. My soul was tortured for a week. I wasn't yet aware at the time that this torture was in fact the work of the devil. I went to Father Matray for confession (he later became my confessor for many years). The darkness of doubt in my heart had dissipated.

### 1927 – 1930

Praying and knowledge were my only desire. It was difficult to express my thirst for study to broaden my knowledge base. Within six months I learned by heart the textbooks of the first two years of the Superior Elementary School. However, since I didn't have the money to write the exams, I continued studying the books of the third and fourth years. As a result, I had done the studies without a certificate to show for it.

In the fall of 1929, my life took a significant turn. Since I was gifted with a fine voice and a good ear, I was admitted to the Christ the King Choir in Jozsefvaros. The first tenor was Karoly Kindelmann and I was the first soprano. He asked me to marry him and so we did. I was quite young at sixteen while he was thirty years older. His main occupation was as master chimneysweeper, a well-remunerated trade at that time. We got married on May 25, 1930, on Pentecost Sunday. He had a four-room house built on the outskirts of Budapest.

Between 1931 and 1942, we had six children. The Angelus and the rosary were an integral part of our family daily life. A few years later, on April 26, 1946, my husband died. My social status as a widow with six children made it particularly difficult. Following the devastation of the war, I was able to survive with my children only by bartering our possessions. The closets were being emptied and almost all our belongings changed ownership. The nationalization of 1948 brought my family to the edge of ruin. I became a waitress at the military academy, working twelve hours a day. The meal leftovers provided food for my family. However, I was fired six months later for political reasons. Somehow, they discovered I was keeping a statue of the Virgin Mary and candle in my home.

#### November 1950 to May 1951.

I was quite destitute and in a truly desperate situation. Unbearable money problems were forcing me to be more and more distant from the Lord. I got to the point of being completely dazed and wandering aimlessly from street to street and district to district without any definite purpose. It is during one of those aimless walks that I came across the Eötli foundry in the district of Kobanya, which had changed its sign to the new name of Gábor Áron. The kindly personnel manager saw fit to hire me as the Technical Piecework Supervisors. That literally saved my family from dire starvation. Further, my children were doing craft work at home. My two elder daughters were making stockings with a knitting machine while my sons were making sieve cloth on a weaving loom. Soon after, the factory was reorganized and along with other employees, I was back on the street looking for a job.

On December 26, 1951, Cecilia, my oldest daughter got married. While browsing through the classified ads in a local paper I found work in a stove factory. The pay was starvation level and I had to look for yet another job opportunity. In the fall of 1953, I was hired in a gas equipment factory. My work came to a halt one month before the national uprising of 1956.

#### Christmas 1955.

Valery, my second daughter got married.

#### Summer 1957.

My next employer was a dyeing shop, Lazlo Harangi, in the Seventh District. Following that job, I became quite busy in a cooperative doing handicraft work, more specifically making silk scarves.

#### June 1957.

Maria, my third daughter got married. In June 1958, my son Karoly got married. In 1959, the lodging problem for the four families was resolved.

#### 1960.

Material hardships having subsided, I registered at the public university to study psychology and astronomy, yet another project like so many others bound to fail dismally.

On July 13, 1960, three days before the feast of Our Lady of Carmel I had a wonderful spiritual illumination. It lasted three days from dawn to dusk. If I spoke to anyone or conversely anyone spoke to me, it disappeared. This blissful sensation would create a serene peace in my heart. That experience was absolutely overwhelming. It is only several weeks later that I could determine that it represented the silent introduction of the Lord's presence, something that literally defies one's capacity to express intellectually.

#### Christmas 1961.

Jozsef, the second child, but the eldest of three sons, got married at the age of twenty-six. Over the following six years they had three sons. Unfortunately, following the birth of the third child, the mother died of breast cancer. I took charge raising the young orphans. As I was edging

towards my fifties, I thought that I would enter a calm and peaceful period, having lived through a difficult life. However, that wasn't to be. The Lord Jesus and His Blessed Mother began speaking to me.

### 1962.

Prior to receiving messages from Jesus and the Virgin Mary, I received the following inspiration: "You must be selfless, for we will entrust you with a great mission and you will be up to the task. However, this is only possible if you remain totally selfless, abjuring yourself. That mission can be bestowed upon you only if you also want it out of your free will."

After a period of serious doubts and torments for my soul, I accepted that the will of God be done. My soul was so overwhelmed with grace that I was unable to utter a single word. Very deep inside I could hear the words of Jesus and Mary. I could clearly distinguish the voice of the Lord Jesus from that of the Virgin Mary or the angel.

### Final Days

On April 11, 1985, (after a long illness that she bore with patience), Elizabeth Kindelmann died at the age of 72, comforted by the Sacrament for the Dying. She was buried in Érd-Ófalu, about twenty-four kilometers South West of Budapest, on the banks of the Danube. In 2001, the remains of Elizabeth were transferred to the family crypt located in the Church of the Holy Spirit in Budapest, a place she used to visit every day.

Before she became the instrument of the Lord and the Virgin Mary, she had suffered many trials and tribulations that she overcame with exceptional resilience and courage. She remained totally unknown to the public for years after her death.

## CHAPTER 2 THE SACRIFICING MOTHER

In the diary, Elizabeth doesn't hide her problems or make her family seem perfect. The diary tells little about the child-rearing years but it does reveal a mother willing to sacrifice for her adult children and grandchildren. In all of these years, she always remains the faithful mother:

I had to make many sacrifices within the family responsibility. Since my youngest child lived with me, the meaning and importance of these sacrifices were not clear to me. In my house, I had to tighten still further to make room for my children who raised their families. This was very difficult. I had a four bedroom home with modern conveniences. I still had the large dining room at my disposal. Nevertheless, I gave it up also, even though it came at a great cost.

She records her inner feelings:

As I gave up the dining room, both happy and sad memories invaded my thoughts. Many familiar memories came to mind. There were the Christmas nights, the weddings and the baptisms of the grandchildren. I remembered the poor food in my years of need. For several years, we had only a piece of bread smeared with butter for breakfast, or vegetables without sauce. For years, the poor vegetable platter remained very plain, but I took care to place a nice shiny apple next to each plate. I made the table with great care so the children would not think we were poor.

I had enjoyed being with them and was always preoccupied with their food. The dining room was difficult to give up because it was a part of my heart. I moved to the children's room, thinking I would have a place filled with memories and my soul would be at peace. I would be changing my room for the last time.

Quickly, she sacrificed even the children's room. Whatever was needed, she did:

Shortly before, however, my youngest boy got married. Now, I had to help him get a bedroom. So, I gave up the children's room. I felt that the Lord was asking for this sacrifice, so I would be totally poor. Many memories came to mind- the nights that I spent at the bed of a sick child, the joyous moments, the prayers at night and the intimate family readings. When I thought of these, I experienced great pain, like something being ripped from your heart.

All of these sacrifices, led her to the great moment of complete surrender:

After this, I placed my daughter C in charge of the house. I said: "From now on, you will be the little owner of this house and I will not cook any more." She was surprised and asked what I would do. "Whatever you ask, I will do and I will eat whatever you give to me." "Mother", she said, "you are acting like a hermit."

The sacrifices continued, even to giving up her job to care for grandchildren:

At that moment, my youngest daughter M, the mother of two small children, came in. She said: "I have to look for work because one salary is not enough" (her husband is a teacher). I decided to help her. I gave up my good paying work at the cooperative (which consisted of painting plastics), so that she did not have to leave the two small children alone in the house.

This was my final sacrifice. All of this happened in just a few days. I made these sacrifices because the Lord urged me.”

This entire renunciation of self-interest for the good of the family was completed in a very short period of time: I completed all these urgent sacrifices on Saturday, February 10, 1962. The following day was the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Early in the afternoon, my soul longed for silence, so I fled the noise of family life. Now, I had no home and the Lord Jesus desired this.

In spite of these sacrifices, her adult children disappointed her with a lack of response. Jesus said, “My little Carmelite, remember when you became a widow and your children were growing up, you would ask each one to help you for just an hour. What a great help that would have been for you. How sad you were when they excused themselves with every kind of pretext. You did your tasks alone and abandoned.”

Elizabeth suffered much from a disagreement over the house (which she owned). She does not reveal the exact nature of the dispute but she suffered greatly:

In the morning, the family again discussed the house. This depressed me. At the Lord’s request, I went for adoration from noon to 3:00 p.m. I was so upset that I could hardly walk. This family disagreement keeps getting repeated and it disturbs my soul.

Jesus responded to my sorrow, “I feel compassion for you. My little one. I see your great efforts. Do not think they are in vain. I bless your family greatly. I free them from the Evil One who disturbs the family peace. Just trust in Me.” I responded, “O Lord, the family discord is so great that only a miracle will help.” Jesus asked, “Cannot I work a miracle?” “But I am not worthy, Lord.” “Nevertheless, I will work a miracle. I will so bless the problem which seems impossible that all will be straightened out.”

Jesus explained that Elizabeth’s task as mother extended even to her young adult children. “It is to the warm solidarity of the family sanctuary that souls come back to, after having strayed far. It is there that they come to find themselves and they once more return to God. It is necessary for you, mothers, to extend the warm understanding of your hearts to your children even after they have established their own homes. Great is the responsibility which falls upon you. Do not think that once a child has become an adult, he no longer needs his parents. My Mother accompanied Me everywhere with her love, her sacrifices and her prayers. You must do the same, and I will bless your efforts. My beloved mother obliges Me to that. By her powerful intercession, she obtained from Me for families this great effusion of grace, which she also wants to extend to the whole world. As she said: ‘Nothing comparable to this has happened ever since the Word became Flesh.’”

Jesus gave her a great promise for her dying children. “When you are in Heaven and from up there you contemplate the death of one of your children, you will be by his bed. Your drop of oil will fall on the empty lamp and the Flame of Love of the Blessed Virgin will be lit. This great outpouring of graces will save souls from damnation. They will experience your motherly hand caressing them. Also, you will feel the great power which your many sufferings possess. These

souls will also experience your hand which will help them at the moment of death. They will see your meritorious life on earth which they do not now appreciate.”

Our Lady, also, gave signs of her love. Two grandchildren were born on Our Lady’s feast days: I must write about what happened in the family. In a short period of time, two grandchildren were born. One on August 22, feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and the other on September 8, the feast of her birthday.

For two weeks, Elizabeth received extraordinary physical strength to help her family: And so, for my little strength, the work was excessive. I felt that I could not carry on. I begged the Lord in His kindness to give me strength because I could not manage to help my two daughters-in-law. When I awoke the next day, I possessed an amazing vitality. I worked all day with no tiredness. This lasted for two weeks. This extraordinary strength, I realized, distanced me from the Lord. I even thought that if it continued this way and if I remained in this great physical shape, I could even go back to work. I entertained these thoughts because I had regained my bodily strength.

Jesus said that He gave her strength only for the family’s good.

“Now, you will understand even better why I stripped you of your bodily strength. You see, while you were weak, you served Me with all your strength. Now that I have increased your strength, you do not serve Me as before. Your thoughts are distracted and you give Me less time. Moreover, you do not stay with Me as you did before. This strength will remain just a few days before I take it away. I only gave it for the good of your family.”

### Blessings for Her Family

Elizabeth delighted in the blessings given to her family: The Blessed Virgin revealed that the light of her Flame of Love filled not only me, but all my family members, and the Evil One could not lead them into sin. That is why their souls are strengthened and prepared to receive even more graces.

Jesus also spoke of family blessings, “I was here during the night and I blessed every member of your family because of the prayer of our dear Mother. She is the one who fills your whole family with the effect of grace of her Flame of Love. How much we love you, My little one!”

Once, Elizabeth prayed, “My adored Jesus, the Blessed Virgin planted her Flame of Love in a sinful family, where You receive so many offenses.” The Lord Jesus answered with sweet consoling words.

### CHAPTER 3 THE NECESSITY OF BEING A MOTHER

Jesus used her years as a mother to prepare her for her mission. “You also had to mature in the holy enclosure of the family. As you were an orphan, it is in your home as a married couple that your soul was prepared for your great vocation, which could only mature in a family setting. I know your qualities and that’s why My Divine Providence ordered everything to make you ready to communicate My message to the world. It is from the family sanctuary that all of you set out for the difficult struggles of life.”

At another time Jesus said, “I placed you in a family setting, so others could see how they can and ought to live. You serve both the family and God at the same time.”

Jesus stressed that the tasks of a mother are very important for the Church. “What I am saying now is for you and all mothers who work according to My Heart. Your work is not of less value than that of persons raised to the highest priestly dignity. Mothers of families, you must understand your sublime vocation to populate My Kingdom and to fill the places left vacant by the fallen angels. Each step of My Holy Mother the Church starts from your heart and your lap. My Kingdom grows in as much as you, mothers, nurture these created souls. You have the greatest work requiring a heightened sense of responsibility. Be fully aware that I have placed in your hands the task of leading a multitude of souls to eternal salvation.”

Mary spoke of the dignity of Elizabeth’s maternal vocation. “Ponder deeply this vocation to which you were raised due solely to the dignity of being a mother. Maternal dignity is at the same time a vocation saturated with sufferings, and that is what I share with you. I thank you, my little one, for your participation that is continual and filled with sacrifices. I, as a loving Mother, can assure you of your heavenly reward.”

#### Necessity of Being a Mother

On numerous occasions, Our Lady explained the absolute necessity of Elizabeth being a mother so she could understand Mary’s heart.” Listen, my daughter, you are also the mother of a large family. Through your children you know all the pains and problems of a family. Many times you were close to falling beneath the cross of difficult trials, and you still experience many sorrows over your children. Bearing such ordeals is meritorious for you and for any mother. By Divine Will, these experiences that affected your life have not been in vain. I have taken them all into consideration. I know you understand me, and this is why I shared with you how I feel in my motherly heart. My sorrow is just like your sorrow.”

Again, Our Lady said, “I first entrusted to you the abundance of my graces. Only a mother can truly share my sorrows. I am the Mother of Sorrows, I suffer greatly because of the souls being lost. I am tortured in pain as I grieve for the suffering of my Divine Son. Never despise any tiredness. Be my eternal companion helping me bear my sufferings. This is what I ask of you.” Again, Our Lady spoke, “My little one, only a mother can understand the anguish and sorrow of my soul. That is why I am speaking to you. You know about anguish and you understand me.

Oh, how many of my children are damned! I crumble under the weight of the pain and I want to share it with you just so you hasten to set into motion my Holy Cause. You are also a mother and the anguish of my heart is also yours.”

Elizabeth writes: While this motherly pain was growing within my heart, she asked me again not to refuse any fatigue and not to neglect her request that will go forth through me.

### Our Lady’s Maternal Heart

Mary said, “Through you, my little Carmelite, I want all to know the anguish that springs up from the boundless love of my maternal heart because of the danger threatening the entire world by the disintegration of the family sanctuaries. I direct my maternal cry to all of you, and in union with you, I want to save the world. I allow you, my little one, to be the first to feel this immense effort I am beginning to deploy in order to blind Satan.”

Elizabeth’s sufferings as a mother served a purpose. “My little daughter, this maternal suffering and the injury that you must endure from others are another opportunity for you to see why I chose a mother to transmit my message. Only a mother is able to sympathize with me. These multiple sufferings have matured you, and through your experience, you understand better the supreme importance of your participation in the work of my Divine Son.”

Only when her family was raised, could Elizabeth’s mission begin. Jesus said, “Don’t forget, your principal missionary work will always be your own family. I could not entrust you with that before, because I did not want you to stop halfway. Your family is the point of departure for your mission. This work is not yet finished. Be interested principally in priestly vocations.”

### Mary’s Complaints About Family Life

The diary records many complaints of Mary concerning the disintegration of family life.

“Endure these sufferings for your family and those of the whole country. You know that Satan, foaming with rage, wants to destroy families. You are a mother of a family and you are aware of the several forms of family disintegration. To save families, throw yourself into the furnace of suffering. Oh, how much sinning is done against Me by destroyed families!”

Mary told Elizabeth that her children would be in heaven. “As you see, I am honoring you again. At your request, I come to bless your family and the whole neighborhood. I have brought My peace. Trust! Do not give way to discouragement! I unite your sufferings to my merits. Your children’s salvation is assured.

### Jesus Blessing Her Home

Many times Jesus blessed her family and her home:

While we were talking in the silence of a summer night, the conversation suddenly ended.

Before He left, He stayed a long time in front of our house and made me sense that He was thinking about our house. He began to list the merits of our family, those virtues which I made the children practice when they were small. He emphasized how meritorious were the fervent night prayer. He said how much He appreciated the small ejaculations that we added to those prayers. He also noted that our family was consecrated to His Sacred Heart. I experienced His

blessed presence and was deeply moved. We constantly hurt Him by our many sins. He, in spite of everything, is always kind. He said: "I bless this house that is consecrated to My Sacred Heart."

Sometimes, Jesus' presence upon the house remained for a long time: What a sublime experience was this blessing He gave to our family when He stayed for a long time before our house. Yet, even afterwards, he did not move. For a long time, He allowed me to feel His presence filled with goodness and majesty. As an insignificant person, really less than nothing, I felt great emotion. I could only babble: "Depart from me, O Lord, I am a great sinner."

## CHAPTER 4 DOUBTS AND ANXIETIES

As Elizabeth allowed God to lead her more deeply into the Flame of Love, she often wondered what was happening to her: I spent the whole day filled with anxieties. At night, as I went to adore the Lord, I thought in the midst of my uncertainty: “My God, what is going on with me? Where have I allowed myself to be led? What is true? What is now in me or what was there before?”

After Jesus demanded that she “leave all behind”, Elizabeth suffered great torment: Ever since then, I heard Jesus’ demand many times in my soul. However, I did not write it down. But rather, I tried to remove from my mind the idea to leave all behind. This torment is such that I never experienced anything similar in all my life.

One trial led to another and doubts multiplied. Finally, Elizabeth decided to end her involvement: In the midst of a great loneliness, this spiritual anguish was made worse by the disturbing thoughts of constant doubts against faith. The struggles can throw the person totally off balance. With all my strength, I tried to safeguard my spiritual balance, which was already greatly reduced. In my weakness, my confused thoughts convinced me that everything was evil. This insecurity kept growing and causing waves in my soul. Then a violent hopelessness made me decide to radically end my continual lies, because if I do not do that, I will be damned. This thought caused me to shake. I do not want to sin. Once and for all, I uproot from my heart my deceitful imaginings. I leave behind all that deals with my lies. I will not speak with anyone who knows me. I will not speak any more with the Sister who has been assigned to me. I will never go to my confessor. I have the feeling that he is too easy on me and allows me to go on with my imaginary lies.

The great trials came from inner doubts and from suffering for others: After a holy confession, the Lord Jesus filled me with great alternating torments. I once had to suffer because doubts were overcoming me. Another time, at the request of the Blessed Virgin, I had to suffer the agony of the dying and their fight against Satan.

Bodily and spiritual sufferings were frequently combined: in the previous few days, a blinding darkness had come over me. Every moment was for me not only a corporal torment, but above all, a spiritual one.

## CHAPTER 5

### SPIRITUAL TORMENTS

Many times, devout souls serve God with the greatest fidelity, but believe that they are deeply offending Him. By allowing this, God purifies the soul of all imperfections. Elizabeth writes: What a terrible life! I live always knowing that I am offending God and He has no desire to come to me. In this way, He helps me to understand how our unworthy union pains Him and how He experiences revulsion because of my sins. In this great spiritual torment, it is no surprise that I only want to die. Then I will be free of these continual lies which confuse even my confessors.

These torments led Elizabeth to stay away from Mass which she loved so much. Because I am living without God, my life has no purpose. For two weeks, I have not attended Holy Mass, except on Sunday, because of the obligation. I nourish my soul only with spiritual communion. All is dark and without any purpose. Life is strange for me. How can I live for God...without God? This does not work at all.

#### Scruples

Scruples affect many devout souls and cause them to believe they are sinning when they are not. The focus of scruples is often upon receiving Holy Communion: During Holy mass, I was praying the Lord Jesus continually, 'Lord, forgive my sins.' I did not dare go to the Lord's table even though the person next to me took me by the arm and said, "Come on, let's go."

Approaching Holy Communion multiplied scrupulous thoughts and increased introspection: When the time came to receive Communion, I was still fighting within myself. Should I dare receive the Lord? My pain was so great that my soul was trembling. I said, "My adored Jesus, I do not wish to offend You." How did I ever fall into this great sin? If I do not want it, how have I been able to commit it?'

She also wrote: When I go to Communion, I am fearful and experience the most terrible sufferings. I am sacrilegious, therefore, for me, everything ends up in the same place...

Elizabeth received help by recalling her basic Catholic teachings: I recalled the answer from my childhood catechism: "Someone commits a sin who, knowingly and willingly, disobeys the commandment of God." I examined my conscience. I do not desire this sin. Therefore, I have not sinned. I thought that something tried to keep me back from going to the altar of the Lord. This battle was discouraging. "O Lord, be merciful to me."

Guilt filled her: I suffer infernal torments and I cannot free myself from the misery of my guilt.

The burden of work caused more trials: Little by little, I distanced myself from God. The continuous task to survive consumed my soul. After a long battle, my spiritual life faded. Even my faith itself was endangered.

## **CHAPTER 6**

### **PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL SUFFERINGS**

#### Spiritual Trials

The spiritual sufferings often lasted for days: A profound silence and darkness covered my soul. Sufferings assaulted my soul and I began to sob. In the silence of the holy night, the people in the house slept peacefully, but I suffered with Jesus. A great insecurity settled in my thoughts, oppressing my heart. The next day, this increased and has continued ever since, torturing me night and day.

As time goes on, the dark trials became greater. All was seen as an illusion: Since mid-January, I began to live in the middle of great dryness and spiritual darkness. In my abandonment, the idea more and more dominated me that everything up to now has been pure imagination and a lie. I have tried to get rid of this idea with all my strength. But the more I tried, the more I fell under its power.

#### Physical Results of Spiritual Sufferings

At times, Elizabeth experienced physical trials with no natural explanation: The next day, a sharp burning pain burdened my soul. "My Jesus, You promised to give me different sufferings. Although I suffer greatly, it is pleasant for me to suffer. I do not know to what I can compare this pain."

Elizabeth's spiritual battles took their physical toll: After that, many difficult hours followed. The battle that I was undergoing greatly affected my bodily strength. Sometimes I collapsed from tiredness. However, the great sufferings brought forth Jesus' kindness. Sometimes, I suffer overwhelming spiritual sorrows and can hardly stay on my feet. I suffer for the dying so they are not damned. Amid these fearful sufferings, the Lord Jesus would speak.

The sufferings actually bent her body and caused her to believe that she was close to death: The Lord Jesus flooded me with extraordinary sufferings which grew greater at night. I was bent over when I walked. Also, a fear of death took hold of me. I had never experienced this in all my life. Before going to rest, I was preparing for death with all my strength, as if now, at any moment, I would have to present myself before the Holy Face of God. I offered these great sufferings to the Lord Jesus.

#### The Medical Exam

Elizabeth describes a medical exam which finds no physical cause of her bodily sufferings: I had a difficult day. I went to Doctor H, a neurologist, to get his advice. Both my spiritual director and the religious Sister advised me to go. The Sister asked the doctor if she could be present. The consultation was very surprising. The doctor did not do a physical examination, but asked questions. I was surprised because I could tell that he was a very spiritual man. His questions covered everything and showed his good will.

His conclusion is surprising: After his first examination, he said he could find no illness. He said that the sufferings about which I complain do not come from any illness, but that I carry the sufferings of others. I have no problem with my nerves, they are completely in order.

His only explanation was that I take the sufferings of others upon myself and that my nervous system is extraordinarily sensitive and reacts in an extraordinary way to everything. This brings about the many sufferings. On this subject, I could not express another opinion. This doctor did not know me and he was not aware of any of the circumstances of my life.

After the diagnosis, Elizabeth's mysterious bodily weakness grew stronger: I continue having the bodily weakness and pains which the doctor diagnosed. Many times during the day, they come with such intensity that I have to lie down for fifteen minutes every hour. Otherwise, I would faint because of the pain.

## CHAPTER 7

### THE VALUE OF SUFFERING

#### Jesus' Teachings

Jesus' words quieted her in her sufferings. "Never tire of suffering for Me. With the help of My grace, dedicate yourself even more." Later, He would say, "My little one, suffer with Me. Feel what I feel! Relieve My sorrow."

To help Elizabeth, Jesus taught her about the value of suffering. "Why do you prefer some passing goal? Do you not trust the value of sufferings? I give value to your sufferings and it causes me sorrow if you do not appreciate them. I would think that you are not accepting them with love. Without love, even great things have no value.

Sufferings were Jesus' gift. "Embrace suffering. Love only Me, serve Me with fidelity, and do not be surprised that I always manifest My love through sufferings."

Jesus said that Elizabeth would endure the same sufferings as His disciples. "Now, You must endure the suffering and darkness which My disciples experienced after My death. But as I sent the Holy Spirit upon them, I will also send Him upon all those for whom you must suffer."

Jesus said that her sufferings could not be increased. "I see that you did not understand Me. Until now I gave you as many sufferings as your human strength could undergo. From now on, I will not increase them because you have already reached your limit. There is no room left in your heart and soul. I repeat, persevere and be at peace. You are in the vase full to overflowing with the sufferings you have received."

These sufferings would remain until death. "You must suffer until your last breath. Because you have so enthusiastically taken part in My work of Redemption, I am keeping you in My love."

#### Jesus' Desires

Jesus taught that those who accept sufferings, reap abundantly. "Consider clearly the value of your sufferings. The number of those reaping with Me is so small. Do you know why? Because there are no souls willing to bear sufferings, especially those who would do it steadily. Without it, they cannot merit My showering graces on them continuously."

Suffering gained an even greater gift of suffering. Jesus said, "Suffer with Me. I will increase the suffering of your soul and will deprive you of My word." Elizabeth wrote: Whenever I hear this, I shake from sorrow. Jesus wanted her to remain on earth and be a burning victim. "your burning sacrifice of love will lead souls to the knowledge and love of God. This is My delight. That is why I keep you on earth so you can be a burning victim of love. With My Divine Eyes, I look upon you with favor."

Jesus responded to her extraordinary generosity. “You must suffer all the way to martyrdom. Accept My words as a definitive and irrevocable proof of the Divine Love.” I honor you with the extraordinary pains in My Body and Soul. In truth, this suffering means that you participate more deeply in My work of Redemption.”

### Helping Others

Jesus explained how he used her sacrifices for other souls. “Are you suffering much? Let your sacrificial suffering not stop! Do you know why? The same way I let the darkness of doubts and the spiritual anguish comes over you, to the same extent I will put light and relief in the souls who are going to set into motion what I am communicating through you.”

Her promptness helped others, “Now, beloved, you understand fully the value of your sufferings. Your promptitude will lead others to act rapidly, and My graces will soon triumph in those souls for whom you accepted martyrdom, with all its consequences.” He asked a favor of her, “My Elizabeth, suffer with heroism, with perseverance and constancy.”

On so many occasions, Jesus asked for sacrifices to convert sinners. “Do not deny Me your sufferings, and help for the conversion of sinners. If you act this way, you will have a great reward. A time will come when you will not just hear My voice quietly in your soul, you will hear it aloud and it will bless you. My daughter, you will have to suffer much.”

## CHAPTER 8 FAITHFULNESS IN SUFFERING

Elizabeth describes her progress: Slowly the torments of these temptations grew less in my soul. One day, I was repairing the rug in our parish church, which was cold and without heat. My hands were swollen from the cold and I was hardly able to hold the needle. I thought, "I am almost finished. I will go home to get warm." Suddenly and unexpectedly, the Lord's presence filled my soul, and He began to speak in my soul. "Why are you hurrying to leave Me? Is it not good to be near Me? Stay with Me! No one comes to speak with Me." When I finished my work, I prostrated before Him and in silence awaited His word.

Jesus taught her His plan. First, He gave her graces, then sufferings and then greater graces. "Your great and violent sufferings have exhausted you. Why are you surprised? Did I not prepare you for this? Beforehand, I gave you great graces. These gave you strength for the great sufferings, and now, because you have endured these great sufferings, I can fill you with a greater abundance of grace. Each time, I multiply and intensify these great sufferings in your soul. Then I strengthen you with the grace of perfect abandonment so we both have success."

Jesus invited Elizabeth to suffer with Him. "I also suffer being abandoned. You know what! Let us suffer together. This will be easier for you and Me."

Jesus taught her. "Suffer with courage, perseverance and a sincere abandonment. Don't ponder if the suffering is large or small. All that you can still do for Me on earth is meritorious. Time is short, little sister, and never returns. What you do not accept at a given moment will never again become available to you, because I think that you would not receive it willingly. No matter how painful, accept this suffering. You are receiving graces that other souls would only receive over a period of several decades. Be very grateful for that."

Elizabeth wrote: The first Thursdays and first Fridays of each month are special days of suffering. On those days, the Lord Jesus pours them out in a greater measure.

One time, Elizabeth endured great sufferings so she would not miss adoration. "I went to the hospital to visit one of my children. It was very cold, and as I returned home, I could hardly walk. I then realized that the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 5:00 p.m. and I wanted to be present for this community adoration. Overcoming the coldness that made my feet feel almost numb, I rushed to go near the Lord Jesus.

Grace brought Elizabeth to the point of complaining when she did not suffer: And I sorrowfully complained to the Lord Jesus, "Suffering for me is when I do not suffer. Now, how can I come before You? Your love, made as one with sufferings, dominates my soul, and now it will not dominate it anymore. What will happen to me?"

Jesus said that others were not as generous as Elizabeth. "Accept faithfully the sacrifices that I ask of you for My Cause. Many ask repeatedly to share in My works, but when they must accept a sacrifice from My own hands, they are afraid of Me."

Elizabeth recorded: On Monday and Thursday, I live only on bread and water. I do likewise on Friday. It is only after 6:00 p.m. that I take other nourishment. Thus, on these days, the suffering that I feel in my soul ceases when I take other food also... Since then, I have had indescribable suffering, a continual interior anguish, distress and nausea.

He encourages Elizabeth in her battle. "If there were no battle, what would then give value to things? Always try to go higher."

"O Jesus, now that You have arranged for continual sufferings in my soul, after many obstacles and in spite of them, I have finally come to You. Now, finally, I thirst being close to You..."

## CHAPTER 9 MYSTICAL SUFFERINGS

Elizabeth grew exhausted from her mystical struggles: I felt as if my soul was climbing a mast so high that I was getting dizzy. My only options were to climb to the top or to throw myself into the abyss. But I could no longer fight this long battle...In the midst of my sufferings, I felt that immersing myself in the Most Holy Trinity was the only way to avoid giving up forever the exhausting struggle, which despite everything I did, refused to leave my soul.

Elizabeth felt separated in two. Her soul looked to heaven while her body pulled her to earth. Jesus said, "Instead of your doubts, I will now grant you the gift of another category of sufferings. From this point forward, you will fight an uninterrupted struggle against the demands of the body pulling strongly towards the earth and the inner desires of your soul longing for heaven. It is by resisting them constantly and by confronting them that you will remain in possession of the Spirit of Love."

As with all the mystics, Elizabeth experienced alternating light and darkness. Jesus said, "All around you is dark and your inhibitions are appearing once more in your soul. I have already said that this is how it will be until your death. Just as night follows day, so light and darkness will alternate in your soul. I do not allow the night or the day to reign continuously in your soul. I do not want you to enjoy continual light. Believe Me, this is how it must be. I know what is suitable for the good of your soul. Just keep surrendering yourself to the demands of My Divine Pleasure."

Even after getting through the mystical night, the special soul goes through alternating periods of light and dark. Elizabeth describes the experience: In the morning, while kneeling before the tabernacle, torments afflicted my soul. Crying and sobbing, I called out to the Lord, "Where are You, adorable Jesus? Why must I live without You? Give me the grace of conversion..." In all my life, I have never cried as now. "You, O heavenly Mother, where are you? When I think of your Flame of Love, shame burns my face. Why is that?"

Jesus explained that she had become a gigantic furnace of love. "By your sufferings you have become a victim burning with love in whom the Most Holy Trinity takes delight."

Although the original three years of darkness ended, the mystical trials continued throughout her life. John of the Cross says that the first night of the senses is followed by many years of the person experiencing alternating times of light and darkness. In this way, God constantly purifies His mystic soul. As expected, the diary is filled with these constant fluctuations.

Elizabeth write: Now that He spoke to me after a long time, a great joy filled my soul. The spiritual dryness had lasted for so long and my misery had kept me tied to the ground. I accepted this willingly because it was for the good of my soul.

Elizabeth explains the spiritual trials and the physical weaknesses: The greatest suffering is when my soul is in total darkness and the awful torment of doubts weigh upon me. This

suffering, produced by internal anguish, invades me so greatly that I hardly have the strength to walk.

She speaks of her loneliness and helplessness in these trials: I felt a great restlessness. I am not capable of any more. I cannot make more sacrifices. Even those I make, I do only by God's special grace. By my own strength, I would not be capable even of this. "My adored Jesus, how silent You are in my soul. I have only a one-way conversation with You. You know that I am weak and sinful. Without You, I am a miserable nothing. I live by the grace of abandonment to You."

Jesus wanted an unbroken union through martyrdom. "How much I long for you to come to Me so that nothing disturbs our union. Our union here on earth reached such a level that the desire for martyrdom fills your soul; the martyrdom of suffering has reached its full development in your soul." Jesus, Himself, brought this about. "My Divine Blood waters all the particles of your body, making it strong and able to withstand this great martyrdom that you suffer continually without a word of complaint. Now, I will reveal many things so that you draw strength from the tasty fruits of your sufferings."

Jesus' constant requests resulted in a desire for sufferings. "My little one, never leave Me without your sufferings." Elizabeth writes: For several days, He repeated this many times. His words gave birth to a very passionate desire in my soul. I longed so much to suffer. Right before Communion, He unexpectedly said, "Beginning today, I will allow continuous suffering in your soul, which will go beyond all that you have suffered until now."

Elizabeth enjoyed great happiness when she reached this point of seeking sufferings: Great happiness filled my soul. Finally, His desire will be fulfilled. He had already asked if He could place me in the furnace of sufferings. Now, by His grace, I will be able to do this. "O Jesus, now that You have arranged for continual sufferings in my soul, after many obstacles and in spite of them, I have finally come to You. Now, finally, I thirst being close to You..." Jesus promised her a martyrdom. "I will increase your sufferings until martyrdom."

## CHAPTER 10 THE DETACHED SOUL

### The Early Renunciation

As the diary begins, Elizabeth describes all the events that happened so quickly, and resulted in a complete detachment from her home. She gave everything over to her married children who, with their families, moved back in with her: So that nothing would tie me to this world, I gave away everything to my children. Later on, I felt I had done the right thing. Now I had nowhere to rest my head peacefully. Yet Our Lord kept urging me, "Renounce yourself completely."

Elizabeth spent her remaining 23 years living in a small cubicle in her garden. This became a very special place where Our Lord and Our Lady visited her frequently.

### Total Abandonment

Jesus invited Elizabeth to total renunciation. "I do not force you. You have your free will; only if you want it." Elizabeth accepted the call: I tried with all my strength. Afterward, everything fell into place drawing me closer to Him. He kept urging me.

Jesus said, "I want to give you great graces, but you must renounce yourself completely."

Elizabeth write: These were harsh words for my reason. This is why I asked Him, "Am I capable of doing this?" Jesus responded, "You must only will it; leave the rest up to Me."

Elizabeth wrote: All this gave rise to new struggles, but the Lord enlightened my mind and guided me step by step. I had to make these sacrifices within my family responsibilities.

Jesus wanted her whole heart. "Do not seek yourself! I have constantly said that I want you entirely for Myself. Renounce yourself. Nothing must exist between you and I." Elizabeth responded: Lord, I am only a beginner.

Jesus needed her abandonment so she could serve Him. "Do you want to give yourself to Me entirely and without reserve? I, the Man-God, ask this of you. I need you for My work of Salvation. What I am asking you now is a total abandonment. Therefore renounce yourself completely with all your strength and all your will. You must serve only Me. No one else and nothing else now exist for you. Only I."

### Praise and Explanations

Jesus praised Elizabeth's abandonment. "I see that you make good use of the grace of abandonment. Try never to lose this wonderful grace which completely dominates your soul. Make every effort to use it in all that follows. Satan knows it very well, and he wholeheartedly wants to divest you of this grace. It is I who permitted this so he could see what surrendering to Me can produce in the soul."

Jesus explained why, (like so many mystics), Elizabeth could not put her experiences into words. “You cannot understand with your intelligence what happens during this separation with earth that occurs during the ecstasy. Nor, will you be able to account for or provide an explanation concerning the abundance of graces received. This will leave a great many dumbfounded.”

Elizabeth understands the gift only after the Lord explains: Meanwhile, He filled me with a new and wonderful grace. I cannot describe the grace that poured over me while He said: “What I give you now is the grace of full abandonment to Me. All during your life, it will totally control your being, and from your soul, it will radiate to others.”

Elizabeth could describe her response: An incomparable and sublime feeling came from this grace of abandonment to God. I could not have endured it without a special grace.

#### Four Rebukes From Jesus

Our Lord wanted her whole attention. Elizabeth records many rebukes when she allowed herself to enjoy newspapers and entertainment. Jesus said, “Renounce the reading of frivolous books, the hearing of your favorite music, and your seeking to be among others. On your walks, think only of My Sacred Passion.”

Elizabeth writes about one incident: At lunch, the magazine ‘Vigilia’ fell into my hands. I began to read an article. Then the Lord silently made His voice heard, “Put it away! Did you forget that I wanted you to renounce all distracting literature? Let your life be one of contemplation, prayer and sacrifice. It would hurt Me if you do not want to be a true Carmelite. Is renunciation difficult? Do not worry, I will repay you.”

On another occasion, Jesus rebuked her for reading an article: During my little chores on Sunday afternoon, a newspaper fell into my hands. I began to read an article on Spanish customs. After I read a few words, the Lord Jesus said jealously, “I have reserved you totally for Me and you have accepted this by repeating on many occasions your surrender to Me. Now, despite all this, you prefer this reading that distracts you. This is not good, My Elizabeth. Maybe you do not receive all that you need from Me?”

Most times, the cause of these distractions just fell into Elizabeth’s hands: I was with the Sister that had been assigned to me. She was listening to one of her favorite concerts on the radio. When she had a task to do, she gave me the hearing device saying that I should listen. Immediately, I became absorbed in the beauty of the music. After a few minutes, the Lord spoke some soft words, “Do you not think that during these occasions I am jealous of you? What did I tell you? That there will not be one hair between us!” Elizabeth records her feelings: His words dominated my soul and drowned out the beauty of the music. He continued imploring me.

Jesus gave an extended teaching on why He asked for this renunciation. “Renounce yourself and your own entertainment. Think about how I work within you, My little sister, and do not allow any passing diversion into your soul. Take good care to not dispel the recollection of your soul by the works of petty worldly artists. “

### The Work of Redemption

Jesus said that her renunciation aided His redemptive work, “My daughter, renounce yourself. I keep insisting on this because you can only share in My work of Redemption if you live united with Me at every moment. There must be no interruption...”

This redemptive work took place every moment. “Do not spare yourself, My little one. Know no limit. Do not separate yourself from My work of redemption for even one moment, because if you did, I should feel that the love you have for Me has lessened. I desire ardently your love. May you always feel what I feel!”

Jesus sought this renunciation from the very beginning. “My little one, you can see why, from the very beginning, I asked you to renounce yourself. I asked this many times because you can only share in My work of Redemption if you live totally united with Me at every moment.” This renunciation extended to everything.

Elizabeth was very special to Jesus and her attention had to be uninterrupted. “For you, only one thing is necessary, your uninterrupted sharing in My work of Redemption. Let this be your diversion! Do not say that I am very strict. Have I not asked you many times to renounce yourself? You must do this moment by moment. You cannot stop doing this even for a short time. I am your way and your life. Everything passes away, only your work for souls remains.”

### The Chosen and Favored Elizabeth

Jesus is strict because Elizabeth is a favored soul. “Why do you want to know more than you need for your eternal salvation? I do not demand this from others with such strictness, but you are My preferred one. You did not make yourself worthy. I, God, thought you worthy of your call. Even one instant is too much for you to be occupied with something else. My love does not rest. May our thoughts be in unison!” (Please notice Jesus’ words, “I do not demand this from others with such strictness, but you are my preferred one.” All of us must detach ourselves from worldly distractions. How we do that might not be as strict as for Elizabeth.)

As Elizabeth was more detached, Jesus could bestow more graces. “My daughter, I ask for many mortifications so I can give you many graces in return. Let the spirit of sacrifice, of prayer and of mortification always burn within you”. Detachment led to great purity of soul. “By your resolve to examine your conscience ever hour, your soul is refined to become more apt to immerse itself in God and to worship Him.”

## CHAPTER 11 STRUGGLES AGAINST DOUBTS

### The Night Vigil

Being a lonely lay woman entrusted with the unbelievable grace of Mary's Flame of Love, Elizabeth experienced many doubts. When Our Lady made the great promise about her night vigil blinding Satan and saving souls from eternal damnation, Elizabeth wrote: I was filled with joy when I heard the Blessed Virgin say this. But later, a terrible doubt assaulted me. Did I correctly understand what the Blessed Virgin said in the early morning? This is an immense grace. How can I receive it? The grave doubt concerning this grace granted to me and my companion weighs upon my soul. Is this coming from my pride?

At other times, Elizabeth doubted because the Blessed Virgin said nothing at all: This, too, caused doubts. In one word, I really do not understand. Maybe I doubt because my pride does not allow me to believe.

She cried out, "O Blessed Virgin, dispel my doubts. It upsets me that my nighttime prayer would be so meritorious. Is it possible and permissible to believe this? In the darkness of my soul, the Blessed Virgin gave no reply. Therefore, I asked the Lord Jesus. He said: "You should accept this miraculous power of the Flame of Love of My Mother not just with your lips but with your mind as well." Elizabeth concluded: Having such a great gift caused unimaginable doubts.

### Grappling With Doubts

She tries to describe her doubts: My own thoughts became confused. I again remembered how I was not able to speak of the Flame of Love of the Blessed Virgin. I thought that I did not understand anything. When I got home, I hid my great suffering by singing happy songs, so my children would not notice the depression caused by my sufferings.

It seemed that no one could help. "What a terrible spiritual torture, who can free me from it? No one understands me. It is in vain that I would tell this to someone..."

She doubted whether her efforts were enough: During my evening meal, a great restlessness came over me. My thoughts were filled with self-reproaches that I had permitted myself too much comfort. Whoever receives such great graces should seek zealously the occasions to acquire merits. Frequently, I shorten my night prayer. I feared that this would cause me to distance myself from God and I would completely lose my life of grace.

### Our Lady and the Doubts

Doubts caused Elizabeth to resist the words. Our Lady said, "The resistance against my words comes from your human doubts. By these doubts, you limit your soul's capacity to act. This causes you spiritual harm. If you do not put them away, they will destroy your abandonment to us."

Our Lady consoled Elizabeth but the doubts remained: "In spite of these words, a heavier doubt came upon my soul. "O Mother, I have taken so many initiatives and have satisfied your requests with all my strength. Yet, everything has remained the same. Forgive me. I do not want to follow my own imagination. Completely strip from me all of my thoughts. I want to think and do only what you want.

Elizabeth blamed her imagination for doubts: "O Blessed Mother, if I can ask even more, take from me everything that makes me a victim of my own imagination." Later, she wrote: I spent two days immersed in adoration of the Most Holy Trinity. Meanwhile, doubts greatly disturbed my soul and I could not free myself of my depressing spiritual torments. I am the foolish victim of my own imagination.

Elizabeth cannot figure out her inner feelings: I spent the whole day filled with anxieties. At night, as I went to adore the Lord, I thought in the midst of my uncertainty: "My God, what is going on with me? Where have I allowed myself to be led? What is true? What is now in me or what was there before?"

Our Lady helped Elizabeth overcome her doubts. "Go, my daughter, and hurry! Each minute means the loss of souls. Go, my child!" She repeated the request again, and after Holy Communion, asked for the same thing. "Do not be trapped by the heavy feelings of doubt. These are just obstacles to my plans. Now, before long, I will take my Holy Cause to those who will spread it widely."

### Her Sister Companion

At times, the overwhelming doubts caused her to turn to her sister-companion for help. She wrote: My dear and good little Sister, on Christmas night, when I returned from the chapel after early morning prayer, I asked you if it was a sin to believe in what is happening in me. Although doubting a little, you said, 'No.' For a moment, I regained my peace. Previously, during the night prayer that followed midnight Mass, I had suffered terribly.

She describes her inner suffering to the sister: I suffered atrocious torments because no one believes me and I believe in vain. I try to reject this insecurity and not be taken up with this matter. However, I continue to suffer. On Christmas night, I sighed to myself, "My Jesus, I suffer so much." Help me, my dear and good little Sister, to free myself. Tell me to whom and where should I go? I beg you to help me. The inner voice continues to accuse me.

Elizabeth's doubts even led her to write a letter to seek forgiveness from her sister companion for deceiving her: After this, my beloved little Sister, I do not know how you will speak to me again. Perhaps out of kindness, you will not despise me as Father X did.

### Satan & Doubts

Because Satan's lies paralyzed her, she decides to write no more: While attending morning Holy mass, a great anxiety took possession of my soul. An infuriating battle arose within: these arguments are nothing but counter-arguments invented by my lies with which I blind myself. Not one word of all this is true, this is why my sins have so greatly increased that I cannot

receive Holy Communion. In my anxieties, I come to the same conclusion. I must stop this and I must destroy all my lies. So, I resolved not to write a single word.

Her anguish is so great that only the Holy Father can set her free. She wrote to her sister-companion, "I beg you, Sister, go to Father G and speak with him for me. After that, what must I do? I am totally convinced that the Holy Father is the only person who, after he studies the Cause, can restore my peace. If he finds that it is not true, he can give me absolution for the entanglement of my lies. I want you to understand my very serious situation and to help me with your good will. With the little strength left in me, I will go to the Holy Father, even if you find this strange. I will overcome all difficulties because I cannot go on living and do nothing with this cruel and atrocious spiritual remorse."

## CHAPTER 12 MYSTICAL EXPERIENCES

Elizabeth describes many mystical experiences. Even though she had no training in mystical theology (which teaches about these phenomena), she describes them just as well as St. Teresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross.

### Various Experiences

She experienced the gift of inner illumination: As I was kneeling silently before the Lord, a great brightness shone before my spiritual eyes, but I could not see it clearly. It was like a living light which sparkled and sent out small flashing particles in every direction. These particles were smaller than a grain of dust. Nevertheless, even the smallest particle shone with a great flash.

She knew that she could not express these experiences in words: While contemplating this, the Lord allowed me to understand why I could not find adequate words to express it. These tiny particles of marvelous brightness had awakened in me the sensation that they were God's creatures.

She enjoyed a contemplative stillness. Even a single mystery absorbed her thoughts for months: Jesus said to me, "And the Word became Flesh". Penetrate and live in this sublime mystery, which signifies the Redemption of the world." Even though I meditated on these words, I am incapable of expressing them. For months, I meditated only on this mystery, which is an inexhaustible miracle. Later, she looks back and writes: The material for my meditation these past months has been one phrase: "And the Word became Flesh." This is an inexhaustible theme and I always meditate on it.

These experiences always led to greater unity with her Lord: While we were eating our bread, He allowed me to feel His inner emotions and He breathed His words full of grace into my soul. Jesus said, "May our souls be in harmony. In this way, our hands will gather in unity. Now I fill your heart with the feeling of My Divinity. Oh, that we might gather together as much as possible!"

She experienced the Communion of Saints: Our Lady allowed me to feel in my soul the wonderful union of the saints. I was filled with an indescribable joy.

She enjoyed moments of Jesus' wordless presence: The Lord Jesus did not speak, but He inundated my soul with the sublime feeling of His presence. Without any words, He poured into my consciousness a feeling of peace: it has been a long time since I surrendered completely to Him. I ought to be at peace. Nothing comes from me. He poured out His grace and permitted me to understand clearly the reasons of these great disturbances and sufferings.

She experienced infused faith: The Lord Jesus told me that He had just given me, with wonderful strength, the grace of faith and confidence, because without these two virtues, no

other virtues can take root in either me, or in any other soul. That is the fundamental pillar of this great and Holy Cause, the only way it can be ignited.

Elizabeth experienced what the mystic saints call a spiritual, burning wound: After a few days, I felt as if a burning arrow had been thrust into my soul. By this suffering, souls must be saved from damnation. Since then, I do not even know myself. How can I understand? I am this burning fire of charity but I cannot describe it. Some feelings are exclusive secrets between the soul and God. To speak of them is impossible and I do not intend to do so.

Elizabeth was lifted to a sublime state of purity: I had the feeling that the Blessed Virgin was about to communicate some extraordinary things to me. During Holy Mass, she infused into my consciousness what I am feeling now. This has caused my soul to be light and lifted up to a sublime state. Our Lady said, "This great grace, my little one, is holy purity."

Elizabeth writes of experiences without words: Instead of speaking, the Lord Jesus breathed on my soul.

Jesus called Elizabeth to great spiritual heights, calling her an arrow flying to heaven. "That first meeting was the great step, when My Mother entrusted you to Me in a special way. Since then, My little one, you have been flying like an arrow towards Me. In your flight, never turn to look back at earth so that the world's noise does not bother you." He repeated that image. "Do you remember what I told you one time? You fly like an arrow toward Heaven, but do not turn to look toward the earth lest the clamor of the world makes you dizzy." Sometimes, she could communicate this presence of the Lord so that others received the same feelings: During these days, I received extraordinary graces the Lord reserves only for the weak and the convalescent. A nun kneeling next to me said, "I am kneeling by your side because I also want to be a saint." Oh, I knew she perceived the Lord's presence in me.

### The Holy Trinity

As with all mystics, Jesus brings Elizabeth into the life of the Trinity, a reward for fidelity and suffering. Jesus said, "My little one, as a reward for these great struggles, the Most Holy Trinity took possession of your soul to a greater and greater level. It brought all your human strength to the highest level of tension. Do not be surprised by what I am going to say or the way I will express it. Just so you understand the meaning of My words, I must use expressions that are familiar to you. Both in quantity and in quality, you have responded to the Divine demands."

At another moment, Jesus explained, "Because your soul has been purified of the anguish of doubts, you now have been given the power to rise to the heavenly Father and be immersed in the delightful and joyful contemplation of the Holy Trinity. I will speak to you less frequently. Your frequent immersion in the Most Holy Trinity will raise your soul towards God and your soul will remain in the company of the heavenly Father. This is the reward for your suffering."

### The Holy Spirit

She wrote that the Holy Spirit was the source of her gifts: As this inspiration penetrated my soul, a feeling totally unknown to me, delicate, moving and full of grace, flooded my interior. This was the Holy Spirit of Love and of Holiness.

Later, she wrote: As the night was falling, I went to the Lord Jesus to receive some rest for my soul. Suddenly, the Spirit of Love overwhelmed me with a feeling that caused me to tremble.

She experienced the mystical breathing of the Spirit: While the Lord poured out His Spirit in my soul, I felt the Holy Spirit breathe upon me a different level of grace, so I could overcome temptations. I had been crying because the Lord had left me. Now, peace filled me so much that the tears falling from my eyes gave way to a silent recollection. When my heart calmed down, the Lord spoke one more time.

## CHAPTER 13 ECSTASIES

There are three types of ecstasies – simple ecstasy, rapture and flights of the Spirit.

Simple ecstasy is like a fainting spell. It comes gently and produces a pain when this special divine presence is removed.

Rapture is more impetuous with a violence that is irresistible.

Flight of the spirit follows rapture. It is so impetuous that it seems to sever the soul from the body. Resistance seems impossible.

### Simple Ecstasies

Elizabeth tries to describe her ecstasies: I must write that all feeling of space and time ceased in me, and in this spiritual ecstasy, the Lord began to speak. His voice spread an extraordinary strength over me. His words reached my conscience through a very humanlike locution.

Through the ecstasies, God revealed his majesty and prepared Elizabeth for suffering. “Do you wonder how you can see and comprehend the Divine Mysteries with so much clarity? Only the one whose sight is one with My Divine Gaze, and whose thought is one with My thoughts can see them. My Elizabeth, many of the Divine Mysteries you have been experiencing because of My Divine Clarity in periods of ecstasy, strengthen you for the suffering that you must bear for the salvation of souls.”

The ecstasies came even when she was just helping her family: I spend the day helping my family. All during this time, the Lord’s presence fills me to such a degree that my soul is lifted above my bodily activities, because my soul remains next to the Lord without any interruption. During my work, I frequently enter my small room to adore and make reparation to the Lord Jesus who is present. These are secrets of my heart that I reveal to you.

One ecstasy lasted all morning: The Lord Jesus spoke again. This conversation lasted the whole morning. If someone reads these lines, he should know that this conversation was often interrupted. While it was going on, the Lord Jesus overwhelmed me. He increased the feeling of His presence. From time to time, He would say a few words. He knows very well that I listen to each of his words as a prayer. I constantly reflect on His teaching. Today, it happened the same way.

Our Lady also gave her ecstasies: I cannot write what the Blessed Virgin said during the ecstasy... The Lord Jesus now speaks rarely, but He had already warned me about that. Now, the Blessed Virgin fills my soul with her special love and brings about the ecstasy.

One time, the ecstasy resulted from hearing a Christmas carol: At morning Holy Mass, when the organ played a line from a Christmas carol, the Lord brought me into ecstasy. When this happens, I do not see or hear anything else. I just hear the Lord’s words. Taking total possession of my soul, He again began to speak.

At other times, the ecstasy contained extraordinary experiences: In these moments of ecstasy, the Lord Jesus exchanged His Heart and Soul with me, and He allowed me to feel the Divine Heart beating within me while His Soul penetrated my inner being. Moreover, there is no way of writing down what happened in my soul; it is sharing in the infinite goodness of God.

### The Fire of Charity

These ecstasies seemed to reach their peak with a Fire of Charity: While saying this, Jesus quenched in my heart the thirst for souls and He poured the fire of His burning charity over me in the greatest measure. And while He pronounced these words, He filled me with so much of His charity that I began to tremble. I cannot express this experience in words...Because the fire of charity now inflames me, I experience ecstasy much more frequently, often in unexpected moments.

Concerning this extraordinary Fire of Charity, Elizabeth writes: However, I did not have any distressing doubt as to whether it was the request and Will of the Lord. The fire of charity is burning me and I want only what the Lord wants. I have no fear of being deceived by the Evil One.

### Flights of the Spirit

St. Teresa of Avila teaches these three phases of ecstatic union – simple ecstasy, rapture and flight of the spirit. In “flights of the Spirit”, the soul quite literally feels itself lifted up to heaven. On many occasions, Elizabeth (totally unaware of mystical theology) describes her own flights of the spirit.

She writes of “being pulled up from earth”: This wonderful grace increased every minute. I must write that it pulled me up from the earth. When I finally was able to open my lips to speak, I asked: “My adorable Jesus, what are You doing with such an unworthy person?” With an inspiration as soft as a sigh, He poured out in my heart the feeling that, at that moment, in a direct soaring, He was drawing my soul to the infinite love of His Divine Being.

This “flight” happened even while she was absorbed in her daily tasks: My soul was so united to Him, that it was as if I had left earthly existence. My body did its daily tasks (that day, I was particularly busy because I had to take care of my daughter’s house because she was seriously ill). However, these many occupations did not disturb the union of my soul with God. It was as if my soul had been floating in some high place from which it was looking down on the demanding activity of my body. This extraordinary state kept increasing like waves upon my soul.

Jesus explained why Elizabeth has the feeling of being far away from earth. “My daughter, put your earthly things in order. Time passes quickly and you are flying to Me without sensing your speed. There is an immeasurable distance between your soul and the earth. Beloved, I am waiting for you with a loving heart. God is calling you with His infinite love.”

### Trying to Record

Elizabeth recorded her experiences during this gift: For hours after this, I do not know what happened to me. When the bell sounded at noon, I recited the Angelus. Then the noisy announcements on the radio disturbed me. But more than this, I cannot write, because what happened in my soul might be what Saint Paul wrote: "Eye has not seen, ear has not heard and it has never entered the human heart..." Maybe I cannot write more because I do not have the intellectual capacity. That is to say, it cost me much to come back to the real life...

When her soul left earth, she could write little: At that same instant, he lifted up my soul from the earth while the sound of His words kept ringing in me. He added, 'It is only the soul purified of its sins that I raise to Me in this way.' On this, I cannot write any more. This elevation to God cannot be expressed in words.

Being lifted up results in a feeling of not belonging to earth: I do not want you to think that I am possessed by melancholy. This would go against my happy nature. Nevertheless, a silent withdrawal dominates my soul and I feel as if I did not belong to the earth. This happened on other occasions also, but the Lord Jesus said that now it will continue until the end of my life. The experiences continued, even though her tasks multiplied: Because I had promised to make daily reparation in the Sanctuary of the Blessed Virgin from noon to 1:00 p.m., I interrupted my household chores. Later, my son asked me to put some official business in order. All these pursuits were the labor of a single day. I had to do all these necessities with great attentiveness. Yet, during this time, my soul was flying high in its nearness to God.

She describes the effects of these flights. "The graces of these days totally saturate my soul and I am nourished with wonderful strength. When I arrived home after Holy Mass today, I did my household chores while being immersed into an adoration of thanksgiving."

Jesus described her flight. "Yesterday, you were surprised that you were allowed to come into the nearness of God, as if you had taken flight from the earth. This was a reward for your persevering effort."

This "not living on earth" experience came also to her through Our Lady: The love of the Blessed Virgin attracted me to herself. This was very pleasant. All morning, even as I completed my household tasks, it was as if I was not living on earth. The tasks did not occupy my mind. I was entirely possessed by the presence of the Lord Jesus and the Blessed Virgin.

### A Quickly Traveled Road

Elizabeth traveled this mystical road in a very short period of time. Jesus said, "Do not try to understand. What good does it do? You cannot understand the long road that you had to travel for your soul to be lifted to these heights. All the astronomers in the world cannot describe the road that you have traveled in such a short time. Even the saints and the angels of Heaven are in admiration."

She arrived quickly because Jesus made her like an arrow. “Can you understand how easy it is for Me to bring this about? I snatched you with My love so that you fly straight like an arrow to Me. I repeat, straight like an arrow. This is the road of love which has no detour and does not calculate.”

#### Unable to Express

Jesus explained why, (like so many mystics), Elizabeth could not put her experiences into words. “You cannot understand with your intelligence what happens during this separation with earth that occurs during the ecstasy. Nor will you be able to account for or provide an explanation concerning the abundance of graces received. This will leave a great many dumbfounded.”

## CHAPTER 14 A WOMAN OF OBEDIENCE & HUMILITY

Elizabeth was obedient to everybody – to Jesus, to Mary, to the bishop, to priests and to the confessors.

### Obedience to a Spiritual Director

Jesus taught her this obedience. “The words of your spiritual father are Mine. Receive them with the greatest veneration and follow them in holy obedience.”

The priest’s voice was always to be followed, no matter what doubts Satan put within her: This is the spiritual torment that I am continually fighting. A part of me wants to spread the message of the Blessed Virgin, and the next moment, another part holds me back. I am told, “Do nothing without your spiritual director.”

Elizabeth worried about not having a spiritual director: Unfortunately, I do not have a spiritual director to whom I can recount the constant changes that happen in my soul. I need advice in many things. The Lord Jesus unexpectedly answered my words. “I see that you have little faith. Why are you impatient? It is My responsibility to give you a spiritual director. Do not fear. I will give you a director according to My Heart. Do not fear, I will never abandon you.” These words coming from Him were so encouraging that they gave me great peace.

Jesus confirmed the power of the confessor’s words. “Feel in your heart, My little sister, the reward favored with graces for having accepted My order that I gave you through your confessor. Now, you see and feel the power that caused the doubts to cease in your soul.”

Obedience to Father X was a great help: I am going back and forth between two forces. One voice eggs me on: “Burn it. Throw it into the fire. If you do not, your soul will have no calm.” Then I thought of the advice of Father X that I must not allow these disturbing thoughts to come close to me.

Our Lord also explained the disaster she would have experienced if she had not listened to her director. “You gained this reward only through obedience. You can now recognize that I gave you peace not because the absolution was truly valid, but rather through a command of your confessor. If you had not accepted this command, your soul would have been shipwrecked once and for all.”

### The Power of Obedience

Jesus constantly repeated His words about obedience. “My words are serious and firm. Does this surprise you? Think of what I emphasized to you on other occasions, namely that your confessor’s word is My word and to not accept it is to revolt against God. Therefore, I had to be firm with you.”

Elizabeth began to understand the great power of obedience: How holy and great is the virtue of obedience. Until today, I had not thought about it as I do now. Also, I pondered how my soul will become shining because of obedience. I made a firm resolve to accept with greater fidelity and surrender what I receive, whether directly from the Lord Jesus, or indirectly through my confessor.

### The Need For Humility

Jesus told her that Satan desperately wanted to destroy her humility. “Be careful, My Elizabeth, your soul will be the battleground of a great and prolonged combat. The Evil One wants to uproot the greatest riches in your soul. He wants to destroy your humility. He knows and he sees that this is the unique value he has to attain. This is the only way that he can destroy the constancy of your soul.”

To spread the Cause, Jesus needed only her humility. “You know well that I make use of your littleness, your ignorance and your humility to gain My I purpose. Above all, I stress your humility.”

Jesus wanted her hidden. “Live hidden in great humility. Except for a few persons, no one should know about you. You will gain merits by your sufferings. These you must offer in union with Me to the Eternal Father for the souls consecrated to Me. May your humility be so great that you radiate goodness and love to all whom you meet.”

Our Lady wanted Elizabeth to be far away from worldly honors. “Seek humility always and everywhere. Distance yourself from those who honor you, who love you. Seek only to be despised. Love those who speak evil of you and misunderstand you.”

Her humility needed silence. “Remain always silent because only in this way God’s voice will continue to speak within you. Be silent and do not praise yourself. Your spiritual life must take root in silence.”

### Humiliations

Humiliations purified her soul. Jesus said, “I never seek results from you, Elizabeth. I tell you this so you are humbled. In these days and in these difficult times, you have a need for greater and more frequent humiliations. I know this. Therefore, I send you everything to bathe your soul in humiliation because without it, I could not guarantee the purity of your soul.”

Jesus allowed her failures so she would gain humility. “As for allowing you to fall many times, that was required of you by Myself in order to thus temper your soul by this great humility without which I would not have succeeded with you.”

Jesus asked that she never be self-satisfied. “Each night, My little one, ask yourself what you have done for the coming of My Kingdom. Never be content with yourself. There is no room on earth for self-satisfaction. The reward of your labors is not a worldly reward. Work as hard as possible. See humiliation as a great instrument that guarantees abundant fruit for your work. Seek and love humiliation. I did this during My lifetime.”

When Elizabeth was unable to explain the Flame of Love to a priest, Jesus said, “Do not be surprised, my little instrument, that you cannot speak eloquent words. I am the one who acts and who enkindles the Flame of Love in the depth of hearts. I am the one who confused your words and darkened your mind. I did not want any pride in your soul. That would be a great fault. You, little instrument, be reasonable and totally humble. You are an instrument in our hands. We care for you and allow no sin to come close to you. Be careful in all your temptations. The Evil One takes advantage of every situation to shake your humility.”

## CHAPTER 15

### JESUS, A FRIEND WITH HUMAN FEELINGS

Many times, Jesus speaks of His relationship with Elizabeth in terms of a deep human friendship which benefited both Elizabeth and Himself. Many people will be quite surprised to see these human feelings of Jesus for Elizabeth.

#### Jesus As Man

Jesus told Elizabeth about His human feelings. “Hold Me close to your heart because I also have human feelings. I rewarded you with that sacred surge that you felt just now, as a sign of My gratitude towards you.”

Jesus wanted Elizabeth to understand Him as a man. “What would I not give to a soul that responds to My love! I allow My loving Heart to be driven by ‘madness’. I use those words so you can understand Me as Man.”

Elizabeth often reflected on how Jesus spoke to her in such human ways: Then He spoke to me, just as we humans speak to each other.

Jesus often expressed His human feelings, (like his disappointment over Elizabeth leaving Church). “Once, I wanted to leave after the 7:00 a.m. Holy Mass, but Jesus’ sweet voice tried to hold me back. “Why do you want to leave Me? Can we not walk together? Do not go. Why are you in such a hurry?”

Jesus wanted to be first in Elizabeth’s heart. I wanted to weed my garden because the weather was favorable. Jesus said, “Don’t you want to attend the next Holy Mass? You know, do you not, why I called you to remain so close to Me? You must give precedence to what you can do for Me, over all other things! What did I tell you? Your great merit is suffering in whatever form it takes. Cover my holy hands with kisses. Have you forgotten that I chained you to My feet at your own request?”

#### The Lonely Jesus

Elizabeth consoled Jesus in His loneliness. “Do you know that I was awaiting you with a sad heart? You see how lonely I am! You are the only one here. If you did not come, I would be an orphan. You were an orphan, My little one, and you know how bitter it is.”

Jesus often asked her to stay longer in Church. “Why are you leaving so quickly? Is there anything more important for you than I? Perhaps your knees hurt. Think of Me when I fell on My knees, nevertheless I did not abandon the Way of the Cross. Remain with Me. Do you not see how lonely I am? Do you have nothing to say to Me? This also has no importance. Listen to the silence. Our hearts beat to the same rhythm. May our glances melt in one another. Just tell Me that you love Me and adore Me, also on behalf of others.”

Even when the church was cold, Jesus wanted her to stay: I started to feel cold. I did not spend much time in prayer because our church is very cold and made out of cement. However, the Lord Jesus, almost begging me, insisted that I stay. "Do not leave Me now. I am alone and without consolation. Oh, how often I am alone! You see why I say, 'Do not leave Me alone!'"

He constantly asked not to be left alone: We did not stop our conversation. He continued to complain about His abandonment and again pleaded: "Do not leave Me alone, My little one. Through My sufferings, I bind you now more tightly to Myself."

### Lonely in Church

Jesus was often lonely in an empty Church: Being alone in the big church, I went to Jesus' feet and asked, "Are we not alone?" Jesus said, "Unfortunately." I heard His sad voice in my soul say, "Make great efforts so we can become many."

Jesus greatly desired her visits: One day, I visited a friend's house which had a chapel. When I finished, I did not visit the chapel to say goodbye. In a sweet tone, He reproached me about my indelicacy towards Him. I told Him: "Forgive me, my beloved Jesus. Did I not ask You to destroy the rough features of my soul?" He answered with a mild voice: "My little daughter, you must love Me night and day." "O Lord, my will is Yours. Do Your work in me."

### Further Expressions

Jesus would actually apologize for needing Elizabeth to assuage his loneliness. "Oh, the loneliness! The loneliness and coldness are surrounding me constantly. That is why I stay close to you now. I do not disturb your rest. I am here with you in silence. May our hearts beat to the same rhythm. Keep on doing what you are doing. I will stay with you for quite some time. What would I do all by Myself?"

Jesus pleaded with Elizabeth not to leave Him alone in the task of gathering souls. "You see why I say, 'Do not leave Me alone!' Let Me give you abundant graces which are stored up in the immeasurable love of My Heart. May our souls be in harmony. May our hearts beat to the same rhythm. Draw many souls to Me. May our hands gather in unity."

He constantly told Elizabeth that He wanted her company, "I grasp your hands. I will go with you. May our feet journey together."

Complaining to Elizabeth consoled Jesus, "You see, this is the pain of My Heart. May our thoughts be in unison. Oh, I have complained much, but do not be depressed about that. A shared grief is half a grief."

### Total Unity

At times, Jesus spoke as a jealous lover. “Your living faith in Me keeps your soul in a continual freshness and makes you ready to receive abundant graces. Hence, My little one, do not serve anyone but Me.”

He wanted no distance between Himself and Elizabeth. “I beg you, in the future, do not think about yourself. May your thinking be only, “Us”! If you come to Me and if you think of Me, think that the two of us are one. Let there be no gap between us.”

They were to share one life. “I will fill with grace the empty parts of your soul, and you must deny yourself so that, although you keep living, it will be I who live within you and you live only through Me.”

Jesus sought total union. “And I tell you: From now on, no longer speak of yourself. The “I” in you must cease completely. Let there be only Me for you. That is your real life.”

## CHAPTER 16 THEIR MUTUAL FRIENDSHIP

### Reciprocal

Jesus believed in reciprocal love. “I am accessible to you in a way that is quite human. If only this gave rise in you to a trust similar to Mine.”

He repeated this pledge, “I love you much, My Elizabeth. I want this love to penetrate your soul deeply. I, the Lord, make this confession and I anxiously desire your reciprocal love.” Later, He almost shouted in my soul. “Love Me above everything!”

Their friendship involved mutual acceptance. Elizabeth said, “My adored Jesus, accept me the way I am.” Jesus responded, “You also accept Me with My disheveled and sticky hair, My beaten body, stripped of its clothing, My hands and feet pierced by the nails, My opened wound on My side.”

At times, Elizabeth complained about Jesus leaving her: As I felt His presence leaving me, I called to Him, “Where are You going, my adored Jesus?” He answered me with a troubled voice. “I am just going. First, I visit the souls consecrated to Me and offer them My graces again and again.”

The friendship was so human that Elizabeth describes having lunch with Jesus: While He was speaking to me, I got out my little lunch. On Thursday and Friday, at the Lord’s request, I eat only bread and water, and I offer it for the twelve priests and to make reparation to the Lord. Meanwhile, the Lord sat (in a spiritual way) next to me and said, “Oh, how this pleases Me! So few times have I enjoyed participating in such an intimate banquet. The souls that make reparation and faithfully follow My desires are so few.”

Often, He was with her during meals: “I prepared some hot soup and felt much better. While I was eating, He praised me using few words but much feeling.

### Mutual Acts of Help

The friendship helped both. Jesus said, “Is it not true that we now have both gained new strength? I also suffer with you. Could you imagine that I would leave you alone? No! I would never do that. Our souls are always in harmony.”

Elizabeth was like Simon of Cyrene to Jesus, who said, “I never abandoned or interrupted my way of sorrows! Come, let us go together, it will be easier this way for you and for Me. Shared pain is half pain. You know, I pulled myself along with great difficulty. It is not without reason they made Simon of Cyrene help Me. Now, you also help Me.”

Their friendship was to be all the time. “I will walk with you and stay with you all day.” They were to have the same petition. “May our lips beg our heavenly Father, together, to obtain mercy.”

Elizabeth records her feelings after Jesus’ plea. “On my way home, my soul was consumed in adoration. Under the effect of grace, my heart beat so much that I almost fainted.”

Jesus enjoyed being in her presence. He said, “I will wait for you in our little dwelling. Come quickly and be with Me.” When I entered the small room, His presence filled me with holy devotion. After adoring Him briefly, I continued my work. The Lord Jesus told me: “Do your task and then come back. I await your return.”

I returned quickly and prostrated. Jesus said, “I will stay here because I enjoy the silence of your small room. Our hearts beat to the same rhythm. Without you, it is difficult to suffer, and I know that you feel the same.” I was touched deeply because the Lord Jesus promised that, from now on, He would wait for me in my small room.

#### A Considerate Jesus

Jesus was always thoughtful of Elizabeth’s family responsibilities. She writes: While doing my work, He told me various things. From time to time, family members came to me with their problems. When they came, the Lord was silent. He is infinite kindness.

On one occasion, when Elizabeth needed bread, Jesus did her a special favor. Jesus said, “Leave now. You must get bread for your family.” I had forgotten this completely. With deep gratitude, I thanked Him that His attention extended also to our earthly needs.

On the way to the store, I kept adoring Him. When I entered the bakery, I remembered that it was Saturday and I asked, “Do you still have bread?” They said, “No.” I was scared. What will happen now? When I was about to leave, I heard them call me. They had reserved a bread, but the one for whom they had set it aside did not come to get it. At once, I said, “My adorable Jesus.” He said, “I am that one. Do you see? The time you spend with Me should not harm your family.” We walked home together in silence. I speak thus because He filled me with His presence. Immersed in Him, I kept adoring Him.

#### Mutual Feelings and Thoughts

Jesus and Elizabeth expressed their mutual feelings quite freely: On the road, I said to Jesus, “You are the apple of my eyes.” He allowed me to feel the exultant joy of His Heart, and said, “You have not said this to Me for a long time. I never tire of hearing it. One cannot grow tired of love. Do you find yourself bored if I say the same thing often?”

Jesus shared His secrets: At 2:40 p.m., I looked at my watch while thinking of His agony. Once, He complained that He endured the most atrocious pains twenty minutes before His death.

Jesus promised her every gift. “If I see your confidence, I am obliged to you, and you can have anything from Me. I do not restrain Myself. I stay right before you with the love of My Heart to make you happy.”

Jesus revealed His own feelings. “Believe Me, everyone has the power to make God happy. I passionately await this happiness.”

He rejoiced in her accepting His teachings. “Do you know how much you please Me? Just embrace My teaching. My insistence has not been in vain. I am truly happy.”

#### Elizabeth’s Total Giving

Jesus was Elizabeth’s only desire. “Sweet Jesus, I come to You in the morning covered with dew, flowery and fresh in a summer day when hearts are still sleeping in the hiding place of sleep, to be the first one to greet You.”

Nothing kept her away from Jesus’ Eucharistic Presence. “The time I spend with You is always short. It goes like the light that swims over the clouds. I come in suffocating heat and beneath scorching sun, because I love You so much.”

She always brought Him souls. “I come to You in the humid shade of evening. The lamp of the Eucharist calls me. I sense that no one is with You. I love you and bring souls to You.”

Neither snow nor rain kept her away. “When I come across deep ditches covered with snow, my eyes see only the falling snowflakes. I come in the torrential rain, in mud so deep, because my heart beats for You, O my God.”

#### Jesus’ Gifts to Elizabeth

As a faithful Lover, Jesus removed her aridity: He filled my soul and took away several days of spiritual aridity. With His fruitful graces, I felt overwhelmed by the knowledge of my misery.

He touched her feelings by a hymn. “Did you enjoy the hymn? I was the One who touched you by the melody. This is the hymn which we like the most. I use it to praise you because you so much love the silence of the church where I dwell.”

## CHAPTER 17 SIGNS OF LOVE AND OF SACRIFICE

### Remembrances

Jesus recalled past events so Elizabeth could reflect on them. “Again, I will speak of something from your past. Remember when you were still working in the factory. Besides your work, which you did with great fidelity and responsibility, you took a course on quality control. You were very tired when you studied, so you thought and knew that you would not pass the exam.

As a working mother with six children, burdened with a thousand preoccupations, you needed enormous effort to study. You surprised yourself by becoming the top student. Although you did not think of Me, My hand was upon you.”

He recounted the demands at her job. “Because there were four reels, the machine produced abundant material in just a few minutes. You had to be attentive so there would be no waste. The supervisor continually oversaw the good functioning of these machines and was ready to stop them immediately. He did not want a hundredth of a millimeter of error.”

Jesus used this memory to describe Himself as her supervisor. “I remind you of these facts so you see that you gained success from your application and your conscientious work, not from your knowledge. I am with you as the supervisor of the machine. I walk here, I walk there, I am near you so you do not produce anything wasted. Not even an error of one hundredth of a millimeter is admissible. As I told you, not even a hair should separate us.”

### Special Signs of Love

He gave Elizabeth special signs: When it was my turn to receive Communion, the priest stopped in front of me. With open lips, I was trembling as I awaited the Savior. Perhaps the priest considered me unworthy of Communion. Really, he was just trying to separate Hosts that were stuck together. When the priest placed the Sacred Host on my lips, I received two, not one. While placing them on my tongue, he grazed my teeth. They separated and appeared like two wings that the Lord used to fly into my soul.

This brought a limitless relief to my soul. I broke into a shout, “How good of You to come! Truly, You do not despise me. Because I am a sinner, You double Your strength in me. What goodness, what limitless compassion You have for a repentant sinner.” For a long time, I gave thanks for His infinite mercy.

Our Lady asked her Son to always give Elizabeth a sense of His presence. Jesus said, “I will leave you with the feeling of My presence. In the great sufferings that I will pour out on you now, the Flame of Love of Our Mother will give you great strength. She is the one who forces Me not to deprive you of the feeling of My presence. Be also grateful to her for that.”

Jesus’ presence was often like a flood: In the silence of my little dwelling I was immersed in adoration. Meanwhile, He flooded my soul with the grace of His presence.

### Elizabeth's Sacrifices for Jesus

Our Lord praised her sacrifices and prayers. "Sacrifice and prayer! These are you instruments. The goal is to bring about the powerful work of Salvation. Oh, if your desires reach the throne of the heavenly Father, the results will be abundant." Jesus rejoiced in her constant willingness to sacrifice. "When I offered you My graces, My Soul already rejoiced then for the high degree of availability to make sacrifices with which you embraced them. Your constant willingness to suffer with Me increased this transfusion of My graces."

Her sacrifices greatly pleased Jesus. "By your total surrender, My Elizabeth, you have become My harp. The sacrifices which you continually accept are the chords of the harp. Now, I play the most beautiful melodies."

Sacrifices prepared her for greater graces. "By your sacrifices, you have dug a deep channel and the water of My Divine graces, with its purifying power, has found a place in your soul. If you had not prepared this deep channel by your sacrifices, the purifying water of My graces would have drained off."

### Shared Experiences

Jesus enjoyed her presence: Since the Lord Jesus no longer addresses me with His kind and sweet words, there is a silence between us, or rather, the conversation is but a monologue. One day, I had to go shopping for my children. After lunch, as I left the house, I reviewed what I needed to buy. At that moment, Jesus said, "Do I bother you?" He drew near with such a delicate attention that I could not contain my tears. I whispered those words which He loved to hear. "With insatiable thirst, I desire You."

Elizabeth was perfectly attuned to Jesus' desires: I begged Him, "My adored Jesus, I desire so much that your great grace become known publicly and that more people come to profoundly experience your intimate yearnings."

At times, Jesus wanted to pour out his troubles. "I ask you to forgive Me for having bothered you so often in your time of rest. However, no one else is around and I so much wanted to pour out My troubles to someone. My little sister, serve Me according to My pleasure."

Jesus constantly repeated that He wanted her close to Himself. "Try to serve Me even better. Do not forget. There should not be even a hair between us. There is much to do and few laborers."

## CHAPTER 18 SACRIFICES FOR THE FRIENDSHIP

Full friendship with Jesus came at the cost of total abandonment: At that very moment, I made acts of faith, hope and charity begging Him to never allow that I be separated from Him. Let Him chain me to His sacred feet so I would always be united to Him. Thus I would always feel sheltered. He then asked me to renounce myself because I tend to be distracted and worldly. 'I want to give you great graces, but you must renounce yourself completely.' These were harsh words for me to understand. This is why I asked Him, "Am I capable of doing this?" "You must only will it. Leave the rest up to Me."

### Making Sacrifices

She did everything to console Jesus: How I would have loved to console Him. "O sweet Jesus, I live for You, I die for You, I am Yours forever." While attempting to console Him in His deep sadness, I remembered the legend of the little bird that tried to remove the thorns from the sacred Head of Christ. While trying to do so, the bird's breast became red with the Precious Blood of the Lord.

She wanted Jesus to perfect her by sacrifice: "Divine Sculptor, form me in Your image and likeness, so that at the hour of my death You recognize the work of Your holy hands. O blessed Divine Hand that carves and caresses at the same time. My soul burns with desires when You say that You need my sacrifice. What a great distinction! I bless You, beloved Jesus, and exalt You without end."

He reveals His happiness with Elizabeth's sacrifices. "When you make sacrifices for My work of Redemption, I am in debt to you. I can say this in another way: You buy Me with your favors and an overflowing happiness fills me."

Her presence relieved Jesus' suffering. "You understand Me and try to please Me with all your strength. I plead with you, stay with Me. Oh, this abandonment, and being despised. Relieve My sufferings with your frequent presence."

### Their Mutual Goal – to Save Souls

The purpose of their friendship was to save souls. (Jesus used the words "to gather"). "You know that you must always gather with Me. Now, here in this silence, you can gather with Me. Also, in the quiet of the night. I teach you so you learn and teach others how to gather souls."

Souls were their only thoughts. "May our thoughts be always in unison- to save souls from eternal damnation. Only in this way can you lessen My cruel sorrow. Let that not be boring to you. I have repeated it to you over and over: Suffer with Me."

### Pouring Out His Troubles

Elizabeth was so much Jesus' friend that He regularly told her the causes of His grief. She was His friend and He could pour out His troubles. "Forgive Me if I now expose before you the well-known pain of My Heart. You know, many souls consecrated to Me have fallen on good soil and produced abundant fruit. Now they are dispersed. They have no greater dream than to give themselves as fodder to the animals. They do not allow themselves to be plucked or ground. Without this, they will never be useful creatures. Oh, how My Heart sorrows for these scattered grains of wheat. My little one, feel the sorrow from which My complaining words spring up. May our souls be in harmony." (Jesus is talking about the many convents that the Communist government had closed, thus scattering the religious).

By wanting to share in His sufferings, Elizabeth gave Jesus much consolation: During the three holy hours, I wanted to be immersed in His sufferings. Gathering all my strength, I tried to dispose my soul for prayer. The sweet Savior took compassion on my weakness.

### Jesus' Desires

Jesus wanted reparation for others. "Adore me and make reparation on behalf of others also. Seek many graces for them."

Jesus rejoiced in her reparation for souls: During my nighttime adoration, I made reparation and asked Him to cover us with His Precious Blood. Before I left, I asked for His blessing. In an emotional strain, the Lord Jesus said, "May our feet journey together."

Jesus is grateful for her sufferings. "I am grateful to you because your heart suffers with Me, and beats in Me. I was alone and since you were not coming, I came to you. I rejoice to be with you. I am grateful for the number of times you think about Me."

### Wanting Elizabeth in His Presence

Jesus delighted when Elizabeth visited Him in Church: At 7:30 p.m., I passed by the church in the district of Christina. It was already late and I did not intend to enter. The Lord Jesus said: "Come near Me and greet Me." I went in. To my surprise, the priest was simply standing before the opened tabernacle. He had his hand raised to close the tabernacle. When I fell prostrated, Jesus said, "How much I waited for you! How kind that you have come."

Elizabeth describes Jesus desire for her to stay with Him: After being there for a long time, I was getting cold. I wanted to go home. Then I heard His voice deep within my soul. "Do not go yet." I remained. A few minutes after, I heard a sweet voice in the silence of my soul.

## CHAPTER 19 JESUS' SPECIAL LOVE

Many times, Jesus expressed his great joy when she arrived. "Come, just come! I can hardly wait for your arrival. The greater and more numerous are the sacrifices that you make, the happier you make Me."

Jesus grew anxious for her arrival." The moment is near, so be patient. I can hardly wait for your arrival. My Elizabeth, My little one! I draw you close to My Heart. You will receive a tremendous reward for all the sufferings that you have accepted for My work of Salvation."

### Jesus' Desires for Elizabeth's Presence

He greatly desired that she keep him company. "I am very glad that you came to keep Me company. You try so hard to please Me. This will gain for you a new and abundant torrent of graces."

He spoke openly of what she did for Him. "Understand the ardent longing of My Divinity that I want to satisfy here with you. I delight to be with you because I feel that every beating of your heart is Mine."

Jesus said that He needed Elizabeth. "You see My riches. I need you and I enrich you. Therefore, may our hands gather in unity since our thoughts are one and our souls are in harmony."

### Jesus' Glance

In human friendships, just a glance between the partners says so much. Jesus often used His glance to share His feelings. Elizabeth called this glance "penetrating": At the dawn prayer, while I was meditating, I saw again the penetrating glance of the Lord's eyes. He now asked me for the desire of His Heart that He shared with me a while ago, not through words, but through the penetrating gaze of His eyes.

Elizabeth described the effects of Jesus' glance. "Oh, these eyes! My bodily eyes cannot withstand His glance. I shut my eyes tightly. Trembling, I could hardly look. The look of His eyes is like a flash of lightening which lights up everything. It penetrated my whole being and I saw all my hidden sins.

Jesus used His glance to strengthen Elizabeth. "When you also are abandoned, I will never abandon you, I will be with you in every difficult situation. Besides, today I will accompany you with the penetrating glance of My eyes."

Elizabeth's greatest spiritual experiences came from Jesus' single glance: I cried for hours without stopping. "My sins! Oh, my sins!" I whispered while moaning. While this was happening, the sorrow in my heart for my sins was greater than I had ever experienced.

Meanwhile, the penetrating glance of His eyes rested upon me. This is an unbearable brightness.

Elizabeth understood this great privilege: “I, a sinner, a very great sinner! Yet, the glance of my sinful eyes will be one with the glance of Your Divine Eyes? Not just my eyes, but according to Your desire, the eyes of everyone.”

#### Jesus Gaze Upon Her

Jesus’ profound glance gave her great strength. “Earlier, the Lord Jesus again strengthened me with an amazing grace. He does not make me feel His presence, but He looks at me and accompanies me with the penetrating gaze of His eyes.”

This glance became somewhat permanent and accompanied her soul. Jesus said, “My little one, take courage and gaze at Me. May our eyes look at each other and our glances melt in one another.” I had never experienced this wonderful glance which now accompanies my soul. It helped me to win a great victory over the terrible temptations of the Evil One.

Jesus commanded her to look into his eyes so that Satan is blinded. “Take courage. Look at Me. Always look into My eyes because in this new battle that Satan wants to wage against you, the look of My eyes will blind him. This will not happen quickly because I allow you to be tempted. May our glances melt in one another.”

She was to look only into Jesus’ eyes. “Look into My eyes! I allow our eyes to look at one another and our gazes to be as one. Do not see anything else. Read in My tearful eyes that I place upon you the anxious desire of My love.”

His eyes guaranteed her victory. “Unite your thoughts with Me so our hearts can beat to the same rhythm. Do not look to the right or the left. Look only into My eyes. That will invite you to be recollected and help you to obtain the victory for the success of My work of Redemption.”

#### A Total Unity

At times, Jesus spoke as a jealous lover. “Your living faith in Me keeps your soul in a continual freshness and makes you ready to receive abundant graces. Hence, My little one, do not serve anyone but Me.”

#### Making Elizabeth Into a Masterpiece

Jesus promised that He would turn her personality into His masterpiece. “Your bad temper will go on, but from this evil nature, I will accomplish a masterpiece if you agree to submit to My Divine Hand. Simply surrender to Me like the grapes that are pressed and transformed into wine, which will become My Precious Blood.”

## CHAPTER 20 THEIR MUTUAL JOYS AND SORROWS

### Joys of Jesus

Jesus would have enjoyed having many Elizabeths. “If there were only more of you! You, My little friend, with what joy I look at you. I thirst for every one of your words because these quench My yearning for souls.”

Elizabeth refreshed Jesus. “Your soul is like a spring from which the purest water gushes, a water that not only refreshes but also purifies. It refreshes Me, and through your desires, purifies the sinful souls.”

Jesus enjoyed her words. “Talk to Me, My sweet soul. I like to hear you speak. Your words are a melody for Me. They fill My Divine heart with joy.”

He took great pleasure in the purity of her soul. “Because your soul is like the pure water of a lake, My Divine eyes can always see what is within you. The pebbles at the bottom of the lake shine with light and cause delight. They are your hidden sins and defects which your repentance has made bright and shining.

Jesus continued to praise her. “I tell you, there is no longer any mud, any dirt in them, but only beauty for Me. My divine eyes look upon them with pleasure. That is what you felt, which took away your strength to walk. God’s gaze rested on your soul.”

Jesus accepted her completely into His heart. “By your desires, My little Carmelite, you have entered entirely into My Heart.”

### An Incident on a Snowy Night

Elizabeth’s loneliness gave Jesus a special opportunity. One snowy night she exited from a bus: Coming back home that night, I got off the bus. Because I could hardly walk on the icy snow, a depressing loneliness came over me. Looking around, the other passengers were rapidly dispersing. Most of them had companions. I was fearful of walking on the dark and icy road. On setting out, the Lord Jesus surprised me, first only with His words and then with His increasingly felt presence.

On the way home, He enjoyed speaking of His presence. “Tell Me, little sister, why do you consider yourself alone since I am the One leading you? Have no fear, I will not let go of you. Come, let us go together and let there be no other moment when you would feel alone.” As He spoke, the feeling of His presence grew ever stronger in my soul.

### A Changed Relationship

At one time, Elizabeth did not know Jesus. “Elizabeth, a long time ago, when you did not think of Me, I was always there. I kept you from falling on the icy and slippery road of life. At that time, you did not believe that I was protecting you from so many falls. I was watching closely each footstep you were taking.”

Now, their relationship was much different. “Our souls are in harmony and our thoughts are in unison. Reject every idea that you are alone. This is impossible between us. It would hurt Me very much if you still think this way. Don’t ever have such thoughts again.”

### Elizabeth’s Human Reactions

Elizabeth always rejoiced when she felt His presence: I was very emotional and I ate my little dinner of bread in His presence. The Lord Jesus was there with me. Although I did not see Him, the feeling of His presence assured me. My great tiredness did not allow me to kneel up straight for a long time. With infinite goodness, Jesus said, “Rest now. I will stay with you a few more minutes. Feel My blessed presence and the pain of My Heart that I share with you. May our hearts beat to the same rhythm.”

Jesus’ presence was always filled her with peace. “I broke forth in tears. This increased my sorrow for sins. Who would not cry in the presence of such goodness and kindness? In the silence, He remained next to me and then left. “Rest in peace. I am going to look for hearts.”

### Sudden Visitation

Many times, Jesus surprised Elizabeth by His unexpected visits: When I arrived home (this happened on the threshold, even before having entered), suddenly and unexpectedly, the Lord Jesus was at my side. I did not see Him. He put His hand on my shoulder, touched my right shoulder twice and said, “My little one, persevere by My side and suffer with Me.”

These sudden visitations carried many memories: The next morning, crossing the threshold, I came to where the Lord’s presence had overwhelmed me the night before. I knelt down in the new-fallen snow and thought, “How holy is this street He honors by His presence.”

When others rejected Elizabeth, Jesus would come. I was still quite perturbed by the great humiliation and the flat rejection that I had suffered the previous day when I went to confession. Then Jesus called my name, “Elizabeth.” That gripped my heart and it seemed strange He would speak to me that way.

Jesus shared in Elizabeth’s pain. “In the morning, I knelt at the Communion rail, but when the priest saw that I was the only one to receive, he did not give me Holy Communion. I said, “Oh, how painful this was for us!” Knowing my sorrow, Jesus said, “That is true. Let our joys and our pains be as one. Now, we both feel that we have been set aside and we are in pain. Let us endure this grief together.” Elizabeth was consoled: Now, this is easier to accept. A deep feeling for Him overwhelmed my soul.

## CHAPTER 21

### ELIZABETH'S SPIRITUAL FAVORS

Besides her many trials, Elizabeth describes the religious experiences that provided hope and consolations.

#### The Lord's Presence

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The Lord's words entered her trembling body with an extraordinary sensation: Today, the Evil One oppressed my soul ceaselessly. It ended only when, in the evening, I prostrated myself before the feet of the Lord. After a short silence, He spoke with a marvelous tenderness. An indescribable love, formerly hidden from me, came from Him into my trembling soul. For a long period, this extraordinary sensation traveled all through my body and soul. The Lord spoke in a voice more tender than ever. I sensed that He felt great sorrow in what he was going to say.

This divine gift of trembling happened often: Such great silence reigned in my soul. The Lord had not yet overwhelmed me with His kind words, but He had filled my soul with His Divine presence in a marvelous way. I experienced this in my veins and in my bones. Although this feeling penetrated my entire body for only a short time, it causes me to tremble. I experienced this at other times, sometimes intermittently for weeks. Until now, nothing had been this intense. My body had become almost useless; I only felt my soul filled with Divine Grace.

The Lord explained the reason for this gift. "Let this sublime feeling be a reward for your fidelity. May our souls be in harmony. What happiness this is for Me. Immerse yourself in the ocean of My graces."

She records special moments of Jesus' presence: While saying these words, He allowed me to feel His Divine Presence in me. He usually does this as a sign to me, but only for brief moments.

The Lord's presence was felt in difficult moments: How many times, while kneeling at the Lord's sacred Feet, He freed me from terrible worries. When I am not thinking about it, He suddenly appears. His Person remains invisible but He makes His presence felt. In spite of all this my sufferings remain.

Jesus' presence overwhelmed her: I would have remained longer at the Lord's feet if the Sister sacristan did not tell me that the doors closed at 7:30 p.m. At that time, I did not yet have a key. Since I could not separate myself from the Lord Jesus, I asked Him to accompany me. I sensed the Lord's presence as I went home by a longer route that was quieter. We spoke no words. His presence was so strong that I wanted to prostrate in the street.

### Rewards for Sufferings

At times, Elizabeth's experiences were direct compensations for undergoing Satanic trials. Jesus said, "That great experience of God with which I gifted you recently compensates for Satan's great temptation that was unleashed against you. Do you know what I am talking about?"

Heavenly delights followed earthly battles. "Now, I place your soul in a special state of My graces because of that great battle. You know, My little one, even here on earth you receive a foretaste of Heaven's delights. As I already said, this is your reward for the suffering which have eternal value."

These divine favors turned Elizabeth's heart away from this world: Many times I was walking around with teary eyes. My love for the Lord Jesus filled my eyes with tears of repentance. I did not want to turn my eyes towards the world ever again. I sought only silence so I could continually hear the Lord's voice, because from that day on, He was the One speaking to me. How simple were these intimate conversations.

### Simple Consolations

Little devout practices gave her great consolations: For months, I had not heard this hymn. Now, it has been sung for four successive days. Never had it touched me so much as today. The tears ran down my face, I could not stop them even when I was receiving Communion. When I knelt down, I wanted to thank Him for this union but He did not stop talking. He began to praise me.

Jesus' words attracted her for weeks: The sweet Savior filled my soul with such an attraction for His sacred Body and Precious Blood that for weeks I could only meditate on the Eucharist. It was His desire that He and I penetrate deeply into these inexhaustibly profound words: "He who eats My Body and drinks My Blood remains in Me and I in him."

### Jesus Special Light

In her many dark trials, Jesus gave Elizabeth constant moments of light: As He was saying those words, a powerful stream of His graces entered my soul. The Lord Jesus asked if I understood. With His enlightened words, He poured out the wonderful grace of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Power, and the wonderful light of the Holy Spirit enlightened my soul.

Amid dark trials, the Lord's brilliance would help her: At some moments, the Lord's wonderful brilliance lights up my soul and I see things clearly. When these short moments pass, I return to my painful state.

Jesus promised that this light would reveal her life like a movie. "When you arrive in Heaven before the Most Blessed Trinity, you will see the value of your sufferings that will last forever and never become obscure. There, I will reveal them to you like a movie, filled with merits and wonders."

Jesus promised that His light would bring her into ecstasy. “This transformation united with My merits and the Spirit’s illumination will plunge your soul into the most beautiful ecstasy.”

### Overpowering Gifts

Overpowered by his gifts, she sometimes could hardly walk: So intensely did I experience the graces which the Lord poured into my soul, that I could hardly walk. Let no one who reads these words be surprised.

At other times, she had to kneel down: I do not know what happened while I was in the country. During these days, almost every five minutes, the Lord urged me to kneel down and offer Him reparation.

Jesus told her not to try to understand all that He did. “My graces act in your soul with no obstacle. If I lift you to Myself, do not even reflect on it. Take it as My gift, do not try to understand.”

## CHAPTER 22 SPECIAL FAVORS INVOLVING OTHERS

### Communicating Jesus' Promise to Others

Sometimes, she could communicate this presence of the Lord so that other people received the same feelings: During these days, I received extraordinary graces the Lord reserves only for the weak and the convalescent. A nun kneeling next to me said, "I am kneeling by your side because I also want to be a saint." Oh, I knew she perceived the Lord's presence in me.

She experienced a soft burning in her heart which she also communicated to others: Let no one who reads these words be surprised. When this experience happens, many times the Lord's grace burns softly in my heart.

Jesus promised that she could distribute his riches. "Now, only beauty shines forth from you. Although you feel the misery of your soul, others will not. The richness of My Divinity will radiate from your soul and you will be able to distribute it to others. In one word, I have made you an administrator of My graces."

### Praying for Others

Her prayers for the dying were very effective: During my conversation, I mentioned a doctor who for many years had lived without the Sacrament of Matrimony. I told him the grave circumstances of his death and that the Lord Jesus promised me that his soul would not be damned. The Lord had said, "If you ask for souls, can I refuse your petitions? No. Otherwise, I would be acting against my work of Salvation. I always hear your persevering prayer."

Elizabeth enjoyed great powers of intercession: I was praying for a soul who had not gone to confession for decades. I learned that this person was seriously ill. One day, we got the news she had already received the anointing of the sick. "My adored Jesus, thank You for Your infinite mercy."

Jesus promised her great effects coming from her intercessory prayer. "I tell you and I promise with My Divine word that whenever you pray for someone, you will never be refused, because the drops of oil of your sacrifices not only fall on the lamps of souls, but also upon My wounds which burn with fever. These drops are like refreshing balm. My Elizabeth, the Man-God thanks you for this.

### Receiving Help From Others

After being comforted by her faithful companion, a religious sister, Elizabeth wrote: Great happiness filled my soul. Finally, His desire will be fulfilled. He had already asked if He could place me in the furnace of sufferings. Now, by His grace, I will be able to do this.

On another occasion, this sister provided great strength: While we were talking about the great grace that had touched us, she turned to the sanctuary and said to the Blessed Virgin, "Oh,

Most Holy Virgin, you are all powerful and yet men want to act against you.” In admiration of the Flame of Love of the Most Holy Virgin, we both were overwhelmed and we resolved to pray for the greatest number of souls to be saved from eternal damnation. My sister companion gave me a lot of advice which I accepted with a humble heart. When we said “goodbye” before the altar, she did not know what strength and tranquility Jesus poured into me through her.

### Reparation for Others

By God’s Justice, all sin requires reparation. In a great mystery, God invites special souls to make reparation for sins committed by others. Jesus frequently asked this of Elizabeth. “Adore me and make reparation on behalf of others also. Seek many graces for them.”

a. for the indifference of consecrated souls.

“Make reparation for those souls who, although consecrated to Me, have no interest in Me. I have sheltered them in My Heart and have showered them with My precious treasures. However, they leave their treasures to gather dust in the depth of their souls.”

b. for those who paid little attention

During the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, He asked me to offer Him reparation for the offenses committed by so many people paying very little attention to His inspirations.

c. for those who spoke empty words.

“By your silence, make reparation for many who speak empty and senseless words. Make reparation for those who hold back because they lack confidence.”

Elizabeth sensed when Jesus expected this reparation. A great silence followed. Immersed in His infinite goodness, I asked pardon for my offenses and for those of my family and my parish. I offered reparation for all who had offended Him in any way.

Every sin offends God, and by divine justice, it must be repaired. The great mystery of reparation is that Jesus asked Elizabeth to make reparation for sins which she did not commit. “Make reparation! This is the only consolation you can give Me. I, the Man-God eager for your hearts, I need your consolation.”

Elizabeth made reparation for herself and family. A great silence followed. Immersed in His infinite goodness, I asked pardon for my offenses and for those of my family and my parish. I offered reparation for all who had offended Him in any way.

### Communicating the Experience

Besides writing and speaking about this Flame, Elizabeth received an extraordinary gift of actually bestowing her own religious experiences upon others. She describes what took place: What I will write now did not come from an intervention of words. I write it because the Lord Jesus asked me to. On one occasion, as I was taken up in prayer before the altar, the fire of God’s love burned in my soul. While I was adoring Him, someone came near to me (a religious sister). She became wrapped in that same love that was burning in my soul and maintained me in the presence of the Holy Majesty of God. The Lord allowed me to feel in what great measure

the Sister also experienced this effusion. At that time, the feeling of the presence of God so filled this Sister that she went for weeks sharing with me this effusion of grace.

This imparting of the Flame happened often: On another occasion, I met a priest in the street. Suddenly, he greeted me. When I came closer to him, the Divine Presence poured forth from my soul and filled his soul. This happened to another priest on numerous occasions. However, when compared with the first priest, his outpouring was much weaker. When these outpourings happen, I am overwhelmed.

Our Lord explained, "I am the One who radiates these graces upon you, and through you, on the souls that come to you. The Flame of Love of Our Mother obliges Me."

Our Lady explained the intoxication of the Flame. "Encountering no resistance, the Flame will illumine souls with a gentle light. Those accepting the Flame of Love will be intoxicated by the abundance of graces and they will proclaim everywhere, as I said before, that such a torrent of grace has never been granted since the Word became Flesh."

## CHAPTER 23 OUR LADY'S SPECIAL FRIEND

Chosen as Mary's messenger of the Flame of Love, Elizabeth enjoyed Our Lady's closest friendship and greatest favors.

### Our Lady's Special Words

Our Lady frequently praised her. "Do not be distressed. I will mention a little detail which pleases me and is for your merit. Many people in your neighborhood have known you for years. You have fought your great battles before their eyes. Many admire you and even your enemies speak of you with respect. I am pleased to hear that. A mother is pleased to hear one of her children is recognized as being good. And you are my daughter, twice over."

At times, our Lady was majestic, speaking to Elizabeth like a Queen: The Blessed Virgin's words moved my soul and made me feel that she is the most powerful Sovereign in the world. She is the queen before whom all must fall on their knees in repentance. After a brief pause, I again heard her voice in my soul.

This voice was determined and strong: I never heard the Blessed Virgin speak in this tone of voice which was filled with the majesty of someone who is totally determined. I listened to her words with unspeakable admiration and trembling. A few minutes later, the Blessed Virgin spoke in a totally different tone, with her sweet motherly voice.

### Promises of Heaven

Our Lady promised that when she comes to heaven, Elizabeth would be beside her until the world ends. "With motherly love, I will await your arrival in Heaven. The drops of oil resulting from your sufferings will fall on the earth into the lamps that are either extinguished or barely flickering, and they will ignite my Flame of Love. You, therefore, can take your place beside me until the end of the world."

Elizabeth is overwhelmed: I cannot describe how I felt after these words of praise of the Blessed Virgin. I wanted to humble myself. She said to me, "Do you understand this, my little one? I lift you up and lead you into the eternal homeland that my Divine Son acquired for you at the cost of immeasurable sufferings."

### Special Blessings

Elizabeth experienced the longings of Our Lady: Because of her request, I ate only bread and water and a little fruit for nine days. When she asked a second time, I deprived myself of water on various days. This was difficult because of the terrible heat, but my heart feels the great longings of the Blessed Virgin and this gives me extraordinary strength during the fast.

Our Lady filled Elizabeth with thankfulness and joy: Feeling this grace, I went to church early in the morning. "O most powerful Virgin, I hail you. From what sorrow you have saved me! Why

do you give me so many graces?” Elizabeth felt as one with the saints: The Blessed Virgin allowed me also to feel this joy. I was united in spirit with the grateful homage of these saints, while the Blessed Virgin caressed my soul and continued speaking.

Our Lady wanted Elizabeth as a travel companion to Bethlehem. “Let us set out, my little Carmelite, together with Saint Joseph. You must walk with us along Bethlehem’s dark roads covered with mist. You have to seek a refuge for my Flame of Love which is Jesus Christ himself. Do you want to come with us? Because it is now that we are leaving to carry on my Flame of Love. You will receive strength and grace from us.”

### Sharing Our Lady’s Sorrows

Our Lady shared her sorrows with Elizabeth: Many times, the Blessed Virgin makes me feel her gift of sorrow. Some day, I suffer so much with her that I can hardly walk. All morning, she poured into me, to a great degree, this grace of suffering. Because of my tearful eyes, I tried to avoid everyone, so they would not notice my great affliction. I have only one thought – to fulfill all that she asks of me.

Our Lady shared with Elizabeth her sorrow over the loss of souls: “You are a mother also. With you, I share the immense pains and sufferings of my maternal heart. I know very well that you share in my motherly sorrow. Just think if your six children were condemned to hell. What sorrow you would experience! And Me? Oh, what torment to have to see so many souls damning themselves and going to hell. Help me, my daughter, my little one.”

These sorrows greatly weakened Elizabeth: The Blessed Virgin shared her maternal sorrow with me. So greatly did these sufferings come upon me, that I had almost no strength for other tasks. The conversation with the Blessed Virgin was almost uninterrupted.

Jesus, Himself, spoke of Elizabeth sharing in Our Lady’s “distinction” of being invited to Calvary. “You are now accompanying Me to the Calvary on the road of humiliations. Our dear Mother comes with us and has you share in her sorrow. Accept this great distinction, which she shares with very few.”

### Peace and Praise

Our Lady praised Elizabeth. Elizabeth was to be consumed by sufferings: “Just live in hidden humility and be consumed in suffering. I, the Mother of Sorrows, feel as if, with each of your sufferings, you pour medicinal balm upon the wounds of my Divine Son.”

After many trials, Our Lady gave Elizabeth relief and peace. “This tremendous relief which you now feel is my gift. Now, let us rest a little while so that you have strength to continue the battle that awaits you.” Elizabeth writes: These words, spoken with a mother’s goodness, calmed my soul. While I was spiritually resting, I thought about the bishop’s blessing, because through it, the peace of the Lord inundated my soul more wonderfully than ever after his blessing. Remembering this, even days later, filled my heart with great happiness.

Our Lady assured her that the sufferings had great value: “Keep before your eyes that you are destined for suffering. Remember also the words my Divine Son told you: ‘Give yourself to suffering and sacrifice yourself ceaselessly.’ Your sufferings are not in vain, but do not worry about who understands My Flame of Love.

#### Our Lady’s Protection Against Satan

Our Lady protected her. “I protect you from all spiritual danger. Do not fear the devil who is always lurking around you. I have crushed him. You do not have to fear. Hide beneath my mantle and frequently kiss my holy garment (the scapular) that you wear.”

She gave Elizabeth very special help: I was sad about this situation and I complained to the Blessed Virgin that the devil struck me and I was not able to get up on time. What I will now write is astonishing. The Blessed Virgin said: “My Divine Son and I were also present. We permitted him to strike you, but I promptly stopped him because it was enough.” The Blessed Virgin interrupted Satan and promised not to allow the Evil One to strike me again. This time, however, it was necessary.

## CHAPTER 24 THE REPENTANT WOMAN

Even with all of her divine gifts and ecstatic experiences, Elizabeth based her spirituality upon repentance (a constant theme in her diary).

Her deep repentance was accompanied by tears. “Adorable Jesus, my Divine Master, You know what I want to say but words do not come to my lips. Only my tears fall silently. Tears of repentance!”

Tears were her only gift to Jesus: “I always think of what I can give You. Once more, Lord, my Jesus, I give You my sins again and again, and the monotonous flow of tears from my heart imbued with graces. Please listen to me. This is the music of my heart and the only gift I can offer.”

### Like No One Else

Her highest goal was to repent more than anyone else: “Many, many times, I experienced the repentance that the Lord’s mercy brought forth in my soul. I want to repent for my sins like no one ever has repented until now.” She would pray, “I want to love You like no converted sinner has ever loved You until now.”

Her thoughts constantly returned to this theme: O Jesus, I want to repent of my sins as no one has ever repented before. All the beatings of my heart are nothing.” And “I love You very, very much. I want to love You as no other repentant sinner has ever loved You.

Jesus was pleased with Elizabeth’s repentance. “You know how pleased I am when you prostrate before Me and say that you are sorry for your sins as no sinner has ever been sorry and that you want to love Me more than all converted sinners.”

### Sharing in Jesus’ Sorrow

Jesus shares His sorrows with all His true friends. Elizabeth was no different: I had to stop writing because He again poured the sorrow of His Heart into my soul. Oh, that sorrow of His Heart, how it breaks my soul! Leaving aside the writing, I prostrated and adored Him and said to His Heart with a tiny voice: “I want to love You as no converted sinner has ever loved You.” This experience came frequently: He often overwhelms me with the sorrow of His Heart and I have to stop writing.

### Images of Repentance

Elizabeth frequently used “grains of dust” as an image of her repentance: “O Jesus, how many grains of dust are in the world? In every one, I place the sorrow of my heart so that the wind takes them to you in reparation for my innumerable sins.” When I was sorry in this way, Jesus was very touched. On another occasion: “I ask You that in each grain of dust that You have created, I can place sorrow for my sin. My Lord, My Jesus, in every beat of my heart there is repentance, it is very little because my heart sometimes misses a beat.”

Jesus constantly showed his appreciation for her repentance. “I overlook everything. By your repentance, you attract Me to you like a magnet, and any soul doing that will attract Me. Oh, I beg you, draw Me to yourselves.”

She describes her repentance for others: Before Communion, I told the Lord of my profound sorrow for sins. “O my adored Master, how I suffer from all that I have offended You!

#### Jesus’ Desire for Repentance From Others

Jesus wanted this repentance from other souls. “The current of My graces, powerful like an overflowing river, would act in all of your souls in an uninterrupted way and with a constant intensity, if your repentance, like a powerful river, was rushing toward Me and surrendering to Me!” Jesus wanted Elizabeth to draw other souls to repentance. “My daughter, your repentance has brought you closer to Me. Seek this profound repentance for a great number of souls. I call many souls to follow Me, but few come.”

Lack of repentance in others saddened Jesus. “Oh, how many, many souls receive My abundant graces, but they are not prepared, and the purifying water of My love drains out. Their souls lose this grace. How this hurts Me!”

## CHAPTER 25 THE EFFECTS OF REPENTANCE

Elizabeth's repentance had many effects.

### Effects Upon Jesus

1. Repentance brought about union with Jesus. "What unites Me with you? Your inexhaustible repentance!"
2. Repentance inebriated Jesus. "Yes, this is what inebriates Me. Poor little soul, listen to My words which recognize what you are capable of. You inebriate the most high and all powerful God. Understand this great marvel: you can make Me happy by your repentance for your sins."
3. Jesus becomes intoxicated. "Your love filled with repentance intoxicates Me, little sister. Desire with ardor that the repentant love of other souls also intoxicate Me. Your desire is not without fruit."  
By her repentance, Jesus had freedom to act. "Your repentance for sin allows My graces to be active in souls."

### Effects Upon Elizabeth

Her repentance gained great rewards, "My little one, accept the extraordinary manifestation of My love that you deserve by your continual repentance. This is the shortest road to come to Me, making you fly like an arrow. This humble, uninterrupted repentance keeps you in flight."

Throughout the diary, she constantly enjoys the special gifts coming from repentance. Jesus said, "Your repentance touches My heart. I will imprint on your soul, little sister, a brilliant sign. Do you understand Me? I will mark your soul with a metallic sign of pure gold. You merited this for a long time because of your constant repentance. Even after your death, it will shine with light. Your soul's brightness shining from repentance radiates a light of repentance over the souls of others also."

Her repentance gave her constant access to Jesus. "When these things happened, I was crying and sobbing for my sins. Meanwhile, my soul became light and pure. I asked the Lord, "Adorable Jesus, what do you sense now?" In response to my question, He made me feel that He welcomes everyone in this way so they repent of their sins."

### Effects Upon Others

She had to repent for others. "Repent on behalf of others also." Jesus repeated His request on another occasion. "My little one, work hard so that many sinners come to Me. Cry and repent for their sins also."

Her repentance would gain sorrow for sins for many. “My little one, your profound sorrow for sins will move many to repentance, and sinners will return to Me.”

On many occasions, Jesus explained the effects of her repentance upon other souls. “The great repentance of your soul, Elizabeth, renders souls fruitful. Do you know what your repentance is like? It is like the bee that gathers the pollen, flying from flower to flower. This is your repentance! And the more you pray for souls, the more I pour My abundant graces, and they will repent for their sins. You see, if the bee does not cooperate, the bee and the flower are useless. Nothing results.”

By her repentance, Jesus had freedom to act. “Your repentance for sins allows My graces to be active in souls.”

Other souls receive pardon. “You see, beloved, how immensely powerful repentance is! You can even disarm the power of God on the verge of chastising the world. A long time ago, you received from My merciful Heart the full possession of the love which forgives. I accept this profound repentance with which you prostrated yourself before Me for the sake of others, and I grant them My pardon.”

Jesus calls Elizabeth’s sorrow “a melody of repentance”. “On the chords of your soul, I play the melody of repentance. Upon hearing this melody, even the obstinate sinner will convert.”

The effects of this melody are powerful. “By your repentance, perfect sorrow for sins will be enkindled in a multitude of souls. This melody comes from all the suffering you accept. It is the melody of your accepted sacrifices whose sound penetrates souls, and through it, you make reparation for sinners.”

## CHAPTER 26 A VARIETY OF EXPERIENCES

By birth, we gain a capacity for the human experiences of sensing, feeling, thinking and choosing. By Baptism, Jesus invites us to enjoy religious experiences. Elizabeth lived out her Baptism and enjoyed many religious experiences. Jesus increased their effects as she remained faithful.

### The Tremblings

Many times, Elizabeth records the trembling that accompanied these overwhelming experiences: Once Jesus said, "I am with you all day. Do not tremble from My presence. The experience lasts just an instant. You need your bodily strength to fulfill the obligations that you have undertaken."

On another occasion, His words caused the feeling: Quite unexpectedly, the Lord Jesus surprised me with His words and started to converse. Never in my life had His words penetrated so deeply within me. I listened to them with a trembling heart and devout concentration.

### Some experiences

She experienced God's majesty: While getting ready to go to bed for the night, I prostrated myself one last time before the image of His Holy Face. In this moment, I felt an extraordinary transfusion of His Divine Majesty. That lasted just an instant but I was shaking intensely. I could not understand what this intense transfusion was all about. At that moment, earth ceased to exist for me and I was entirely in the presence of God. I repeat, this only lasted just an instant.

The Holy Trinity possessed her, (the same experience she would have in heaven): The following day, the Lord spoke for a long time but I could only record a few words. During the conversation, He explained that, at this moment, I was in the possession of the Holy Trinity and that would be my situation once my eternal salvation has been achieved.

Jesus explained why this experience lasted only for an instant. "I only permitted this for an instant because you could not stand this experience while you are still on earth. In this case, you could withstand this only through a special power of My Divine Grace."

### Gifts Centering on Words

Once, her words became echoes: Every word I said to Him returned like an echo. I continued: "I adore You, I bless You, I exalt You, I glorify You on behalf of others who do not."

Upon hearing the voice of the Lord in my heart, I welcomed His words: "O Jesus, how happy I am because You spoke to me. Do not let me go! You are the One who knows best because you give the suffering."

Our Lord's words released many feelings: This morning, as the Lord Jesus was speaking, it was like a river overflowing with the feeling of God's presence. I saw nothing, I just felt it. This Divine Presence confirmed in my heart that I was not deceived by my own imagination.

Sometimes, the words stunned her: "Your words, my adored Jesus, have stunned me, especially when You said, 'You and I.' You have reversed the order. Your unlimited condescension has confused me and my face has turned red. How can You do this to me who am small and nothing?"

On one special occasion, both Our Lord and Our Lady spoke: Jesus said, "Why do you think that I am far away, in the heights above you? Really, I am standing right now next to you." While the Lord Jesus was talking, through these waves of special feelings, my soul experienced the Blessed Virgin with her captivating love, saying to the Lord Jesus, "She is my special one, also."

They allowed me to understand that they were talking about me. The Blessed Virgin was so merged in the love of the Most Holy Trinity that I could hardly distinguish her in my heart. I was surprised by that. In my admiration, the Lord Jesus allowed me to be immersed in extraordinarily wonderful things.

Jesus Himself explained how Elizabeth was able to experience this. "This is not ecstasy, just a form of it. Therefore, your bodily powers can endure it."

The experiences brought infused knowledge: And then, by God's favor and under the effect of graces, I was fully immersed in the knowledge of my nothingness and my lowliness. For me, this grace is the greatest by which the Lord Jesus honors me and inundates me. And this is happening more and more deeply in my heart.

#### Of Transubstantiation

Elizabeth records a very special moment which she could only describe as "experiencing Transubstantiation": This event took place during the elevation of the Host: When the priest pronounced the words of consecration, the Lord Jesus allowed me to experience in a wonderful way the Transubstantiation of His Sacred Body. Jesus explained, "I did this for you and for all the souls. It is due to the working of special graces of My Divine Love that your soul was able to deeply feel this sublime moment."

She records: Several hours passed and my heart was still pounding from this amazing experience of Transubstantiation. Then I started to think: "How could the apostles withstand the miracle of Transubstantiation in their body and soul, being so close to the Lord Jesus? " Even in these few minutes – no, I have not written it right – in these few moments, I felt as if I was going to die on the spot. If the Lord Jesus had not lessened the extraordinary effect of Transubstantiation in me, I would have had no strength. Even now, the effects of this experience are difficult to bear.

### Guardian Angels

The Diary records many times that Elizabeth experienced her guardian angel: I woke up early that morning when I heard my guardian angel saying: “The angels and the saints are looking at you with great admiration.” The angel asked me to increase my profound adoration and praise for the Divine Majesty, “Because rare are those chosen to receive graces to that extent.”

Often, her angel guided her: After returning from Holy Mass, I began to do my housework. My holy guardian angel asked me to go and adore the Most Holy Trinity. At his request, I went into my little house at the foot of the garden.

### Describing the Experiences

Elizabeth tried to describe the effects of her experiences: These Divine experiences maintain my heart in such a state that the disturbing power of the Evil One cannot make any gain. His powers become completely annihilated in my heart.

She clarified the description of her experiences: Then I spent a long time before Him. I cannot describe the joy that I felt through the words of the Lord. When I wrote that He was near, in front of me, I did not see Him. He just allowed me to feel His presence. I write this to avoid misunderstandings.

She asked Jesus to explain the experiences: At night, I went to the Lord Jesus and asked, “My adorable Jesus, was it my imagination that You were with me and that You filled me with the joy of Your presence?” Jesus answered, “Calm down, My little one. There is no reason to lose the peace of your soul over such a question.”

Jesus described the three phases of her experiences: “From now on, I will divide your life into three parts. The first part will be made up of pains and torments. Then, I will fill you more and more with my strengthening graces, and this will be your reward in the form of ecstasies. Then, there will be spiritual dryness, that is, you return to your natural life. So far, your life has been quite similar to this. In the future, you will know ahead of time what will happen to you.”

At times, the experiences were indescribable: Meanwhile, He initiated me into heavenly things which I was unaware of until now. I cannot put these realities into words...On the following day, the Lord Jesus also spoke about this during Holy Mass, but I am unable to write about these things.

### Effects of Experience

The experiences caused physical weakness: Meanwhile, I covered the little table of my room with a cloth, white as the snow. On a white plate, I put slices of bread and prayed, “Come, Jesus, be our table companion...” I prayed kneeling, not standing. The presence of the Lord Jesus was so heavy upon me that I could not rise. For a time, he stood in front of me and He blessed my bread. Then he helped me to get up and said: “This is how you must invite me to your table.”

The experiences robbed her of strength: On the way home, I was absorbed in constant adoration. When I entered my small room, I greeted Him, 'Praise be Jesus Christ.' With the lightest of sensations, He made His presence known. This lasted just a few minutes. Then He filled me with a heavy anguish and a sorrow filled with worry. He did this so much that I had to hold onto something not to collapse.

Many experiences come from Jesus' merely sighing or breathing: Meanwhile, I was immersed in Him. He breathed silently in my soul. She explains the effects of this sighing: The Lord Jesus allowed me to hear His soft sigh that seemed to come from far away. By His sigh, the Lord Jesus allowed a faint light to enter my heart and it revealed the worth of my suffering. When the sigh that I felt coming from afar crossed my heart, I felt the Spirit of Power act intensely in my heart.

As would be expected, Holy Communion brought the greatest experiences: At Holy Communion, a profound silence came upon my soul. As the Lord Jesus entered my soul, even the beating of my heart grew less. His words resounded in my ears. However, at the moment of Divine Union, every stirring in my soul was one with God.

In God's plan, great suffering accompanied these experiences: There is always a great and continual longing for God in my heart. I accepted life, death and suffering according to His Holy Will. This filled me with such felicity that words cannot express it. My heart throbbed with happiness.

The experiences led to thanksgiving: Then, as if I was flooded with light, my soul was immersed in an indescribable bliss. After Holy Mass and all during the day, a feeling of unspeakable gratitude was poured upon my soul and these words came to my lips: "Lord, my adorable Jesus, You have given me a sorrow for my sins so I can share in your work of Redemption."

#### A Special Experience in the Snow

When painful chilblains kept Elizabeth away from Church, Jesus came to her in the snow: My old chilblains on my feet began to bother me again, keeping me away from the evening Holy Mass and I couldn't do the evening adoration either. I thought that I should rest today. So, I spent the afternoon and evening in my little warm house, doing minor tasks.

At some point, I went out into the garden, and immediately, I heard some light footsteps on top of the icy snow. I looked around thinking it must be a small hungry animal looking for food, and I went on walking a few more steps. Then suddenly the presence of the Lord filled my soul. I was startled because He allowed me to feel that He was present next to me. My whole body was shaking under the effect of the graces emanating from Him.

My physical strength abandoned me so much that I almost collapsed. It is only hesitantly that I was able to take a few steps.

Many times now, the Lord has surprised me with His presence, but this time went beyond all the previous ones. My body shook as never before until now. I did not see and I do not know

how, but I perceived the touch of His garment. It was like an extraordinary breath of graces filling my heart with the feeling of God's presence. All this happened in the garden covered with snow. When I returned to my tiny dwelling, I realized how long I had been gone. Afterward, the Lord Jesus began to speak kindly to me."

Only the thinnest veil separated her from Jesus: I want to record what happened on June 13, 1964 (the 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary of my Baptism). At night, when I entered my small room, the Lord Jesus flooded my soul with His presence. I was so moved because He was standing so close to me. He said: "You see, My little sister, this fine veil, like a breath, is all that separates us from one another. Do you know what this is? It is your life that still keeps you captive on earth.

### An Experience of Revelation

Elizabeth records an experience of revelation: A face appeared before the eyes of my soul. I do not know why I contemplated it with my eyes opened or closed. I understood that it was the face of a priest, and I tried to remember where and when I had seen him. However, I couldn't remember. Then I put it aside. A few days later, while I was resting one afternoon, my daughter was with me, putting books in order. Suddenly, she put a photo in front of me. It was the face I had seen in the spiritual vision a few days earlier. I read his name beneath the picture, Father Biro, a Jesuit priest. I had never seen him or known him, or heard his name. Nevertheless, he was a great soul. I knew this from reading the page my daughter showed me. Besides his photo, were his famous words: 'Even if I have to suffer until I die, what have I lost if I become a saint?' (Note – Fr. Ferenc Biro (1869 -1938) was a Jesuit priest who worked in Budapest and was important in Church-State relationships).

### Some experiences

The experiences brought infused knowledge: And then, by God's favor and under the effect of graces, I was fully immersed in the knowledge of my nothingness and my lowliness. For me, this grace is the greatest by which the Lord Jesus honors me and inundates me. And this is happening more and more deeply in my heart.

## CHAPTER 27 JESUS, ELIZABETH'S TEACHER

Many times, Jesus became Elizabeth's teacher, taking the time to explain mysteries far better than any learned theologian. He explained difficult truths and gave practical advice.

### Difficult Truths

#### The Word Made Flesh

No matter what I tried, I was not able to grasp the significance of the Word made flesh. The Lord Jesus drew my attention to this reality. "Even now, adorable Jesus, I cannot grasp this miracle." The Lord Jesus continued: "I am not surprised, My little one. I reassure you, no one except My Mother has understood this great miracle until now. To understand it, it is necessary to accept suffering also. It is only through suffering that the soul can understand the great miracle of the Incarnation of the Word. Through the consummation of the sacrifice, will be clarified in your soul what I did for all."

#### True God and True Man

Jesus said, "I will explain the words, True God and true Man." If this were not true, how could you come closer to Me? I let Myself be known to you as true God and true Man. Not only you, but all those who eat My Body and drink My Blood. As true God, I penetrate your heart and as true Man, I speak to you. My human Heart beats at the same rhythm as My Divinity. Your heart beats to the same rhythm as My Heart. Do you know what this means? It means that you participate in My Divinity."

#### The Importance of His Humanity.

"I have you partake in My suffering of Soul and Body just as I had to as a man. I did not use the power of My Divinity, it was only as a man that I lived the horrors of the night of Gethsemane."

#### Man's Sharing in God's Grace

"All who feel with Me and whose thoughts are My thoughts will receive this participation. Whoever lives this way can only bless. This blessing increases the effect of My work of Redemption. This effect makes you saints. You see, this blessing is an eternal circular movement between Heaven and earth. Your sacrifices unceasingly rise up to Me and I shower My abundant graces upon you and upon all who dedicate themselves for the glory of My Holy Name. Patient, persevering love never blunders.

### Practical Advice

Jesus also gave Elizabeth practical teachings about her life.

#### Inner Warfare

"You must live as someone who is divided in two. Are you surprised by this? Can the body's will and the soul's will be united? Never! I see that your soul is intensely fixed on Me to do My

Holy Will. The body is a formidable opponent, and by its continual resistance, wants to impede the promptness of your soul to remain with Me and to collaborate with Me.”

### Need to Speak Up

“Speech is a gift of God, and one day, we must give an account of our words. Through words, souls communicate with one another. Also through words, people get to know us. Therefore, we have no right to wrap ourselves in silence. We also must remember that we are responsible for every spoken word. Therefore, we should walk and live in God’s presence, pondering each word that we say. Our Father gave the gift of speech and you must make use of your gift. Do not be afraid to speak!”

### Confidence in Mary

“Trust in My Mother! She wipes away all doubt and removes fear by her boundless, motherly love. She marks you with a sign and will protect those who trust her. If you trust her, the depraved will be humiliated and thrown into the depth of hell. The future world is in preparation: The smile of My Mother will light up the whole earth.”

### Little Teachings

Jesus explained God’s diverse calls. “Obviously, I do not call everyone in the same manner. I expect more from the one who has received more. But this is not the most important thing for you. The essential is to make sacrifices on behalf of those you want to lead along My road.”

Desires always include great sacrifices. “Desires are a wonderful instrument that already contain the concept of sacrifice. For instance, a child wanting to be an excellent student will accomplish this if he studies tenaciously. A mother desiring a new child is also accepting the related sacrifice. A scientist conducting research must make sacrifices. An athlete wanting to be the best will undergo endless sacrifices. A father building a house for the family expects to make great sacrifices. That is why I continually urge you to fill your heart with desires, because they carry sacrifice within. The two are inseparable.”

### Human Images

Jesus used many human images to teach divine truths.

a. a magnet “My little one, whenever a magnet attracts something to itself, it does not let go because that would be against the laws of nature. So, I never let go of you or of anyone else because that would be against the law of My Divine Tenderness.”

b. watering flowers “You see, as you water the flowers daily, in a similar way, hearts should daily be filled with My Divine Love that will keep their soul fresh and would make it capable of making sacrifices.”

c. withering of flowers “Look at the plants in your garden, they always climb and try to reach higher. Their flowers wither quickly, but soon new ones open up. The withering of the flower does not show its uselessness because the chalice of withered flowers contains the fertile seed which reproduces the plant.”

## CHAPTER 28 PROMISES TO ELIZABETH

### Promises For Elizabeth

#### Particular Promises

Even on earth, she would be in the Father's arms. "Is there any greater reward for you than to rest in the arms of the heavenly Father and be filled by the Most Holy Trinity? This is the reason why I say: You are a victim burning with love."

Jesus would remove the veil so Elizabeth could see how happy He was with her. "From time to time, I will lift the veil that hides My Divine Will. I will show you My satisfaction, so you can receive strength for your soul to be filled with the abundance of My Divine grace that you must pass on to others. In this way, they can praise and glorify God for His infinite goodness."

Jesus would free her from every fear. "I, your Master, will care for you. I will free you from every worry. I only want to be everything to you so that nothing ties you to the earth."

Jesus would always be present in her little garden home. "I accept and I give My unending blessing to your great will to love. Even more, I will take one more step. Beginning today, your little dwelling will be My continual sanctuary. I will honor this little dwelling that is so dear to you with My continual presence. I have rented your small house. Adore Me and make reparation here. I will remain next to you while you live here on earth."

#### Promises of Heaven

God frequently promised Elizabeth that she would be in heaven:

- a. The doors are open. "Do not fear that anything will separate you from us, even for an instant. Heaven is open for you."
- b. The moment of death. "I know that you also hope for the moment when nothing will separate us anymore. I wait for you with all My riches. We will be totally one and indivisible. I know your heart is beating with joy and I rejoice with you."
- c. Heavenly glory. "When your body leaves the earth, you will enjoy this glory with Me, impacting favorably on the souls living on earth. Repeat frequently with the angels, 'Glory to God'.

#### Promises For Others

Heavenly will bless earth: "My little one, write down what I now dictate: ...You are mine and this is your guarantee. After your death, there will abound in the treasures of your heart those who will know, bless and glorify God. God helped you with His boundless grace to have a life filled with treasures. Those who will live after you on earth can draw abundantly from these treasures. They will be able to follow the simple road of your life. By this path, they also can reach Me."

Our Lady told Elizabeth that she would send from heaven many drops of oil to save souls.

“After your death, my little one, your place will be next to me. Your drops of oil gathered on earth – which by your lifetime of sacrifices, my Divine Son united with His merits – will fall back upon the extinguished lamps of the souls and will ignite them by my Flame of Love. By this light, they will find the way that leads to salvation.”

“Rejoice, because the more abundant and ripe they are, the more numerous will be the souls on whom the drops of the oil of grace will fall after your death.”

#### For Elizabeth’s Workers

Jesus promised great rewards for all the workers. “It is I who called you to be among the workers of Redemption. Now, I call you to be among those who have received the reward.”

Elizabeth records many promises for her followers. Jesus said, “All of you have been called to My work of salvation, fathers and mothers, learned and ignorant, the well and the sick. All can work for Me, the free man and the one suffering in prison. What is important is the availability of the soul and the spiritual freedom which constitutes the culture of the soul.”

Elizabeth wrote: The Flame of Love of the Blessed Virgin prepares a road in our souls for the teachings and inspirations of the Lord Jesus. If we refer to the Flame of Love, the Lord Jesus will enlighten our intellect to know what we must do, for example, how we can chose between two things and which is the most perfect and represents the Will of God.”

These great promises extend especially to the sick. Jesus said, “Especially the sick, yes, in truth, these can fly on the wings of absolute trust in Me. With a single request, they can obtain a massive conversion of souls.”

#### Mystical Gifts

Jesus promises that all can share in Elizabeth’s mystical graces. This includes:

- a. special divine enlightenment

“By My Divine Brightness, I give understanding of My Divinity to the soul that prostrates before Me. Through this grace, their mind can understand my eternal desire, which is the salvation of souls.”

- b. a personal experience of God’s presence.

Jesus promised, “Write what I say: Any person, in any place, who will read this Divine Emanation with which I honored you yesterday, will also (nobody is excluded) share in the outpouring of My graces that I will pour out over the souls by virtue of your merits united to mine, as a payment in advance for the drops of oil flowing from your sufferings.”

- c. a power to know God’s thoughts

“Do you wonder how the eternal thought of My Divinity is so clear for you? Every soul which, having committed to a life of sacrifice to fully share in My work of Redemption, will also receive it from Me.

## CHAPTER 29 COMING OUT OF THE DARKNESS

Elizabeth suffered from doubts that plague everyone who has a special God-given mission. However, God had tested her even before giving her a task. As the diary opens, she describes a trial that had lasted three years: Little by little, I distanced myself from God. The continuous task to survive consumed my soul. After a long battle, my spiritual life faded. Even my faith itself was endangered. This continual fight to exist made me question. Satan would say, “You see, I have always told you, why have a large family?” Because of this questioning, everything that had been sacred and had meaning to me seemed like empty foolishness.

### Battles With Satan

Satan continually tried to lead her away from her task: When they fired me from one job, I had to seek others. Then misery became even greater and the temptation much stronger. The evil enemy continually bothered me: “Why are you telling yourself stories? You’re well aware that you would have given up the struggle a long time ago, but you do not know what to say to your children. You do not know how to tell them about the things you do not believe in anymore. Remove your mask and you will feel better because your children will soon discover what you are hiding.

Because her vocation to Flame of Love was soon to begin, Satan tormented her: During one particular week when I was on the morning shift, and the following week on the afternoon shift ending late, I experienced an intense internal anguish. Such thoughts came to me that revealing them would be blasphemous against God. In the midst of this harsh struggle, the Evil One uttered horrible words within my soul: “I have permitted this to convince you that it is useless to fight on.

The battle defied description: Then I came to a dead stop and for a brief moment the clouded face of God appeared before me. A great battle began within me. I implored God. It was beyond description, words fail to express the intensity of the spiritual combat beginning in me. It was long, dreadful and nerve-racking.

I was still attending Holy Mass, but it seemed so empty and tiresome. At the time, I was working two shifts at the factory, even on Sundays. My children went to Sunday Mass in the morning while I went in the evening. It was better that way for they did not see my lack of devotion. At Mass, I was so bored that I kept yawning instead of praying. One day, I just decided to stop going. Little by little, I had the feeling that my conscience had eased into accepting that situation.

### Routine Observance

This dryness had removed all desires to attend mass: One Sunday, I started to do the weekly laundry. I sent the children to Mass and then kept doing the wash all day. When evening came, my children warned me, “Mommy, it is five-thirty.” I felt uncomfortable but I kept working. Finally, a few minutes before six, one of my children said, “I beg you, please hurry.” That shook me up and I went.

However, in my emotional state, I did not know how to talk to God. My thoughts wandered. I thought, "I am foolish. Why do I keep the fast of the Third Order of the Carmel? It is insane. I will leave all of that behind." So, I decided that I would no longer deprive myself of eating meat since my nourishment was of such poor quality. I always observed the fasting without any difficulty but only out of routine.

Her usual prayers held no consolations: When I returned home, I couldn't recall how I came across the little Psalter of the Blessed Virgin Mary. I opened it and began to pray. In the past, these prayers always rose from my heart towards God, now it seemed to be an empty whisper. I reached for my old book of meditation, but my efforts were in vain.

She felt only rejection: A dark, frigid and mute silence surrounded me from all sides. I burst into tears: "God no longer wants to have anything to do with me."

### Darkness Comes to An End

The end came on July 16, 1961: This terrible battle lasted about three years until the day when my daughter C said, "Mommy, hurry. Today at 2:00 p.m. is the burial of Doctor B." It was already 1:00 p.m. My heart was so overwhelmed by these words that I got dressed in a great hurry, without thinking, so as not to be late. When I entered the funeral parlor, I began to sob, "He is now happy where he is. He has been a true Carmelite and has led a holy and exemplary life...but me...will I ever get there?" I heard His gentle and soft voice that only holy souls would have you hear. "Don't cry! Go back to the Carmel."

The next day was a Sunday, July 16, feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, patron saint of our church. I arrived early in the morning and stayed until the evening. I walked with heavy steps towards the confessional. My soul was consumed with a great dryness and I felt no sorrow in my heart. I said my penance mechanically and thought: "All these people are praising our Most Holy Mother."

### The Beginning Changes

However, the idea did not occur to me that I was also praising her. I kept thinking about Brother B because this brought some relief to my soul. It was him who had directed my steps towards the Blessed Virgin, "Go and prostrate before her." I did that but I still couldn't find peace.

When I arrived home late that night, I experienced a strange feeling, as if I had left my wounded and wasted soul at the Carmel. Although I had not eaten the whole day, I felt no hunger. The Evil One took his place near me once again. "Why such foolishness? What use is all that to you? Get a good rest and pay no attention to these things."

With a heavy heart, I went into the garden and in the silence of the night I wept abundantly. Under the starlight, in front of the statue of Our Lady of Lourdes in our garden, I began to pray with great fervor.

### Personal Attempts to Regain Fervor

In the morning, I quickly went to the small chapel where I used to go as a young mother accompanying Brother B to the Table of the Lord. Once again today, it is the empathy I had for him that I felt was driving me there. Along the way, I met people who remembered me as a model young mother. That worried me because I felt that the evil One was tempting me with vanity. I implored: "Dear heavenly Mother, I do not want to ever be unfaithful to you. Do not abandon me, hold me tight. I do not trust myself. My steps are so unsteady."

During Holy Mass, I was continually praying the Lord Jesus, "Lord, forgive my sins." I did not dare go to the Lord's Table even though the person next to me took me by the arm and said, "Come on, let's go."

During these days, I received extraordinary graces that the Lord reserves only for the weak and the convalescent. A nun kneeling next to me said: "I am kneeling by your side because I also want to be a saint." Oh, I knew she perceived the Lord's presence in me.

Many times I was walking around with teary eyes. My love for the Lord Jesus filled my eyes with tears of repentance. I did not want to turn my eyes towards the world ever again. I sought only silence so I could continually hear the Lord's voice, because from that day on, He was the One speaking to me. How simple were these intimate conversations!

Elizabeth prayed morning and night, sometimes into the late hours. She writes: Before Holy Mass every morning, I usually spend an hour in adoration. And: I stayed up late into the night and the adoration time that I concluded in His presence was prolonged past midnight.

This deep prayer gift resulted in a total detachment from earthly desires: O God, what have you done to me? Why do I no longer value earth? My eyes see nothing. My ears do not perceive the world's voice. My heart beats only in You and for You.

Prayer infused her being totally: Today, I woke up with this blessing that had a wonderful and peaceful effect on me. My heart was shaking from joy as I thought about the Flame of Love of the Blessed Virgin.

## CHAPTER 30 THE FAITHFUL SCRIBE

In many parts of her diary, Elizabeth reflects on her experiences of being a faithful scribe of the Cause.

### Difficulties in the Task

She speaks of various difficulties in writing Jesus' words: Jesus spoke to me for many months but I did not record all the words because I did not always have the means to do it. She experienced pain: What I write now happened some days ago. It pained me so much to write it down because I was hardly able to understand what He said.

She had many doubts: I was hanging on His words. It is as if I were barely able to put them in any order in my thoughts. When He mentioned my person and spoke of my work as something important, destined to complement the work of the Holy Father, doubts emerged in my soul.

Her lack of schooling hindered her efforts: I acknowledge that because of lack of schooling, I lack both an ease in writing and an ability to spell. Therefore, it is difficult to put everything into writing. I keep many things in my memory for myself. However, since the beginning of this year, I try hard to write down everything.

The Lord's goodness overwhelmed her: Although Jesus spoke of many things, I could not record them all. Experiencing such goodness, my heart was moved. He filled my soul with the strength of His grace. I cannot express the Lord's words any more. I have written these words to record how the Lord's goodness comforts me in my difficult hours.

Sometimes, even love caused her to forget: The Lord Jesus told me many things but I was so immersed in this love with which He overwhelmed me that I could only remember His beginning words. The rest of His message melted together in my mind and I cannot put them into words.

At other times, her trials delayed the writing: During the morning, at Holy Mass, the Lord Jesus spoke. However, because of my spiritual torments I was not able to write. Later, I only wrote what the Lord expressly commanded.

Tiredness was always a problem: Due to my extreme tiredness, I could not reflect on the conversation of last night. In the morning, I meditated on it. I wanted to express this in words but I am completely incapable. These things cannot be expressed in words.

Her family responsibilities caused difficulties: The Lord Jesus spoke at great length, but because of circumstances in my family, I could not take notes. Now, a few days later, I only record what I remember exactly.

Elizabeth admits that she was a doubtful and confused scribe: At night, I went to the Lord Jesus... On the way, I was immersed in Him and I wanted to take advantage of the silence that surrounded me...I asked the Lord: "My adored Jesus, are there any words that I have written

that come from my imagination? If so, please show me because this causes me unrest.” At this moment, He came to my side and placed His blessed hand on my shoulder- I did not see Him but I felt His presence. Smiling, He said, “There is no reason to think that.”

Elizabeth was reluctant to record her experiences: I am going to record what the Blessed Virgin told me in this year, 1962. I kept it inside for a long time without daring to write it down.

### Her Determined Efforts

Elizabeth overcame all these obstacles by her strong will and great effort: The following happened last week, but it is difficult for me to write it down. I resolved that I would apply myself this year and not allow the Lord’s words to be unwritten. But there are times when I think that the Lord Jesus said something just for me, and He would say something else for others. Yet, He insisted that I write down His words because, through me, He distributes His graces to others. I am to be His collaborator in that, too.

At times, Jesus forced her to write, “Do you know why I make you write about the different experiences in your life? Because these are reflections of My graces in your soul and you – I know it well – would never tell others. In this manner, I oblige you to write so all will see the Divine Work that I have done in your soul since your childhood.” His words reassure me and I continue writing all this. The Lord Jesus was constantly asking me to write down the words I was addressing Him.

She felt great unworthiness about this divine task: Conscious of my misery and nothingness, I was trembling and thought that I must deliver God’s words and make them known. I am a little grain of dust! Can anyone accept this task without trembling?

### Jesus’ Great Helps

Jesus explained that the words didn’t need correct grammar. “Record My words the best you can, without any need to correct them. I rejoice that you venerate My words but there is no need to honor them with rules of neatness and spelling. Remain small and ignorant! I already told you that you are dear to Me as you are. Do not look for anything that would make you look intelligent. Had you been pleasing to Me as such, I would have provided the means and possibility for that.”

At times, Jesus was very specific. “Write down again My teaching which corroborates the teaching of the Holy Father. We have not yet meditated on that, but it is very important. Should you have forgotten about this, then I want to remind you.”

At other times, Jesus encouraged her. “Don’t be lazy, keep writing! When your written words and your sufferings for My work of Salvation have risen to Me, My living rays of the sun will shine upon you.”

Jesus removed all her doubts about publishing these words: I asked the Lord Jesus if I could publish His messages and those of the Blessed Virgin during my lifetime. He answered with brief and gentle words. “Why do you ask such a thing? This strikes Me as if you asked if you could share in My work of Redemption during your lifetime. Must I tell you again what I am

constantly urging you to do? I lifted you up like an arrow in flight coming to Me, so you would be ready as soon as possible to spread our messages. Did I not already put pressure on you the past three times? In My imploring words, I put My Divine Stress on the urgent importance of the Cause.”

Jesus told her that the words will benefit many: “Even if it seems that I always repeat the same things, just simply write them! I beg you, carve this in your mind: the Word of God is always the same... Through it, I seek the salvation of souls. Everyone can fulfill My eternal thoughts. Write them down! As you communicate My words to others, many souls will benefit.”

### Special Tasks

Sometimes, the words were for special groups. One time, Jesus spoke about all the religious who were forced by the Communist government to leave their convents. “My little Carmelite, I want you to write down what I tell you and send it to all those who have a great need to think about their vocation. Let them accept their real situation – where they are not allowed to engage freely in any apostolic activity – in reparation and for the benefit of souls. For them, this causes great suffering. Tell all those who consecrated their lives to Me, and now, due to the present situation, cannot engage in external activity, to give themselves to a deep spiritual life that will produce great fruits for themselves and for souls.

Sometimes, she had to record Jesus’ dissatisfaction. “Write, my little Carmelite, write about My dissatisfied sigh! Perhaps when they read it, their hard hearts will soften. And if they were just a few, you would have done a good job. May our lips beg together the Eternal Father.

### Conclusion

Elizabeth, uneducated and fearful, became a faithful scribe, recording this beautiful diary that will light up the whole world.

## CHAPTER 31 THE CAUSE

### The Cause

Throughout the diary, Our Lady speaks about her “Cause”, meaning to spread this message and to put the divine requests into action. Imagine the plight of a lay woman, bereft of any human spiritual director, with very little formal education, being told to go to priests, bishops and even to the Holy Father to tell them that she is the messenger of the Flame of Love, the greatest gift the Father has given since He sent Jesus into the world. Many times she questioned her own sanity. Fortunately, no matter how great her efforts, Our Lady kept stressing the urgency and when priests gave the wrong response, she was told to go back and try again. The difficulties of furthering the “Cause” seemed to equal her greatest mystical trials.

### Entrusting the Cause

Elizabeth remembers the joy of her call: O my mother, Most Holy Sorrowful and Immaculate Virgin, I give you thanks. By the effect of grace of your Flame of Love, you gave me the great opportunity to merit.” The joy of that moment lives continually in my soul. O come, blessed suffering, by which I can give my life for the Holy Cause.

Elizabeth had only to repeat what Our Lady said. “My words are clear as crystal and easy to understand, hence do not create confusion with misinterpretations. Your responsibility then would be great if you ever did this.”

Our Lady expected Elizabeth to follow her instructions: On different occasions, she reminded me of those to whom I must speak. She also said, “Do this! I am the one who urges you.”

### Suffering for the Cause

Jesus asked her to accept great difficulties for the Cause. “Are you confident you can fulfill the destiny for which we have chosen you? I am asking you again: Do you accept the many humiliations and sufferings that accompany the task of asserting our Holy Cause? Do you know that the sufferings you have received so far only served to prepare you to achieve the goal that we set for you? You are an instrument in our hands.

Spreading the Cause demanded a sharing in Mary’s sorrows. Jesus said, “Do you want to continue being an instrument? Do you want to climb with Me the Mount of Calvary, the Golgotha? If so, your place is beside the Mother of Sorrows. The Flame of Love of her heart that she wishes to enkindle on earth through you demands a total commitment on your part. Do not answer right now, meditate and prepare yourself to answer this question concerning the great Cause.”

### The Urgency - No Delays

Elizabeth had to take the beginning steps: In recent days, the Lord Jesus and the Blessed Virgin intimated to me many times to no longer delay the decision to take the first step. The Lord

Jesus added the following: “Amid these contradictions, I want to assure you that this Cause comes from us.”

All depended on Elizabeth’s promptness. Jesus said, “According to the promptness and the degree that you share in My work of Redemption, to that same degree and promptness the Holy Cause we entrusted you will progress. In other words, the martyrdom that you are living in your soul prepares for the greater progress of our communications.”

Jesus did not want slow steps. “My little Elizabeth, should you approach Me with only cautious and slow steps, that would do very grave harm to the Holy Cause.”

Our Lady urged her on. “Our petition is urgent. There is no time for delays. Let the faithful together with the priests satisfy our petition in a great spiritual oneness. The effusion of graces will also touch each the souls of the non-baptized with its effect of grace.”

This Cause is so important that not a single moment or day was to be wasted. Our Lady said, “Do not delay any longer. You have already wasted too much time. The Evil One is working with greater success and determination than everyone. That hurts me so much!” Jesus complained that people were not responding to Elizabeth. “You see that almost no one is doing anything. The Flame of Love of My Mother is not yet going forward. You, My little one, must stir up the fire because you have been chosen for this. This is a great privilege. Never interrupt your desires and sacrifices because this would cause My mother great sorrow.”

Elizabeth knew to act quickly: Our blessed Mother implores that we allow her to spread as quickly as possible the effusion of grace of her flame of Love over humanity. Let us not impede her work because she depends on us. Our Lady warned, “All those who impede and act irresponsibly to delay this outpouring of grace have a great responsibility.”

#### A Timetable

Our Lady wanted to avoid years of delaying. Elizabeth wrote: Later, during the conversation, she repeated that we cannot delay for decades this time of grace that she wants to put into effect.

Mary’s plan had a timetable for the Flame to be ignited. “We have no time to lose. A definite time is determined before my Flame of Love will ignite, exactly the time Satan needs to test the excellent twelve chosen priestly souls. Let them hear my voice. They should not fear. I will be with them. I will help them to gain victory over Satan’s temptations, just as I did for you.”

Elizabeth had to move forward, “Tell me, my little one, how long will you remain here without moving forward?” Elizabeth wrote: Instantly, her words brought about a feeling of helplessness and misery in my heart. Then, I once again heard her words which sounded so wonderful, in a way I had only once heard before. They resounded majestically, stern and urgent. “To whom, do you think, will I ask to render an account for having set up obstacles? If someone among you was to set up obstacles, you must defend my Flame of Love with all your might.”

Our Lady urged her on. "Our petition is urgent. There is no time for delays. Let the faithful together with the priests satisfy our petition in a great spiritual oneness. The effusion of graces will also touch the souls of the non-baptized with its effect of grace."

Our Lady wanted immediate action. "I can no longer hold back my Flame of Love in my heart. Let it leap out into all of you. Make all the preparations to set out. Only the first step is difficult. Once it will have been accomplished, my Flame of Love will sweep away with uproar the distrust of souls." At another time, Our Lady repeated this urgency. "My Flame of Love is so great that I can no longer keep it within me; it leaps out at you with explosive force."

### Encouragement

The words of urgency were accompanied by great encouragement. Our Lady said, "I am the one giving you the strength to begin. In spite of many objections and bad intentions my Cause will succeed."

Pleased with Elizabeth, Mary promises that the first official step will soon take place. "I want to speak to you as a mother speaks to her daughter. I know that you struggle greatly for the Cause of the Flame of Love of my heart. My little Carmelite, I am happy that you have so much taken it into your heart. Listen. Soon, the day will come when the first official step will be taken. This should have happened already. The many humiliations which you experienced for my Flame of Love and the many sacrifices that you make are powerful means to arrive at this first step."

Mary spoke tender words. "Do not fear." And praised Elizabeth's diligence. "Truly, my little one, this is our common thought, our common Cause. I must praise you. You make me very happy when I see your heart always busy with my Flame of Love. I will say it again: You make me very happy."

Our Lady removed fears: During the afternoon, the Blessed Virgin again urged me to spread her Flame of Love. She asked me not to fear any difficulty. She is with me. Every disgrace and humiliation that comes will help the Holy Cause. Jesus also encouraged her. "Amid these contradictions, I want to assure you that this Cause comes from us."

This encouragement was particularly warm when Elizabeth was called a Carmelite. (She was a member of the Third Order). Our Lady said: "My little Carmelite, whatever the difficulty confronting you, do not give up the fight. By virtue of my Flame of Love, which I now send upon the earth, a new era of grace never known before begins on earth. Be my faithful collaborator."

Jesus also used this title to encourage Elizabeth. "Do not worry, My dear little Carmelite. Do not think, 'How will I make the Cause prevail?' I work with chosen souls. Be satisfied with being good.

On a special occasion, Our Lord and Our Lady spoke simultaneously: That day, while I was preparing food for the chickens, I heard the words of the Lord Jesus and the Blessed Virgin pronounced simultaneously in the depth of my soul. 'We greet you. We know that you suffer much. But today we ask the whole world, through you, for a great mobilization. Give our petition to your spiritual director.'

### Demands Upon Elizabeth

Elizabeth needed to be an instrument of steel. "This time of grace is destined for the whole world, however, it is through you that we want to initiate this Holy Cause, but it cannot start on feet of clay. It is only with a soul as hard as steel that it can be ignited."

Jesus asked for extraordinary efforts. "Reach beyond your limits. Look at the Three Wise Men, who made superhuman sacrifice. They left behind their limitations. First and foremost, this is what is expected of the clergy and others consecrated to God and all the believers.

Elizabeth writes of her burdens: This violence exhausts my body and soul. I am incapable of doing this by my own strength because it involves great humiliation. If it depended on me, I would not open my mouth to say one word. The voice that moves me to speak belongs to the Blessed Virgin. Her voice speaks without interruption in my soul and I cannot resist the Blessed Virgin's urgency.

### Helpers in the Cause

Elizabeth, together with her sister companion, had to work together. "When the doubts which torment you cease, you must take up my Cause. You cannot rest. Be neither weary nor uncommunicative. You have to make the most of your mission through that person who has also been assigned to accompany you. Come together, all those who already know it! How clumsy you are! Have no fear, trust in my power!

Any vainglory among the workers would destroy the work. "Through your smallness and ignorance, and above all through your humility, we want to put our Holy Cause into action through you. Be careful, do not let vainglory come near. That is why I am bringing it to your attention: be very humble, work hard at it. In this way, your efforts will come together."

Sometimes, Our Lady spoke about different groups of people who would spread the Cause. "I entrust my Cause to just a few. After they are won over, a multitude will follow. Rejoice that you are one of the few. Unfortunately, even among the few, some reject me and cause pain to my motherly heart.

These few must have confidence and fervor. "And now, you must spread my Cause. Those I have chosen must have total confidence in me. As a watchful mother, I lead all their steps. I ask only that they make their souls ready and prepare with great fervor for the work of reparation. I am hurt to see the fear that my Flame of Love awakens in you."

Our Lady wanted to awaken others, “Many souls are asleep like yours was. I also want to give to them the life-giving rays of my maternal heart, the effect of the grace of my Flame of Love.”

Our Lady would help the workers. “Get to work and do not be lazy. I will help all of you in an almost miraculous way, and my help will always continue. Trust me. Act quickly. Do not put off my Cause to another day.”

She expected the helpers to begin immediately. “Put immediately into action the outpouring of graces of my Flame of Love. To your group, I give a wonderful strength to all and to each one in particular. Your responsibility is great but your work will not be in vain. There must not be a single soul missing in this common effort. “

Although few, these helpers could bring about great blessings if they acted quickly. Our Lady said, “Do not be passive about my Sacred Cause. It will be through the few, the little ones, and the humble that this great outpouring of graces that must begin which will shake the world. None of those called must excuse themselves or refuse my invitation. All of you are my little instruments.”

Our Lady promised quick results if the helpers acted. “I grant to all the grace to see the results of their labors on behalf of my Flame of Love in each soul, in your country and in the entire world. You, who are laboring and making sacrifices for the prompt outpouring of my Flame of Love, you will see it.”

Our Lord stressed the need for the workers not to delay. “We are beside you, beside all of you. The grace spreads in a great degree upon the souls of all who share in My work of Redemption. Just do not delay in fulfilling our requests.”

Our Lady said that all the helpers had to be courageous. “Now that my Flame of Love has conquered your soul, you must seek with all your might everything I have entrusted you. I give to everyone the power to act. By the effect of grace of my Flame of Love, I will enkindle a light in your soul so that your initial trust remain courageous.”

### The Journey to Bethlehem

Our Lady often used Bethlehem as an image of the Cause. She wanted Elizabeth to join with her and Joseph in seeking a refuge for the Flame of Love. “Remember what I told you. You must set out on the dark, muddy, noisy and distressing road to Bethlehem to seek a refuge for my Flame of Love. You are coming with Saint Joseph and me, my little Carmelite. The Flame of Love needs a refuge. Take all the anguish and love of my maternal heart as I sought a refuge with Saint Joseph.

Elizabeth would suffer on this road. “Now, you also must set out along this road to Bethlehem silently, without a single word of complaint or moaning. You will be humiliated, misunderstood and exhausted. I know that this is difficult, but your Redeemer is with you; that also gave me strength. Saint Joseph will accompany you. Turn to him for help. He is kind. Ask him for his active protection.”

Like the first Bethlehem, some people will act like Herod. “You remember, do you not, what I already said? My Flame of Love is seeking a refuge because of the hatred of Herod. Do you know who the persecutors are? The cowards, those who want their own comfort, the cautious and the lazy. Those who, under the guise of prudence, interfere and extinguish my Flame of Love, just as Herod acted against the little body of the innocent Jesus. But just as the heavenly Father took the Child Jesus under His protection, so does He now protect my Flame of Love.”

## CHAPTER 32 THE MESSENGER OF THE FLAME OF LOVE

Just as St. Faustina will always be remembered as “The Secretary of Divine Mercy”, so Elizabeth will be seen as “The Messenger of the Flame of Love.”

### Our Lady Commissions Elizabeth

Elizabeth recorded the moment when she realized what was happening: “My heavenly Mother, you’re entrusting me with this great Cause, me the most miserable in the world! Me, a beggar clothed in rags. I am worth nothing in human terms and much less in your sight.”

Our Lady responded, “It is precisely because of your littleness, incapacity and humility, that my Flame of Love will move ahead gently and without disturbance. Therefore, be careful and remain hidden in humility. You will be continually subjected to humiliations, both internal and external. It is only thus that I can guard you so to pass on my Flame of Love.”

Elizabeth was chosen because of her littleness. “You are the smallest, the most ignorant and the least meritorious soul that I ever found so as to bring these graces. In spite of that, through your littleness and humility, I want to send forth my messages.”

Our Lady commanded Elizabeth to speak out, “You can only explain my Flame of Love to others by speaking about it. You have no right to be silent because of cowardice, pride, negligence or fear of sacrifice. Let the words you say about me be alive, so the mystery of heaven has an impact on souls. If, eventually, you ask to speak and it is granted to you, may my power be with you! Let each word be like a seed planted so those listening produce an abundant harvest.”

### Our Lady Explains

Mary explained Elizabeth’s role, “I want to place a new instrument in your hands. It is the Flame of Love of my heart. With this Flame, full of graces that I give you from my heart, you must ignite all the hearts, going from one to the other. Its brightness will blind Satan.”

Our Lady told Elizabeth the reasons why she was chosen. “In the course of your long struggles, I am now going to tell you why I chose you the first to be handed the Flame of Love. You have yourself recognized that you are not worthy of this. This is the pure truth. There are many souls more worthy than you. However, the graces I have bestowed upon you and the sufferings you endure with such great fidelity have made you the chosen one. I see your perseverance and I am rewarding you in advance for that.

Our Lady called her “the first to receive.” “My little one, your acceptance of sacrifices and your faithfulness stir me to pour out upon all in a greater measure the effect of my Flame of Love, but first of all and in a greater measure on you, because you are the first to receive it.”

Elizabeth became frightened: How can I describe the fright that I felt in my soul when the Blessed Virgin told me these things?

Elizabeth was a Third Order Carmelite, and so many times, Our Lady associated the Carmelites with this Flame of Love. On one occasion, Our Lady told her, "My Flame of Love will first flare up at Carmel, my little one, for is there any place where I am more venerated? They are the ones who are called to venerate me the most. Also the Daughters of the Holy Spirit, together with those devoted to me, must collaborate in spreading the Flame of Love."

The Flame is needed because of a future storm. "It will be a terrible storm. Rather, it will be a hurricane which will want to destroy the faith and confidence of even the elect. In this terrible turmoil currently brewing up, you will see the brightness of my Flame of Love illuminating Heaven and earth by the effusion of its effect of grace I am passing on to souls in this dark night.

Elizabeth did not know how to fulfill this task" I do not know how I will fulfill this because the Blessed Virgin did not explain. She just asked me to be cautious. Elizabeth knew to act quickly. Our Lady explained what God was doing. "By the effect of grace of my Flame of Love, you have gained, my Carmelite daughter, that God has come down to you and that the fire of charity burning for His work of Redemption greatly consumes your soul. To possess this is a very great privilege. This is why your heart should be permeated with a deep humility."

Mary understood Elizabeth's reluctance to accept these honors, "I know you are refusing this honor, my little Carmelite, and you have reason enough to do so. I rejoice because you are not pretentious. This is why I came towards you. I, the Mother of Mercy, entrusted you with the most excellent of my graces: to make my Flame of Love known to others."

### Jesus' Words

Jesus demanded that the Flame of Love be her main focus. "My little one, spreading the Flame of Love should be the main focus of your life. It must flow smoothly like a stream of water that nothing and no one can stop. This stream of water is My grace which purifies, which destroys when need be, or saves and gives life. It must run because God wills it. Pass this on to your spiritual director as My request for him and all those called upon to set this Cause into motion."

Jesus also assured her, "My Mother's Flame of Love is always compelling. I told you many times that you have been chosen as one of her most favorite."

Jesus explains Elizabeth's role in Mary's heart, "You are her little Carmelite, her chosen one. I am obliged towards her and I can refuse her nothing because she invokes her Flame of Love. I am always close to you, even if you do not feel it."

Jesus revealed to Elizabeth the importance of His call. "If you had not followed My call yesterday, you would have missed multiple blessings. I am happy telling you that these actions are further evidence of your attentive love. Oh, how many reject Me in one minute. If I find no rejection, My heart rests there."

Jesus removed Elizabeth's doubts. "You no longer doubt that I have chosen you to be a worker of Redemption. Many missionary priests cannot do more than you do. Your constantly renewed sacrifices and unceasing efforts are most pleasing to Me."

### Gathering Other Disciples

Our Lady explained that the Flame's power depends on the sacrifices of many. "My Flame of Love, with its unimaginable light and beneficent warmth, will wrap the earth. To accomplish this, my little one, I need sacrifice, your sacrifice and the sacrifice of many, so that the minds and hearts where the infernal hatred is burning may receive the soft light of my Flame of Love."

If many unite in prayer, evil will diminish. Our Lady promised, "Do you know what you represent? You are a sparkle of light enkindled in my Flame of love. The light you receive from me enlightens souls. The greater the number of souls who sacrifice and watch in prayer, the greater the power of my Flame of Love on earth will be. Hence, line-up in close ranks because it is with the power of sacrifice and prayer that the flash of hellish hatred will be overcome. Evil will diminish gradually, the burning flame of hatred will be put out, and the splendor of my Flame of Love will fill all regions of the earth."

The Flame of Love will ensure the promised success for Vatican II, "By the outpouring of my Flame of Love, I will place the crown of success on the holy Council."

To spread the Flame, Our Lady promised unexplainable phenomena, "United with you, I will perform a miracle that the scientists of the world will try to imitate to no avail, being completely beyond their power. Only the wisdom of pure and God-loving souls will be able to understand, because they possess God and His infinite secrets."

### The Feast Day

Our Lady herself chose the feast day for Flame of Love – (February 2). "On the feast of Candlemas, my beloved sons will introduce the Flame of Love of my heart in procession, so that, in such fashion, it becomes a living fire in their hearts and souls. Everything must be prepared in such a way that it spreads like wildfire." Our Lady went further. "I ask the Holy Father to make the feast of the Flame of Love on February 2, the feast of Candlemas. I do not want a special feast."

## CHAPTER 33 THE MESSENGER TO HUNGARY

Hungary was to be the first country to receive. “My little Carmelite, so many sins are committed in this country. Help me. Let us save the country. I place a beam of light in your hands; it is the Flame of Love of my heart. Add your love to this Flame and pass it on to others, my little one.”

This new instrument was for Hungary. “I would like to place in your hands a new instrument, which I want you to accept and appreciate the importance of, because my heart looks upon my country (Hungary) with great affliction. The twelve priests whom my Divine Son chose will be the most worthy to fulfill my petition.”

Our Lady wept over Hungary: The Blessed Virgin was sobbing so much that I could barely hear what she was saying. I asked her what I had to do. On behalf of the entire country, I promised her everything. I wanted to relieve her pain because my own heart was on the verge of shattering.

Our Lady wanted all of Hungary to be set afire, “With this Flame full of graces that I give you from my heart, ignite all the hearts in the entire country. Let this Flame go from heart to heart. This is the miracle igniting the blaze whose dazzling light will blind Satan. This is the fire of love of union which I obtained from the heavenly Father through the merits of the wounds of my Divine Son.” By these words, Elizabeth experienced Our Lady’s love for Hungary: By saying this, she permitted me to feel in a wonderful way the effects of grace of her Flame of Love which, at that moment, were felt not just by me, but by all the souls in the country.

### The Families of Hungary

Our Lady had a special sorrow for Hungarian families. “My little Carmelite, I ask you to continually increase your desire for my Flame of Love. You know the great sorrow I have for my country. Hungarian families are torn apart and live as if the soul was not immortal. With my Flame of Love, I want to make the home come alive again with love. I want to unite families that are scattered. I want all of you to be numerous so that many, many souls are united to my Flame of Love. Help Me! My Flame being lit depends upon you. Let the families of Hungary plead fervently so that we can hold back the chastising hand of my Divine Son.”

Our Lady explained the need for this Flame, “There are many cold families like yours in my country. I want the Flame of Love of my heart to warm them up and others just as well. I can see that you understand this well since you are living the same reality. This is why you have compassion for me. “

Jesus also complained about being abandoned by people in Hungary. “Look where I walk. Abandoned in towns and in cities, wherever you look, you see Me, poorly dressed. Sadness and failure fills My sublime Being.” His words moved my soul and I sobbed abundantly.

### The Role of Hungarian Saints

Bending over me, the Blessed Virgin began to speak, “My little one, with great joy, the Hungarian saints are asking that my Flame of Love be lit as soon as possible in this country.”

(Note: Recent history shows great changes in Hungary as that country returning to fervor and devotion.)

## CHAPTER 34 THE MESSENGER TO THE WHOLE WORLD

Elizabeth's missionary efforts would not be limited to Hungary.

### Our Lady's Promise

Although just a poor widow of Budapest, Our Lady promised that the whole world would receive the Flame. "My Flame of Love must be carried across to the other side of the ocean." Our Lady promised an overflowing upon the whole world. "I want my Flame of Love to overflow upon the earth so all can see the road that leads to the Kingdom of my Divine Son." Our Lady repeated her promise. "Hurry, my little one. The moment is near when my Flame of Love will ignite. At that moment, Satan will be blinded. I want all to feel it in order to increase your trust. This will give you great strength. All those whom this force will reach will feel it. The Flame will ignite and will reach the whole world, not only in the nations consecrated to me, but all over the earth. It will spread out to the most inaccessible places, because there is no place inaccessible to Satan. From it, draw strength and confidence. I will support your work with miracles as never seen before, and reparation to my Divine Son will accomplish everything imperceptibly, gently and silently."

Our Lady promised to extend the blessings to everyone, baptized or not baptized, "My little one, I extend the effect of grace of the Flame of Love of my heart over all the peoples and nations, not only over those living in the Holy Mother Church, but over all the souls marked with the sign of the blessed cross of my Divine Son." Further annotation in the diary: "Also over those who are not baptized!"

### Jesus' Promises

Elizabeth records Jesus' message about the whole world: Jesus spoke to me at length about the time of grace and the Spirit of love quite comparable to the first Pentecost, flooding the earth with its power. That will be the great miracle drawing the attention of all humanity. All comes from the effusion of the effect of grace of the Blessed Virgin's Flame of Love.

Elizabeth would be Jesus' match that would light up the world. "You see, beloved, you are like this match. My Divine Hands have lit you because I wanted this, and you will ignite the whole world like a single match because God wants it so. You are a small instrument, just like the little match that you hold in your hand. Do not be surprised by what I tell you. With one strike of the match, I will enkindle in millions of souls the Flame of Love of My Mother." Satan will have no power. "Satan's fire will be unable to extinguish this Flame. In vain, he prepares his burning iniquities which come from his terrible hatred. One single match that My mother strikes will blind him and you will serve as My mother's instrument."

The whole world will venerate Our Lady. Jesus said, "I must tell you, My daughter, that My Mother will not have been as venerated ever since the Word became Flesh, as she will be once

she spreads the effect of grace of her Flame of Love in hearts and souls. The day her flame of Love prevails, all the prayers and supplications addressed to her anywhere in the world will be joined in one single supplication for help. In this way, humanity will prostrate at the feet of the Mother of God to give her thanks for her unlimited maternal love.

Jesus warned about obstacles. “Pass My words on to those concerned and plead with them not to impede this great river of grace which My Mother, through her Flame of Love, wants to run over the earth.” (On March 13, 1976, He again asked me to pass them on.)

Elizabeth explained that the Flame will create a new world after the world has been jolted: The earth has been covered in darkness because of the lack of faith in the soul of humanity and therefore will experience a great jolt. Following that, people will believe. This jolt, by the power of faith, will create a new world. Through the Flame of Love of the Blessed Virgin, faith will take root in souls, and the face of the earth will be renewed, because ‘nothing like it has happened ever since the Word became Flesh.’ The renewal of the earth, although flooded with sufferings, will come about by the power of intercession of the Blessed Virgin.

## CHAPTER 35 THE MESSENGER'S TRIALS AND CONSOLATIONS

### Trials

Elizabeth feared that she would fail: My heart shriveled up. The sufferings and humiliations that I must experience in spreading the Flame of Love signify a new and greater battle. With my head bowed, I listened in silence to the Blessed Virgin. She told me to whom I had to go.

She experienced sadness because of delays: O heavenly Mother, I desire so much that your Flame of Love burns that I feel a great sadness and affliction because it is being delayed. O Mother, smooth out the road of those called to promote your Cause.

She understood her battles, and gained some ease: The frequent temptations exhaust me very much and I undergo many battles because of the Flame of Love of the Blessed Virgin. When I realize clearly that I suffer for the Flame of Love, all becomes easy.

Our Lady consoled Elizabeth in her fears. "My little one, I see your great anguish. You fear the long road and the new trials demanded of you by my Flame of Love. Be humble, valiant and decisive. I will accompany you. You possess the Spirit of Love; His strength accompanies you and enlightens the souls to whom you are sent."

### Consolations

Our Lady quieted Elizabeth's fears. "You have no reason to fear. Although we prepared your soul, you must unceasingly feel that you are an instrument in our hands. Attribute nothing to yourself. Fear is inevitable, it is a reflection of your pride. Do you think you are capable of anything? Devote yourself fully, my little one. Recognize your nothingness. We will lead you."

Elizabeth experienced moments of great consolation: I looked up and saw two thin children. Since the Blessed Virgin called my attention, I looked at them for a while. They were well behaved. Their clothing was poor but arranged with care. The Blessed Virgin told me, "My little one, because of your desires, I breathed the grace of my Flame of Love over these two children. Look at them. Pray for them. They are favored in a special way by my Flame of Love. Help them also financially."

When I heard that the Blessed Virgin, through my intercession, breathed the Flame of Love of her heart on these children, I began to sob, "My Mother, how kind you are!" I kept sobbing during the whole Holy Mass. How many graces she is pouring out on us! After Holy Mass, I kept looking at the children. When they left, I followed them to get their names and address. I found that they came from a large family.

Elizabeth experienced joy in her call: Today, I woke up with this blessing that had a wonderful and peaceful effect on me. My heart was shaking from joy as I thought about the Flame of Love of the Blessed Virgin.

Elizabeth realized what her life would be like without these graces: In the following moment, a thought arose: 'What would I be if the Flame of Love of the Blessed Virgin ceased to flood me with its effect of grace?' I realized how deprived are the people who do not receive that outpouring. These torturing pains increased this wish with an inconceivable power in my heart.

Our Lady allowed Elizabeth to experience the Immaculate Heart. "I want you not just to know my name, but to know also the Flame of Love of my maternal heart beating for you. I entrusted you with the task of making known this burning love. That is why you must be very humble. Such a grace as this has only been granted to only very few. Hold such great grace in high esteem.

Our Lady praised her constancy. "You are my little and beloved instrument and your relentless efforts to attain such humility please me. It is the effect of grace of the effusion of my Flame of Love that is giving you such constancy in your perseverance." Those words motivated me strongly for a long time.

The Flame poured out great strength: This outpouring gives me so much strength that I can constantly keep my spiritual balance in spite of my superhuman struggles. She was filled with burning desires: Frequently, the sorrow of the Blessed Virgin floods my soul and I feel a burning desire to spread her Flame of Love.

Our Lady's Flame filled everything: After the nighttime Hail Mary, I walked home so I could meditate about how to spread the Flame of Love of the Blessed Virgin. The Flame of Love of the Blessed Virgin fills my whole being and all my thoughts.

The Flame poured out a great spiritual force: Upon arriving in the room, my feelings vanished. But the amazing spiritual force that had revived in me during these moments filled my heart with an ardent love and the desire that the Flame of Love of the Blessed Virgin be enkindled.

When Elizabeth was in darkness, the Flame shined. "You also, my little one, were among the early risers. When your soul was still in the darkness of night, I made my Flame of Love shine on you. By its smooth, caressing warmth, I gave you a new strength.

Our Lady promised to give Elizabeth a certainty, "My little instrument, I will make prevail in your soul the certainty that my words are authentic. Humility and sacrifice! These two virtues jointly predominate in your soul. Trust, at last, in my maternal power by which I will blind Satan and free the world from damnation."

## CHAPTER 36 THREE STORIES OF DOUBTS

### Story One - Burning the Diary (1969)

In a letter, Elizabeth revealed her doubts that almost caused her to destroy the Diary: In the summer of 1969, the torments and doubts surprised me very much. I came to know that all that I had written did not come from God. All was my scribbling. This thought left me no peace and I made an inner decision, so I will be free from these terrible torments. I decided to destroy the material, which now consumes many volumes, by burning it in the earthenware stove in my small room which is 2 x 2 meters.

#### The Lord's Intervention

I had all the material in my hands and was ready to tear it up and throw it into the fire, but the Lord Jesus paralyzed my hand. The messages of the Lord Jesus fell from my hands and I collapsed. I could not move or even light the match. My eldest daughter, Cecilia, suddenly came and found me. She understood what I was going to do, so she took the writings from my hands. When she did this, I regained my strength and said: "No, no. I want to burn them and free myself from these torments because I can no longer bear them."

#### A Second Intervention

My daughter took the material back to her room (which was in the same house) and I, regaining movement in my paralyzed hand, ran after her and took the messages of the Lord Jesus with the intention of burning and destroying them.

When I came back to my little dwelling, I knelt down on one knee in front of the door of the stove. The paralysis of the fingers of my hand returned. Right in front of the stove, I experienced the same inability to act. From this, I realized that I was doing wrong and the Lord did not want the destruction of His words that must be given to the world.

### Story Two - Seeking a Special Sign (1971)

In a moment of great torment, she demanded a sign and Jesus gave it to her: In the spring of 1971, I woke up with a terrible suffering coming from grave doubts. I was getting ready for Holy Mass, but because of the torment of doubts, I could not even move. I asked: "Why am I going to Holy Mass if I receive no relief and no peace for my soul?" I begged the Lord to dispel this great confusion in my soul caused by the doubts. "What do I have in me? I want to see it and know it. Why does it torment me so cruelly? If all is true and authentic and if it is the will of God, why must I live with such dark and troubled torments?"

I broke down. In my little dwelling, I collapsed before a small piece of furniture, and in my torment, I began to hit the surface with my fist: "I seek a sign. I seek a sign, a sure and acceptable sign, so I can withstand these torments!" With a terrible lack of respect, I demanded a sign from God. This made me laugh even before I expressed it in words: "Ah, I asked God what He surely cannot give me."

### Explaining the Sign

I demanded that He send me a priest, the one who had already heard my confession a few times, but ceased to do so later on because his assignment had changed and he could no longer come. This contact has been interrupted for the past year. I demanded that priest from God. If that priest comes to me today at noon time sharp, I will take it as a sign that the Cause is authentic and I will accept it.

### On the Way to Mass

As if I had just done a good work, I grew calm and walked to Holy Mass in the Mariaremete Sanctuary. On the way, a feeling of shame came over me. How could I act this way with God? I wished that this had never happened. Thinking about this, I arrived at church. My first steps led me to the confessional. I told the priest my terrible spiritual state and my disrespectful dispute with God. My confessor strongly reproved me. "How can anyone act this way toward God?" For a penance, he told me to beg the Lord Jesus that a certain "hardheaded" person would finally be converted. (The priest was referring to an acquaintance who was very insensitive).

Before leaving the confessional, I did not resist the temptation of saying to Father: "I would like to see, if you were in this state of soul, would you not also discuss things with God?" After saying that, I left the confessional and collapsed before the Lord Jesus. I could only say my penance, "My adorable Jesus, convert this "hard head..."

After saying my penance, the darkness that ruled in my soul was gone. After Holy Mass and Communion, I returned home, quite peacefully. I sat in my little house mending the clothes of my three grandchildren whom I took care of. My soul, in God's peace, was filled with thoughts about the good God. I did not even remember my blindness of this morning, and had completely forgotten it.

Suddenly, someone stopped at the door of my small room. He pressed the latch and called at the door. "Come in", I answered. It was noon and the Angelus bells rang. Almost frozen in my place, I asked the one who was entering why he was coming. Who had called him?

It was the priest whom, this very morning, laughing to myself, I had asked God to send as proof, as evidence. I asked him: "Who sent you? And why did you come?" He answered that he did not know, he just felt a strong internal feeling that he had to come immediately. In great detail, I told him what had happened. As a parenthesis, the hard-headed person for whom I prayed has returned to God.

### Story Three - Doubts About Her Mission

Often, Elizabeth thought she was deceived and these deceptions would cause her own damnation. She tried hard to recover her peace: It would be prudent to stop occupying myself in this matter. I thought, "The one that they sent you to was content to tell you that he would read it but this doesn't mean anything." I thought I should admit my error to Father D. I should go back to him and to the Sister assigned to accompany me, and I should confess humbly to

them that everything is a lie, springing from my pride which caused me to deceive them. If I do that, I will recover my peace of soul and be pure and sincere in my own eyes.

However, in the next moment, the depressing torment of having lied weighed more heavily upon me: One cannot escape damnation. It made me dizzy to think that I prefer to damn myself rather than to acknowledge and recant the lies that I had previously believed to be heavenly voices speaking to me. Because of these lies, I will be damned.

Her doubts led her to the brink of despair: O little Jesus of Christmas, I am not among the souls that You redeemed.” Satan taunted her by saying, “Whoever lies in the name of my Mother will be damned.” This brought her to the summit: Now, at this summit of spiritual anguish, I no longer find words...

She thought that the whole Diary was a lie: Every word that I said or wrote until now accuses me. I cannot retract them. I am deprived of my will. I am going to incur damnation; there is no mercy for me. I cannot lift my gaze to the face of the suffering Christ.

Satan continued to counterfeit God’s voice: The voice inside me is so strong: “Do not look at me until you have stripped away your sins. Because of pride, you do not want to renounce your lies. I too, abandon you. I do not need you. Depart from me.”

All her efforts to change directions were useless: I try in vain. I cannot bend my will. I cannot force myself into humble repentance...

So, she sees herself among the damned: All around me, a multitude of damned souls cry out in a sorrowful voice. They were damned because they could not free themselves from their obstinate pride. I, also, find myself at the edge of damnation and I ought to save myself.

Prayer becomes impossible: It was as if prayer had been erased from my mind. For hours, I could not pronounce the Holy Name of Jesus...I tried to pronounce it silently, even saying it letter by letter. But even pronouncing the letters incriminated me. Satan spoke again. “Do not dare to take this Name on your lips. Only a repentant soul can do that...”

She realized that the torments came from her mission: Whenever I think about the Flame of Love of the Blessed Virgin, hell’s torments flood over me. I am suffering because of this devotion. My lie will not go away. The Mother of Mercy is not with me because now I cannot be sincere with her. I beg her to greet me again this time... “Heavenly Mother, help me to change. I am possessed by the devil and I cannot renounce this lie...”

She is convinced that she would be condemned if she were to die immediately: At present, there is only the evil that overwhelms me completely. The good has almost entirely disappeared in me... Oh, if the Lord called me to Him right now... Oh, how I feel such a terrible fear of death because I am hardened in sin! O heavenly Mother, pray for me now and at the hour of my death.

### Conclusion

These three stories give us a window into Elizabeth’s great trials in spreading the Cause.

## CHAPTER 37 SATAN USES WORDS

Spiritual darkness is a mystical gift and is caused by God flooding the soul with overwhelming light. Satanic trials are different. God does not cause them but uses Satan to make the soul like fire-tried gold. Our Lord told Elizabeth that Satan himself, (not any of the lower devils), was her tormentor. This chapter highlights Satan's verbal attacks.

### Enticements and Smooth Talk

Satan tried to entice Elizabeth to a worldly life: I went to the church for the three hours of adoration. When I came to the altar, the devil began to tempt me, disturbing me with his disgusting thoughts. Later, during the holy hours, he tried to come close to me with his flatteries. He said that I am unique, that the life I lead is not for any human being, and that he does not wish me any harm. He just wants me to live a normal life. People are going to think that I am an eccentric bigot; that I am foolish because my dress, my food, my enjoyments, and the way I treat others is not like other people.

Satan used smooth talk: Now, Satan used another strategy against me. He brought out my weaknesses and with his smooth talk he tried to confuse me. "Whoever has received such a great mission cannot be idle. Go and give your message everywhere. Only in that way, will it spread. Do not keep it for yourself because you would be committing a sin. Why do you not believe? Why do you have no confidence and act like a coward? Spread this message! Announce it everywhere so people find out about it and believe in it."

Many times, Satan pretended that he was giving helpful advice. Elizabeth saw through his tricks: When I did leave the church, the Evil One accompanied me. He began to speak with me in a quite human manner. "Go back to your family! Don't stand out from the others! Do you not see that what you are doing exhausts you and drains your life? All your life has been a battle; now you should rest. Life is so short. Why do you pressure yourself so much? Why do you want to give your foolish thoughts to others? Do not think that you will call attention to yourself. This attention would flatter you. Stop and reflect and you will see that I am right. When you finally understand, you will thank me for sparing you the trouble.

### Verbal Attacks

Satan raised further questions about her ability, her failures, her confessor, and the lack of external signs: On the same day, the Evil One, with irritating boldness, interrupted the silence of my soul. With his infernal violence, he attacked me and shook my soul: "I am obliged to admit and even to recognize that the Cause entrusted to you is true. Nevertheless, I can assure you that you will never be able to suffer enough to bring about its progress. Because you are buried in false humility, you do not take a single step. And even if you did, you would just repeat your failures.

"Also, your confessor does not like you, so do not hope to gain anything through him. You must advance without him. Do you think you will make progress by your austere life? You are mistaken. If extraordinary, external signs accompanied your human effort, it would be

different. However, as you are now, no one will believe you. I cannot understand why you are sacrificing your life. Nothing of value will come about.”

Satan confused her: The evil one has me so confused that I say the Rosary with my lips, but not as I usually do. Instead, I keep repeating, “I believe in you, O miraculous Virgin.” I only say this with my lips, but my mind and my heart refuse to accept it. I want to cry for not being able to believe. The Evil One insists that this is my interpretation. With all my strength, I resist his intrusions.

### Satanic Locutions

Our Lord allowed Satan to speak quite freely. Although Elizabeth recognized that these locutions came from Satan, they still caused tremendous sufferings: When the Lord said these words, He permitted me to sense that the Evil One breathed a sigh of relief. Then the Evil One said, “My hour has come.” Elizabeth described a special encounter: Now the voice began to give off shrieks, excited by a tremendous rage. Then I understood that the Evil One had gotten furious and wanted to force me to admit that he is right. Then a gentle feeling came over me, “Is this the Will of God?”

Satan once said to Elizabeth, “As it was said of Judas, it would have been better if he had never been born...Return to your senses.”

The devil taunted her about God’s mercy. “Mercy is only for the repentant sinner. Repentance for past sins is worthless without withdrawing from present lies. You must do this first. Until you do this, you are a liar...I draw to myself only the repentant sinner. You must see that you are obstinate and without humility. You make no reparation for your sins which cry to Heaven.” (Note – these words did not come from Jesus but from Satan).

### The Effects of His Words

Satan’s words often shook her heart: When I forced myself to be immersed in the sufferings of Jesus, the Evil One became very angry. In his useless rage, he shouted his words in the silence of my soul, which was already filled with the Lord’s presence, “I am waiting, that’s all.” My heart was shaken. “O adorable Jesus, free me from the Evil One.”

Satan’s words shook her faith: While I was adoring Him, immersed in a deep devotion, the demon said: “Do you think that He can do this? If He had the power, He would do it because that would be pleasing to Him.”

What a horrible blow! My heart sank...Then Our Lord’s Sacred Face appeared before my spiritual eyes. Jesus said: “Look at My disfigured Face and My tortured Sacred Body. Didn’t I suffer to save souls? Believe in Me and adore Me.”

At that very moment, I made acts of faith, hope and charity begging Him to never allow that I be separated from Him. Let Him chain me to His Sacred Feet so I would always be united to Him. Thus I would always feel sheltered. He then asked me to renounce myself because I tend to be distracted and worldly.

Satan's words caused cruel doubts: The anguish of my soul is brought about by sufferings and doubts, but it is increased even more by Satan. In his cruel hatred, he stirs up terrible doubts in me. He says, "In every way, you are so useless. Why do they not entrust these matters to the bishops? Why to a creature as foolish as you? An intelligent person would not even have time to talk with you. Even those to whom they have sent you did not accept your message. Seeing that such a thing is impossible, they rejected you. Do not keep trying, be reasonable. Anyway, it is useless."

Satan's voice became so strong that she could hear none other: Meanwhile, Satan wanted to overpower my soul with all of his forces. He said: "At last, I am about to conquer you. Did I not tell you that only you would be so foolish to accept this and spread your impious and inhumane thoughts to others. Why do you not pay attention? I always told you that only I want your good, but you are committed to follow your foolish ideas. I hope that you will start being reasonable. Finally, this lesson has torn away the veil over your foolish thoughts. Tell me. Why do you want, at a total sacrifice, to be superior to the rest of mortals?"

Satan's voice overpowered Elizabeth: My soul was unaware of anything else except the voice of the Evil One. I remained in a darkness that I could not bear with human strength. Prostrate before the Blessed Sacrament, I battled within myself: "What should I do? O Lord, do not abandon me. Purify my thoughts and put them in order.

#### Thoughts of Being Possessed

These satanic trials became so great that Elizabeth feared that she was possessed: While I knelt there, with my mind darkened, I thought I should run to the priest and ask him to pray for me before the Evil One would possess me. I saw Father E leave the church but I had no strength to follow him. After he left, I couldn't move because the thought that I was possessed and that I had no reason to be in the church weighed me down. The demon ordered me to leave the church but I stayed there a long time. I did not know how to be free from the Evil One."

This idea of being possessed oppressed Elizabeth: What is happening to me? I ask myself that many times. Did the Evil One take possession of me? Am I surrounded by evil spirits? Spiritual blindness keeps me in complete darkness.

## CHAPTER 38 SATAN'S OTHER ATTACKS

### Satan Varies His Approach

Satan tried to discourage her efforts: On another occasion, Satan tempted me terribly. I could hardly keep my thoughts on God. He argues: "Do not try so hard. You will gain nothing that way. You see that you have no protector. You continue to foolishly make efforts only because of your stubbornness.

He constantly attacked her stubbornness. (Elizabeth was very strong-willed): The Evil One shouted in the depth of my soul: "Your strength, wisdom and understanding are only in your freedom. Why do you not use your human rights? You are not bad. You are only terribly stubborn. Be strong and try to free yourself from this foolishness. Be convinced that you will never attain your end. All will end in unending shame. After so many failures, be reasonable. Live a quiet, tranquil life. Why be a martyr? You will receive no reward."

Satan even claimed that she was cowardly in spreading the Cause: Later, Satan again made me conscious of my failures. "You are incredulous and suspicious. Why do you go backwards? Why not give yourself to spreading the cause? You, coward, are worthy of nothing!" Elizabeth repelled that attack. To reject his impertinent remarks, I repeated the prayer of praise to the Virgin Mary, the Hail Mary. This repelled his attacks.

### Other Satanic Attacks

By tremendous sufferings: An attack of the Evil One came upon me. I have never used this word until now, but I must write that the torture of these sufferings ripped open my heart. I will describe in a few words these attacks which the Evil One used to make me falter.

By his terrible presence: The following day, the Evil One used his tortures to disturb my peace. When I implored the Lord to give me understanding so I could see His Holy Will, the fury of Satan increased to such a degree that I was horrified. It was daytime and his terrifying presence, while I was kneeling at the altar, produced an overwhelming shaking in me.

By humiliations: The Evil One began to humiliate me in a horrible way, something that had never happened to me before.

Sometimes, the attacks involved tormenting scenes: In the evening, I went to bed, but I could not find rest and sleep did not close my eyes. A tremendous buzzing arose in my head, and after a few moments, I heard a noise like a siren bringing a bad omen. A terrifying smoke started to spiral up in which unrecognizable figures were moaning, jostling and staggering, terrorizing each other. Amid the smoke, an enormous figure appeared that I could not see because of the grayish smoke, but I could feel it was Satan.

### A Unique Physical Attack

Then, the attacks became physical: Suddenly, I felt a blow on my body; then a second one, and a third, and a fourth blow with lesser intensity. I had a horrible night, but fear was not part of it. After these punches, tiredness and sorrow overwhelmed me and sleep conquered me.

Elizabeth describes this attack: I woke up at two in the morning, but I was unable to do even one hour of vigil. I felt as if I had been beaten with a stick. I know that it was the devil who struck me because I sensed his presence. The fourth blow did not cause much pain, as if two hands were holding him back. After I prayed for forty-five minutes, I went back to bed and slept soundly, something rather rare with me.

The effects of this attack lasted for days: I was ashamed. For some days, redness covered my face. During the day, the Evil One laughed mockingly: "Listen, listen, I wanted to open your eyes to make you set aside your foolishness. Enough of this fasting and nighttime vigils! Leave it all behind. It makes no sense at all." These attacks did open her eyes: Up to now, I did not know the cruelty of Satan.

### Satanic Trials During Mass

Many Satanic trials came during mass: When I arrived at morning Mass, this state of extraordinary courage that had controlled my soul was totally gone. I lived through dark and difficult hours. While I attended Holy Mass, Satan burst suddenly into my soul. He confused my thoughts with his flattering talk, and then with his cruelties.

At the elevation of the most holy Body and Blood of the Lord, he was terribly enraged and attacked with force, saying, "Be a martyr and sacrifice your life like your Beloved! He took His life, why do you not do the same? Throw your life away. You will be a martyr, and losing your life will once and for all end your atrocious torments. You have to sacrifice your life somehow. Sacrifice it willingly."

At another mass, she experienced other Satanic trials: Before Holy Communion, at the moment of consecration, Satan began to torture me so much that he almost bound up my words and thoughts. His commotion, his taunting laugh, his insolent words caused a great upset so I would see that he has power over me. He said that he could do a miracle for me, but not even Heaven considers me worthy of it.

Elizabeth writes: He said that he could take possession of me because he has all the power to do so. However, if they expelled him from me, it would be an embarrassment. And since he does not take possession of me, he prefers to continuously torture me. He kept torturing me this way for the whole day. Only by total abandonment to God, can I bear these torments that exhaust my whole being.

The Eucharist was the antidote, freeing Elizabeth from Satan: "How great is that miracle that is repeated every day and washes again my soul with His Precious Blood and nourishes it by the power of His Sacred Body. Thanks to Him, I can keep the ruses of the Evil One far from my soul.

Elizabeth experienced her greatest battle during mass: “While attending morning Holy mass, a great anxiety took possession of my soul. An infuriating battle arose within: these arguments are nothing but counter-arguments invented by my lies with which I blind myself. Not one word of all this is true. This is why my sins have so greatly increased that I cannot receive Holy Communion. In my anxieties, I come to the same conclusion. I must stop this and I must destroy all my lies. So, I resolved not to write a single word.”

## CHAPTER 39 SATAN'S DECEPTIONS

### Trying to Deceive Elizabeth

Elizabeth thought that she was deceived: When I heard the voice of the Lord Jesus, the power of the Evil One ceased in my heart, but one hour later, he overpowered me so much that I would have gone crazy if it increased. At night, I could stand it no more. I went to the Sister assigned to me and I confessed to her that I was a liar and asked forgiveness for my continual lies. She tried everything to calm me down: "I cannot believe that you would want to deceive." But this brought no peace.

The trials would last for weeks: Each time, the Evil One burst in with greater force. For weeks, he tortured me at the thought that all of this comes from myself. I think that I am trying to deceive myself, that all that I do is just vanity, that I am full of pride and self-sufficiency.

Satan would call her delusional. "You believe that the foolishness you have invented is true. This great delusion has upset you and has made you forget that all is your pure invention. Recognize this and correct it. You are committing a sin by pursuing this type of life which is contrary to human dignity. Even your Beloved has abandoned you. Do not consider yourself as worthy of life or death."

Satan claimed that Elizabeth led others to hell. "The only thing that is assured is your damnation and that of all those who agree with you. Yes, you are responsible for them because you led them into evil by your continual lies." He attacked me with such great impetuosity that I immediately lost the security of my soul. That fight lasted several days. In this uncertainty, my only prayer was the Lord's Prayer.

Satan discouraged her in her mission: Thinking that I should take the message to the principal bishop of the country, I felt a burning sorrow in my soul. Satan said, "You will go there in vain. There, too, you cannot receive absolution.

He injected proud thoughts: During these days, Satan tried to inject thoughts of pride into my soul. This was a terrible battle. Because of it, I had no peace, day or night.

### Our Lady's Explanation

Our Lady pleaded for Elizabeth's help. During morning prayers, the Blessed Virgin spoke to me. Also during Holy Mass, she complained in a sad tone of voice. She was suffering, as if she was wringing her hands. She begged: "Satan's wild rage is growing steadily. He wants to dominate even persevering souls. Do not let him do this. Help me!"

Our Lady explained why Satan was allowed to test Elizabeth. "We permit him to use all kinds of temptations against those who want to put into practice the Flame of Love, my Holy Cause."

Our Lady explained that Satan attacked Elizabeth to destroy the Cause. "The Evil One continually watches, not taking his eyes off of you for one moment. Frequently, and seemingly

for no reason, he creates confusion in your soul because he has not yet lost hope.” Elizabeth wrote: Our Lady related with what crazed rage Satan torments even those whom he suspects that her Flame of Love enlightens.

Fortunately, Our Lord prepared Elizabeth for Satan’s trial: A few hours later, the troubles of the Evil One began. If the Lord Jesus had not told me ahead of time, I do not know how I would have remained stable in confronting these revolting thoughts. I could not expel him from my thoughts. He rushed on me with all the force of his hatred. My heart languished and was incapable of acting. It is only the Lord’s warning that prevented me from doing something wrong.

Satan attached Elizabeth because she was Jesus’ messenger. “My little one, have you suffered much? Satan, deprived of the light of his eyes, could not incite you to sin. A fierce anger overwhelmed him when he learned that it is you who were to transmit My Holy Will, and this is why he wanted to blot it out of your mind.”

Jesus explained the devil’s tactics. “The Evil One wants to make you fall into despair. He will use a ruse to ruin your humility.”

## CHAPTER 40 VICTORIES OVER SATAN

### Victories Over Satan

Jesus promised to alert Elizabeth ahead of time so she would gain victories. “I will always tell you ahead of time what will happen. Did I not also say that I was going to release Satan upon you so he could try all his temptations on you? My Elizabeth, I rejoice that you promptly went to your confessor.”

Jesus instructed Elizabeth about Satan’s tactics. “He will attack you with a terrible power and he will use all the resources of his hatred against you. The Evil One will disturb your thoughts, he will make you unsure of your actions. By his words, he will suggest every kind of foul deeds and he will flood you with terrible torments. He wants to deceive you so you abandon your humble devotion.” Jesus explained why He allowed Satan to attack.

Jesus manifested His power when He allowed Satan to act. “The rage of Satan is savage. I permit him to be unchained against you so he can see how great is the power of My grace in a soul that is abandoned to Me.”

Jesus explained how her spirit of obedience won the victory over Satan. “You see that you possess the Spirit of Love, something I have already discussed with you, and the devil cannot prevail against you. I allowed him to torment you. What Satan wants is for you to pay no attention to My words of advice. He knows your weak points. However, the instrument of obedience is in your power, and by it, you conquered him. The devil was powerless and blind at your side.”

Trusting Elizabeth completely, Jesus allowed Satan to have full dominion. “I have placed your soul and your body under the full dominion of the Prince of Darkness, so that he could do as he pleases with you. Let him seize every opportunity to put you to the test. I have put at his disposal all the means to make you waver, for him to see with whom he is dealing: a soul that the Most Holy Trinity possesses.”

Elizabeth gained these victories by extraordinary grace: My mind was completely under the pressure of the Prince of Darkness. To accept Father’s words, I received a power which is greater than anything on earth. By my affirmative answer, I wanted the Father to know that I would obey him with all my strength. This filled my soul with peace. Much later, the Lord Jesus entered my soul and flooded me with His presence.

Jesus explained that if she lost hope, she would have no victories. “My little one and all of you my beloved children, be on the alert. Satan wants to remove the ground of hope from beneath your feet. He knows very well that if he succeeds in doing this, he will have removed everything from your souls. If you lose hope, he does not even need to tempt you to sin. He who has lost hope is in terrible darkness. He no longer sees with the eyes of faith. For him, all virtue,

everything that is good, loses its value. Oh, my children, pray constantly for each other. Allow the outpouring of my graces to take effect in your souls.”

Jesus enjoyed seeing her conquer Satan. “I take delight in the struggle of your soul. For you to fight a continual battle against the Prince of Darkness is My greatest joy. Whoever does this has assured his salvation. Beloved, I have dissolved the darkness of these past few days in your soul...”

Elizabeth triumphed by the Holy Spirit’s power: “Let your hope be nourished by the Spirit of Love whose power frightens Satan. This is My petition and My inspiration that, if you accept it as your own, will silence Satan’s disturbing uproar that cries out so loudly in the silence of your heart.”

## **CHAPTER 41 BLINDING SATAN**

### Explanation

When speaking of Satan, most people conjure up ideas of demonic possession and exorcism. Really, Satan's powers come in all sizes and shapes. They can touch every faculty, twist all our feelings, disturb our faith, shatter our confidence, destroy our relationships and cause hundreds of other problems, (large and small). Most important, Satan's power blocks God's graces and does not allow the person to take advantage of God's constant activity.

"To blind Satan" means to render him powerless so he must surrender the hold (again large or small) that he might have over the person. The Diary correctly states that blinding Satan will lead to millions of souls being saved.

In the gospels, Jesus describes His power over Satan. "No one can enter a strong man's house to plunder his property unless he first ties up the strong man." (Mk 3:27) The strong man is Satan. Jesus ties him up and we (the property of Satan) are plundered by Jesus. What a gift!

Her priest confessor understood that blinding Satan was the essential message of Flame of Love: The priest remembered immediately and answered: "Yes, I know. It treats about blinding Satan." And he added that he recited the prayer with fervor. This surprised me that this priest understood the essential message, which is "to blind Satan." This is the principal and only purpose of the Flame of Love of the Blessed Virgin. She, herself, promised an outpouring of graces so great as have not happened on earth since the Word became Flesh.

### Powerful Means to Blind Satan

Our Lady explained the power of the mass in blinding Satan. "My graces will flow abundantly to the souls for whom you offer the Holy Mass, because when Satan is blinded and devoid of his power, he is unable to do anything. The participation in the Holy Mass is the greatest help in blinding Satan. Tormented and breathing out terrible vengeance, he wages a ferocious battle for souls since he feels the impending coming of his blindness."

Our Lady said to Elizabeth that Satan would be blinded by parish prayer groups. "My little one, you are the first one showered by the effect of my Flame of Love. Full of grace, and in union with you, I am extending it to all the souls. Whenever someone does adoration in a spirit of atonement or visits the Blessed Sacrament, as long as it lasts, Satan loses his dominion over the parish souls. Blinded, he ceases to reign over the world."

Even the daily chores can blind Satan. Our Lady said, "Throughout the day, you should offer me your daily chores for the glory of God. Such offering, made in a state of grace, also contributes to blind Satan."

Each invoking of the Flame of Love blinds Satan. “Each time you pray invoking the Flame of Love for all humanity, Satan is blinded and loses his dominion over souls: Help me to save souls.”

### Changing The Whole World

Our Lady promised, “The soft light of my Flame of Love will light up, spreading fire over the entire surface of the earth. Satan, humiliated and reduced to powerlessness, will not be able to exercise his power. ”

### Our Lady’s Teachings

Our Lady promised that hell’s fires would be quenched. “Yes, my little one, we will put out fire with fire: the fire of hatred with the fire of love. The fire of Satan’s hatred hurls its flames so high that he believes his victory is at hand. But my Flame of Love will blind Satan. I have placed this Flame of Love in your hands, and soon it will reach its destination, and the flames which spring from my love will quench the fire of hell.

Our Lady describes the darkness of earth before Satan is blinded. “Listen, currently, earth is like an erupting volcano which smothers, kills and blinds with the infernal smoke and its falling ashes. Its tremors disturb everything around it. Such is the terrible situation of the earth at this moment.”

Our Lady explained the effects of blinding Satan. “And I, the beautiful ray of dawn, I will blind Satan. I will free this world darkened by hatred and contaminated by the sulfurous and steaming lava of Satan. The air which gave life to souls has become suffocating and deadly. No dying soul should be damned. My Flame of Love is already lighting up the world.”

### The Effects of the Blinding

The good effects of blinding Satan will spread to the whole world: When I heard these words that evening, a great joy like I had never felt before filled my soul. I could see in my heart how Satan will be blinded and the good effects that mankind will receive. Because of this joy, I could hardly close my eyes the whole night. When a light sleep came over me, my guardian angel awakened me saying: “How can you sleep, given this great joy that will shake the world?”

Our Lady described the effect upon the other devils. “Now, Satan has been blinded for some hours and has ceased dominating souls. Lust is the sin making so many victims. Because Satan is now powerless and blind, the evil spirits are inert, as if they have fallen into lethargy. They do not understand what is happening. Satan has stopped giving them orders.”

A multitude of souls will benefit from Satan’s blindness. “Live in accordance with my graces so that Satan will be blinded even more and in an increasingly large range of action. Take advantage of the abundant graces to make a multitude of souls live a holier life.”

Jesus describes the effects. “Satan’s blindness means the universal triumph of My Divine Heart, the liberation of souls, and the opening of the way to salvation to its fullest extent.”

Our Lady said that souls were already benefitting. “Consequently, souls are freed from the domination of the Evil One and are making sound resolutions. Once those millions of souls emerge from this event, they will be much stronger in their resolve to stay firm.” As the Blessed Virgin spoke, she allowed me to experience what was happening in these souls under the power of grace.

The whole world must know this gift. Mary said, “Enter into battle, we will be the conquerors. My Flame of Love will blind Satan to the same extent that all of you spread it around the world. Just as the whole world knows my name, so I want all to know that the Flame of Love of my heart is performing miracles in the depths of the hearts.”

#### Everyone’s Duty

Our Lady said that everyone must cooperate. “You must dedicate yourselves to blind Satan. The coordinated forces of the entire world are necessary to accomplish this. Do not delay because someday you will be called to account for the work entrusted to you, for the fate of a multitude of souls. I do not want even one soul damned. Satan will be blinded inasmuch as you work against him.”

All are responsible: Here the Blessed Virgin added that the responsibility will fall not only on the priests, but on all those who, seeking their comfort, did not enroll in the fight to blind Satan. The effect will depend upon how many cooperate. “My Flame of Love will blind Satan to the same extent that all of you spread it around the world.”

**CHAPTER 42**  
**ELIZABETH'S PERSONAL EXPERIENCES OF BLINDING SATAN**

On at least seven occasions, Elizabeth describes a blinded and powerless Satan.

1. She describes how Satan lacked power: Then I answered his question concerning what I will do here in my quiet solitude. "I will have more opportunity to adore God. I want to serve Him for all those whom you have turned aside from this road. Even if it pains you to have to hear this, I will make reparation to the Lord Jesus for the many times that I offended the God of infinite majesty and mercy when I was influenced by you. He is so merciful that He forgives every repentant sinner."

2. She chided Satan about his stupid pride: "If you would get rid of your stubborn pride, recognize God's majesty and power, and repent of your perversity, He would pardon you, also. But because you hold onto your stupid pride, you must suffer. The time will soon come when you will be blind and stripped of your power. As much as it pains you to hear this, it is true." The Evil One had to hear my answer. He suffered from his lack of power. The Lord Jesus allowed me to experience that the powers of the humiliated Evil One were gone. Then he disappeared without a trace. Neither his presence nor his departure awakened any fear in me. The Lord was present, and the Evil One must have felt it.

3. Satan had to leave her alone: I was kneeling in silence. Jesus did not cease to praise me. Meanwhile, the devil tried to torture me. To my great surprise, his presence stirred up in me a peculiar sensation, but it was not fear. He could not harm me even though he tried to get my attention. I was struggling to listen to the Lord's words. The devil, however, was powerless and said: "Now, it will be easy for you. You have slipped away from my claws." I was stunned and could not understand what was going on. It never happened before that I would kneel in silence for hours and meditate deeply, while the devil was so exasperated.

4. God forced a blinded, powerless Satan to remain in Elizabeth's presence: Due to the cold weather, I spent a few days with my daughter. I had just returned to my little house two days ago and I was enjoying the happiness of my quiet solitude. Abruptly, the door opened. I looked outside and sensed the presence of the Evil One. With a mocking smile, he said: "I have come to visit you and to see how you are doing." That is all he said. His paucity of words surprised me. At other times, he would torture me for hours. Now he could not do this because his power was stripped away and he was blind. He was close to me but deprived of his diabolical power. In fact, he was forced to remain close. "Is it true that you have no power to harm me?" (I said this because on one occasion after he hit me, the Blessed Virgin said; "He will not be able to do this anymore.").

5. Satan lamented his own defeat: A very interesting thing happened. Last night, as I was going to my little house, I had to listen on the road to the bitter groans and reproaches of Satan. He was lamenting that, for a long time, he suspected that I was going to cause him serious difficulties. Therefore, he always managed to keep his eyes upon me. And he went on

lamenting that in spite of his effort, I always managed to escape from his claws. Even when he used every means, he was still baffled.

6. He was forced to accompany Elizabeth: Until I arrived at my little home that is at the end of the garden, he came with me, or rather, he came furtively, because being blind, he is powerless. But there was a moment when I had to feel his eyes sparkling with hatred and vengeance which, at that moment, filled my entire being with fear.

7. She caused Satan to grow angry. Jesus said, "My little one, have you suffered much? Satan, deprived of the light of his eyes, could not incite you to sin. A fierce anger overwhelmed him when he learned that it is you who were to transmit My Holy Will."

**CHAPTER 43**  
**JESUS' COMMANDS TO ELIZABETH**

The Diary records the following 28 demands of Jesus:

1. Practice of inner silence. "Remain silent, My little Carmelite. Do not be surprised if I say this often. Do you know who is truly wise? The one who says very little. True wisdom matures in the soil of silence, and only in silence can it take root. I am your Master and I instruct you. I prepared Myself for three years of activity by thirty years of silence." And this included much personal silence. "To hear My voice, you must be very silent. Only souls plunged into my love can hear My delicate and silent voice."
2. Speak only with Jesus' wisdom. "Being your Master, and united with Me, you will also find wisdom. Speak only when I give you the signal, expressing yourself only in the way you have learned from Me, or in the manner I would say it Myself. In a word, imitate Me. You will see that just a few words can produce good abundant fruits in souls."
3. Bring light to others. "Turn to Me. Receive My light and give it to others. Live a hidden life."
4. Help special souls. "When you hear anyone pronounce My Name with a sigh, let this ring unceasingly in your ears. Help that soul to come close to Me."
5. Use a special prayer. "Say and constantly repeat, 'My adored Jesus.' I have told you before how pleasant it is to Me, and even if you say nothing else for a whole hour, repeat it with repentance for your sins. This obtains many graces, forgiveness for sins, and provides peace for souls."
6. Make abundant sacrifices. "Always give Me new and abundant sacrifices. I am sowing in your soul the seed of My graces, My holy doctrine. Cultivate it in your soul by your prayers, mortifications, and a continual acceptance of sacrifices."
7. Offer fresh sacrifices. "Do not forget how painful for Me is the fate of the seeds that fall by the roadside. Pull up the flowers growing in your soul and bring them to Me while they are fresh. Here, in My presence, they will give off their sweet aroma. I only want flowers that are cut, not those which are still in a pot. A flower in a pot cannot please Me because it represents a victim which draws strength and wisdom from the earth".
8. Make constant Intercession. "Never grow tired of asking and desiring for Me. If large numbers were asking, how many would be converted."
9. Foster a constant inner burning. "Burn like the bush that burned but was not consumed. I need a similar sacrifice which is never consumed. This flame burning from love touches Me."
10. Have control over her body. "It is necessary to give the body what it needs. The soul also has needs. But between the body and the soul is the Evil One, who stirs the soul on one

side and the other. If the soul doesn't hang on firmly to the reins, it is unfortunate, but it will hurt itself."

11. Live in peace. "Only those who subordinate the body to the sublimely beautiful needs of the soul can enjoy it. These souls indeed, enjoy My sublime and life-giving peace. Live a spiritual tranquility that lifts you up and calms you down."

12. Pray constantly. "Do you know what makes the soul to live in truth? The continuous exercise of prayer and sacrifice. Without these, your souls are sick and will die."

13. Present many petitions. "Ask often and ask for much with respect to intentions and needs and you will receive accordingly. Even more, if I perceive your trust, I will fulfill your request repeatedly. "

14. Pray for sinners to repent. " My Elizabeth, I want you to pray so the number of repentant and grateful souls may grow from day to day."

15. Keep nothing for herself. "Keep nothing for yourself! You must ensure that even the contrition of your sins yield interest here on earth because you will not be able to do this after your death."

16. Surrender totally. "You please Me when you surrender totally to Me. Always do this because it keeps you continually close to Me. "

17. Allow no delays. "I ask you to come to Me today as soon as possible. Do not wait until the evening! Let nothing be more important for you than I."

18. Say the unity prayer. "May our thoughts be in unison! Love this prayer I taught you, so that having recourse to its words, you can find the necessary strength in all circumstances." Jesus also said "May our thoughts be in unison, our hands gather in unity, and our hearts beat to the same rhythm. In this way, we will rest."

19. Never turn back. "The temptations of the Evil One, by which he disturbs your soul and mind, must not deviate you from the road of faith and confidence in Me."

20. Lead a holier life. "Strive to live a holier life with all your strength and see how I intensify My graces in you."

21. Never stop doing more. "Contemplate Me! Contemplate Me! During your lifetime, have you ever seen such a pitiable creature? Do you see how I became a wreck? You can never do too much for Me. Just as our hearts beat to the same rhythm, so may our thoughts be in unison."

22. Make unceasing efforts. "It is of little importance to Me what you can do on a certain day or how much you can accomplish, only do not take a break, because that would cause Me great sorrow."

23. Give herself completely. "Act with all your strength. This is what pleases Me the most about you. The more a bow is bent, the more accurately it can hit the mark. You must extend your strength of will, and thanks to it, the arrow will not deviate from its goal which is nothing else than Heaven."

24. Do penance to save souls. "Whenever I encounter one righteous soul, I forgive many. Therefore, do penance so that My hope placed in you may produce for you the fruit of salvation."

25. Awaken others. "Shaking others out of their lethargy is a serious responsibility. Nevertheless, you cannot leave them in their homes with empty hands and empty hearts. You must speak!"

26. Seek a total oneness. "Immerse yourself in Me like a drop of water in wine. I am the wine, you are the water."

27. Place Jesus first. "Esteem Me more than anyone or anything here on earth. Do this always!"

28. Shake the lukewarm souls from their indifference. "You must shake lukewarm souls out of the indifference which drowns them. First, make them realize that they must live in intimate union with Me; especially those who despite receiving Me frequently in their souls avoid getting closer to Me. My effort to take them to a deeper spiritual level is wasted if they turn their backs on Me and abandon Me."

Jesus wanted fasting and prayer on Thursday and Friday. "Every Thursday and Friday, fast on bread and water and offer this for twelve priests. On both days, spend four hours in my Divine Presence and make reparation for the many offenses that I have received. On Fridays, from noon to 3:00 p.m., adore My Sacred Body and My Precious Blood that I shed for the sins of all the world. Keep the Friday fast until the hour when My sacred Body was lowered from the cross. Accepting this sacrifice will gain extraordinary graces. Daughter, do what I ask!"

### Conclusion

Jesus was often her taskmaster, demanding constant fidelity. "I repeat, My little one, you must change so you become like I want you to be. I will help you to follow the right road but you must understand My teachings and do the homework that I assign you."

## CHAPTER 44 JESUS' COMMANDS FOR ALL

### The Days of the Week

Jesus fills the diary with His commands both for Elizabeth and for us.

Jesus gave Elizabeth commands for the days of the week (except for Sunday). He specified that some commands were also for others.

Monday – The day of the Holy Souls. “Let all your actions be done with the purpose of helping them in union with Me, desire that these souls contemplate My face as early as possible. Offer for them the strict fast as well as prayer during a part of the night.”

Tuesday – The Day for the Family. “Make spiritual communions for each member of the family. Offer each person, one by one, to our Dear Mother. She will take them under her protection. You will also offer that evening vigil for them.”

Wednesday – A Day for Priestly Vocations. “Ask Me for many young men with a fervent heart. You will get as many as requested because the desire lies in the soul of many young men but there is no one helping them to realize their goal. Do not be overwhelmed. Through the prayers of the night vigil, you can obtain abundant graces for them.”

Thursday – Reparation to the Blessed Sacrament. “On that day, you will spend hours in My Sacred Presence. Adore Me with great fervor making reparation for the many offenses inflicted upon Me. Offer the strict fast for the twelve priestly souls. Offer also the nocturnal vigil for them. Immerse yourself into My sorrowful agony as I was sweating blood. You will draw great spiritual strength from it.”

Friday – the Day of My Passion. “With all the love of your heart, immerse yourself in My sorrowful Passion. When you arise in the morning, recall what was awaiting Me the entire day, after the terrible torments of that night.

“While at work, contemplate the Way of the Cross and consider that I did not have any moment of rest. Totally exhausted, I was forced to climb the mount of Calvary. There is much to contemplate. I went to the limit and I tell you that you cannot go to excess in doing something for Me.

“From noon until 3:00 p.m., adore My sacred wounds. Hopefully you can keep fasting until the time My Sacred Body was taken down from the cross. Then, on that day, offer the night prayer for the twelve priests. If you sacrifice yourself, My daughter, you will receive an even greater abundance of graces.”

Saturday – The Day of Our Mother. “On this day, venerate our Mother in a special way with a very particular tenderness. As you are well aware, she is the Mother of all graces. Wish that she be venerated on earth as she is venerated in Heaven by the multitude of angels and saints. For dying priests, seek the grace of a holy death. Offer every moment of the day for that purpose. What a great reward you will receive! In Heaven, priestly souls will intercede for you

and the Most Holy Virgin will be waiting your soul at the hour of your death. Offer the night vigil for this intention also.”

### Everyone Must Hear These Commands

“I have written my Teaching and My thirst for souls deeply upon your soul. While I was hanging on the cross, I cried out in a loud voice: ‘I am thirsty’. I say these same words to all, especially to the souls consecrated to Me.”

In His zeal to save souls, Jesus would speak to everyone. “My little one, do you know My love for souls? I would speak to every soul in this way if only they would receive Me and give Me shelter.”

### Specific Commands

Jesus gave Elizabeth many commands for others.

1. People were to put aside their laziness. “Come to Me, you who are overwhelmed by laziness and I will take it off your shoulders and lighten your burden. The Evil One has been carefully piling this problem upon you. Only the reception of My Body can help you out of it.”
2. They must listen to Jesus’ warnings. “Are My warnings in vain? Realize that Satan causes these disorders. This is his work and it will continue as long as I permit. “
3. They must keep their hearts always on Jesus. “Do not tear yourselves from My arms which embrace you. Be sacrificed on the sacred altar of inner recollection and martyrdom.”
4. They must live an inner martyrdom. “Satan cannot stop this inner martyrdom. This battle in the depth of your souls brings about abundant fruit, just as does martyrdom. “
5. They must gather for prayer. “Watch and pray. When two or three gather, they take up the battle against the Prince of Darkness and his devastating power. Do not be idle!”
6. They must be filled with zeal. “Set the earth ablaze with your burning desires. Use your sacrifice made from pure love to burn away all sin.”
7. They must persevere in sacrifices. “Do not make decisions based upon the feelings of the moment. Have a firm and persevering acceptance of sacrifices. This is what produces abundant fruit in the souls.”
8. They must remain firm. “Whoever serve Me, My little one, cannot be a reed bending in the wind. She must persevere firmly at My side with an unshakeable determination. Your soul cannot bow to anything that does not serve Me. Again, My little one, I ask that you persevere with Me.”
9. Everyone must help save souls. “All of you must bring light to the dark parts of the earth which are in the shadow of sin, such that My Divine Light attracts towards the true road

those souls teetering in the shadow of sin and death. The sacrifices of your life, united with My merits, will be light for them.”

10. All must make reparation. “Make reparation! This is the only consolation you can give Me. I, the Man-God eager for your hearts. I need your consolation.” Elizabeth sensed when Jesus expected this reparation. A great silence followed. Immersed in His infinite goodness, I asked pardon for my offenses and for those of my family and my parish. I offered reparation for all who had offended Him in any way. He wanted reparation. “Adore me and make reparation on behalf of others also. Seek many graces for them.”

### The Eucharist

They must be fervent at Holy Communion. “I give Myself. After receiving My Precious Blood, examine your souls and become aware of the exhilaration that the power of My Precious Blood brings about in you. Do not be so insensitive. Let not routine lead you to my holy table. To the degree that you remain united to Me, My Precious Blood will burn sin out of your souls.”

Jesus’ Precious Blood must permeate their souls: During Holy Mass and after Holy Communion, the Lord Jesus spoke of the power of His Precious Blood. “I am the great Donor of blood. By virtue of My Divine Blood, you can be divinized. Can you understand that? Truly, it is difficult. I am the sole Donor of blood in the whole world. Permeate yourself with My love, My almighty love. Meditate on that now in the light of My holy brightness. Can’t you feel this Precious Blood? My Precious Blood warms up and sets into motion the frozen, paralyzed energy of your souls.”

Jesus promised that their efforts would save millions. “Your faith and trust will give strength to a million souls to persevere. Unite yourself to those souls that are consecrated to Me. I call you, also.”

### Conclusion

Elizabeth had to make Jesus’ commands known to all. “I do not ask this strict fast and prayer just from you. Make public these requests together with other messages from My Heart.”

## CHAPTER 45 JESUS' ADVICE

### He Gave Directions

Throughout the diary, Jesus personally guides Elizabeth. She must:

1. Turn to His Mother. "If your love decreases, turn to our heavenly Mother and she will fill your heart with abundant love for Me. Draw close to My Mother, she will help you."
2. Seek strength in His wounds. "Never tire of contemplating My sacred wounds, from which you will always draw strength."
3. Come close. "You, little spark, no matter how small you are, were created by Me and from Me. Draw close to Me without fear." Nothing was to stand between them. "Give yourself to Me with confidence and go beyond all that would keep you from coming to Me."
4. Be selfless.  
"On everything you do, place the mark of your love and the seal of your decision. Do everything with a selfless love. In this way, you will joyfully share in My work of Salvation."
5. Remain little. "I always tell you not to worry that you can give Me only little things. I say again, 'Always remain little.' Do not believe that if you had powers to do great things, you would be a saint sooner. You are mistaken. Great things carry in themselves their own glory and receive their reward right here on earth. "

Jesus taught Elizabeth the value of being powerless: Today, the Lord spoke at length. He told me to what extent He was so pleased with each soul which, in its powerlessness, surrenders to Him.

6. Go to greater limits. "Come to Me sooner and console Me even more. Surpass your own limits, May your love for Me be burning and filled with fervor. Suffer with love and listen to My voice with greater love."
7. Abandon herself. "Just abandon yourself to Me. In all things, My Will shall prevail. Be attentive and wait until I give you the signal to begin." "Simply abandon yourself to Me. The way to the Golgotha was covered with obstacles. I had to cut a way for myself with great difficulty."
8. Not worry. "I am guiding you, and if you worry, I might get the idea you are not happy with Me."
9. Look only at Him. "Look only at Me. I want that, while snuggling yourself right against me and surrendering to Me in your arduous struggles, you never stop looking only upwards."

10. Seek to be unnoticed. “You are the prompter in the Divine drama. I tell you this so you do not falter in this task.” The prompter needs humility. “Just be humble! Do the members of the audience need to know the prompter? No. Why? The prompter’s job is to make the show go well, but he can neither shine nor appear on the stage. Many times, he does not have a moment’s peace.”

### Jesus Little Teachings.

Jesus gave Elizabeth many little teachings.

1. Give thanks  
“Gratitude is all I want in return. Tell Me just one word: ‘Thanks’”.
2. Have Confidence  
Trust! Bring Me all that is difficult and obscure, and I will ease your burden and enlighten it every day.
3. Make Constant Effort  
I am without pretense and easy to please. If you do not succeed, it matters little, providing you are willing to try again unceasingly. This effort dispels My pain.
4. Be consistent. It is not doing great things that maintain the outpouring of My graces, but this continuity that you do not interrupt. Is this clear to you?”
5. Smile amid sufferings  
Suffer with a smile! Let no one know. Let no one see. This is a secret between the two of us. Only God grants this and I give it only to the souls who know how to endure ceaseless sufferings with a smile.

Jesus makes saints quickly. “Even great saints were My small sparks. I made each one great to the degree that they tried to come close to Me. Those souls which used great effort received the brightness of My light.” And He determines the greatness of each saint. “For Me, time does not exist. Some souls can run a long race in a short time, and I call them quickly to Myself. Others start late. Nevertheless, they make more progress than those who walk slowly and cautiously.”

Elizabeth describes her understandings. He showed me what my life would be if I followed only the desires of the flesh without any eternal purpose. He also described how my life will be after an existence saturated with suffering.

### His Warnings

Jesus warned Elizabeth about:

1. Alternating light and darkness. “In your soul, blindness and light will alternate just as the night alternates with the day. I will not change this.”

2. Return of sufferings. "My daughter, after a period of relief, do not be surprised if sufferings again flood your soul. You are experiencing the temptations of the Evil One. Do not worry. I am with you and I act within you."
3. Rejection by others. "Do not be surprised if certain people I love and who also love Me will receive you with distrust. They will treat you with suspicion and set you aside."
4. Repeated rejections. "Do you know the greatest suffering? To be misunderstood. This is the greatest torment. This will also be the sorrow of your soul, even until death. I endured it also during My entire life."

After being rejected by a priest, Jesus taught her how to cope with these rejections. "Meditate deeply on the importance of my words. What just happened was the first movement of faith in your soul because you could not overcome this complete rejection by a person living a holy life."

5. Need for Strength. "Yes, My daughter, what you need most is the Spirit of Fortitude. Be careful! Be careful not to lose your strength of soul."

#### His Gentle Reproaches

Sometimes, He chastised her (always gently). "You are too immersed in earthly things, My little one. I did not say that to discourage you. I want to encourage you so that you do not seek relief by looking to the earth in your battles."

She could not comprehend the value of her sufferings. "I must give you a gentle reproach. How hard it is for you to comprehend the value and the meaning of your sufferings! Suffering is truly meritorious only if the soul accepts it with a full self-giving."

Elizabeth writes:

The Lord's words shook my heart and I grew sad. But He, in a loving tone, consoled me with words filled with love.

Jesus wanted confessors to teach the importance of inspirations. "I beg you, communicate the desire of My Heart to your spiritual father. Hopefully, he and those who guide souls will follow My inspirations with greater fidelity, and bring souls to understand the importance of this, because otherwise it is impossible to lead a spiritual life. Regardless of how great their perseverance may be, if souls set aside My holy inspirations, they will become corrupted just like the ones entrusted to them."

## CHAPTER 46 JESUS COMPLAINS AND ELIZABETH LISTENS

When someone is burdened and needs to complain, they go to a friend who will listen to their problems. Such was the relationship of Jesus with Elizabeth. When He complained, she was the good listener.

Elizabeth recorded Jesus' complaints: How many times, good Jesus, I have written down Your sad complaints, but I can do very little. She wrote: I did not want to keep recording Our Lord's complaints, but He asked me to keep writing them down.

She was to pass on His complaints to others. "I confide in you so you can tell My complaints to others."

Jesus explained why He complained. Jesus wanted Elizabeth to listen to his complaints. "My little Carmelite, I complain because seeing so many indifferent souls grieves My Heart. Do not tire of hearing My continual complaints. I complain much, My little one, because so few listen to Me." On another occasion, Jesus says that she gave Him rest. "Again, I must complain. Listen to Me. My Heart is in great sorrow. You, the joy of My Heart, never tire of hearing My complaints. Even this gives Me rest. Console Me in place of the others."

Elizabeth was the perfect listener. "Do not grow angry, My Elizabeth. I want to console you but My words end up as complaints. This does not come from Me, your understanding heart leads Me to complain."

### Church and the Sacraments

Jesus frequently complained about no one being in Church. "Tell Me, since I have been sharing My house with you and I have granted you entry at any time, when you came to Me, have you ever encountered anybody in My house?" With my head down, I tried to remember. "No one, Lord! During this time, I saw no one." This sadness broke my heart. He continued to plead. "No one comes to worship Me, or to make reparation, or to ask, or to give thanks."

He complained about those who do not go to confession. "In Baptism, My heavenly Father gave all of you the most beautiful robe of sanctifying grace. In spite of this, you do not take care of it. Is there any father who has suffered more than I, so that this robe of sanctifying grace can regain its whiteness? I instituted the Sacrament of Penance, yet you make no use of it. For this, I have sweated blood. For this, I was crowned with thorns. I let Myself be nailed to the wood of the Cross. I endured unspeakable suffering."

Jesus also complained about people receiving Holy Communion when their soul was not free from sin. "Then I humbly hid Myself under a common appearance so as to be more accessible to you, so that you would not fear Me. I hid Myself in the white Host like a child wrapped up in swaddling clothes. When I enter your heart, make sure that the robe of your soul is free from any stain or tear, because no father has made greater sacrifices to acquire a suit for his child."

### Complaints Against Pious Souls

Jesus complained often about pious souls. “Listen to Me, and do not be surprised that I have complained for some days even about pious souls. Unfortunately, I have a serious reason for that. I want you to atone for them also. Pious souls who make no sacrifices hurt My Heart even more.” These souls do not come close to Jesus. “Oh, how sad I am to see the multitude of devout souls living a pious life without earning much merit on behalf of their eternal salvation. So many of them do not attempt to come close to Me in any way as though they are afraid. The sorrow for their sins does not stem from love.”

Jesus complains about the sterile piety of indifferent souls. “Write down My words, or better, My request to those who are indifferent; there is no progress without sacrifice. I am not happy with a sterile piety. It is like a tree that produces no fruit. Oh, you fools! If you could only feel the immense pain your pious indifference causes My Divine Heart. I am the Victim, and it was not by pious attitudes but only by a continual acceptance of sacrifices that I brought about My redemptive work.”

Unfortunately, God’s light cannot penetrate some pious souls. “My Elizabeth, the pious people who are like this do not even think at what point their soul is gray and dark. The light of grace only penetrates and illumines the soul burning with love to the degree that they expose their soul to the transforming effect of My grace.”

These souls lack a spirit of adoration and repentance. “Do not be surprised that I speak in a severe tone of voice. This severity springs also from My love. I would like them to take My words to heart and that they prostrate themselves before Me in an atoning adoration and a repentant heart. For it is also a habit of pious souls to think that after having spent a good time at their devotions, they have already given to God what is God’s.

### So Few Respond

Jesus complained that few responded. “The sacrifice that I await from many is made only by a few. This translates into a setback for My work of Redemption. I delight to be with the children of men. Unfortunately, I am welcomed only by few.”

Many souls do not repent. “Repent! Repent! Repent! This is what I am asking you. The voice of repentance reaches up to the throne of My heavenly Father. It is the voice holding back the arm of justice of My Father.”

So many lose grace. “Oh, how many, many souls receive My abundant graces, but they are not prepared, and the purifying water of My love drains out. Their souls lose this grace. How this hurts Me!”

### Jesus the Beggar

To Elizabeth, Jesus pictured himself as a rejected beggar. “My little one, I am the country’s beggar. They refuse to give Me work. All forms of begging are forbidden in this country. I

alone keep on begging. I wander without eating or drinking, from street to street, from house to house and from village to village, in the cold winter and in the heat, in the howling wind or in the heavy rain. No one asks where I am going in such a lamentable condition.”

Most reject Jesus, the beggar. “You see how much I walk with souls but they do not want to perceive Me. They look at Me for a moment. Then, when they see My sad look, they quickly turn their head. Some tell Me: ‘We have compassion for You, but it will wait for another day.’ The vast majority do not even notice.”

Many turned away from this beggar. “Do you see My hand begging for help, My little sister? Many turn their eyes away so they do not have to bear the sad look in My eyes. I am the One who draws close to them. But they just keep walking stubbornly the path of darkness”.

When they do help the beggar, their gift is so small. “My hair is soaked in blood. My feet are chapped from having followed you. I constantly stretch out My hand asking for help. I go from heart to heart and I receive only a small donation. Then they quickly close the door of their heart and I can hardly cast a glance inside.”

Jesus speaks of His many efforts. “I have walked with all of you for so long. How many times I have reprimanded you! And you responded with a gesture of the hand that would have offended even a beggar.” (His words caused great sadness in my soul.)

They give Jesus, the beggar, only crumbs. “They do not care – as I already told you – to leave Me only a few crumbs. Of course, for each crumb received, I only give one crumb back. They are only giving Me what they no longer need in their life. Yet, they think that for the crumb that they threw to Me, they are entitled to something in return.”

**CHAPTER 47**  
**JESUS COMPLAINS ABOUT CONSECRATED SOULS**

A List of Jesus' Complaints

The majority of Jesus' complaints center upon consecrated souls.

1. They are distracted by the world. "Think of how many children I have, My daughter. How delightful it would be if each one helped Me only for one hour. In those moments, My thoughts go in a special way towards those souls consecrated to Me. "
2. They do not know Jesus' intimacy. "These are the chosen ones of My Heart. Even though they are chosen, they do not want to be intimately united with Me. They are distracted by their worldly concerns."
3. They seek their happiness outside of Jesus. "Yet, how much more I would like to make all of you happy! However, all of you seek happiness in other things, not in Me. You turn your back on My graces when it is precisely these graces that would make you happy. I repeat My words: This causes me so much sorrow, so much sorrow..."
4. They need a conversion, "Oh, you unhappy consecrated souls, enter your own hearts and be converted to Me. There is still time."
5. Their own souls are in danger. "How can I wake you up? Open your eyes and see the deadly danger that claims victims all around you and which threatens even your own souls."
6. These lukewarm consecrated souls do not help Jesus. "The great sin of the world is to ignore My inspirations. Because of lukewarm consecrated souls, the world is walking in darkness. They could help Me, but they are not even aware how dangerous their tepidity is."
7. They are lazy. "Don't let laziness have power over you. This sin is the root of every evil that enters your soul. Get rid of this horrible sin that leads to despair and which you do not even want to hear about."
8. Their laziness leads to wasted time. "They are bored. They live in wasteful laziness, seeking only their own comfort. They exclude Me from their lives, taking every opportunity to hide like cowards and to deceive themselves. They act as if they were not My workers. O unhappy ones, how can you give an account of your wasted time?"
9. They live in great idleness. "My little one, how many consecrated souls live a carefree life. They waste their time in great idleness and on their own desires. From their table, they throw Me little crumbs, as if I am a beggar. And how long I let this go on! And for how much longer?"

10. They do not realize how close Jesus is. "The affliction of My Heart is so great because of many souls consecrated to Me. How I walk with them! I follow them step by step with My graces."
11. They must act now. "It is easier to wait for the end of a storm rather than to confront the tempest and to save souls. You do not need more examples or more explanations. Give yourselves to the work. If you do nothing, you abandon the earth to Satan and to sin."
12. They are insensitive. "O you who are lukewarm, how can I gain your attention if you have no sensitivity to My immeasurable suffering? You, also, I have nourished in the warmth of My Heart. In spite of your great infidelity, I call to you with love."
13. They do nothing for the Kingdom. "Why are you standing here doing nothing? Don't be delicate and scrupulous. You should stand where I put you, firm and full of the spirit of sacrifice."
14. They show no initiative. "I arranged everything so I could suffer for you, but you, comfort lovers, show no initiative."
15. They are content with earthly joys. "You are content with the passing things of the earth. Oh, take account of the pain of My Heart which longs for you. You have free will and I want you to come to me of your own will."
16. They love comfort. "Do not be lovers of comfort! Look at Me and look at My Cross. What comfort did I permit Myself? Does this not stir you? Or, have you become so accustomed to My goodness that you no longer esteem it?"
17. They do not see their inner state. "Now you can see why I complain so much of souls consecrated to Me. They come before My altar, but their souls are grey and dusty. Not looking within themselves, they see only the outside beauty. Just as your white gown became grey, so by their bad example they soil many, many souls. And they do not even realize it!"
18. They wrongly influence others. He explained how these consecrated souls act. "They avoid what is difficult, and as the years go on, their soul becomes grey and covered with dust. Woe to them, because through example they influence others."
18. They will have to give a serious accounting. "From the one who knows little, little will be asked; they know a lot, however they consider themselves satisfied with the knowledge. They do not share My feelings."
19. They can lose their souls. "Oh, chosen souls, you know Me. You also know that My patience and My goodness have no limits. You also know the severe words which might be said to you: 'Depart from Me into the eternal fire. Your hands do not gather with Me, they only scatter.'"

### The Consequences

They do not promote the Kingdom. “I complain in vain to My consecrated souls. They do not enter into the intimacy of their own heart. If so, they would hear My laments. How greatly I need to tell them how to promote the coming of My Kingdom.”

Jesus still wants them to come close. “In spite of your great infidelity, I call to you with love. You no longer come with confidence. I redeemed you from eternal death. Now, you do not want to live with Me. You are content with the passing things of the earth.”

The Father’s patience will run out. “And how long I let this go on! And for how much longer? Woe to you should the patience of the heavenly Father wear out. There will be no one to hold back His chastising hand.”

Jesus must render a final verdict. “To you also, I will have to say: ‘Depart from Me, you accursed, you did not defend the Cause of My Kingdom, you gave no value to the call I bestowed upon you.’”

Jesus suffers because they do not return His love. “Today also, I count on their love. I desire it so ardently. Hopefully, they will take notice and listen to My sighs.” Jesus needs their company. “Do not leave Me alone. I call you because I need you. In spite of your great infidelity, I call to you with love.”

### Warnings of Future Trials

Jesus warns consecrated souls of future trials (Many religious had to leave their parishes and convents). “Before the difficult times are upon you, prepare yourselves for the vocation I have called you to by renewed tenacity and a firm decision. You must not be lazy, uninterested and indifferent because the great storm is brewing just ahead. Its gusts will carry away indifferent souls consumed by laziness. Only those souls with a genuine vocation will survive.”  
(Many religious sisters were heroic in the sufferings imposed by Communism).

This complaint applied also to priests. “The great danger that will soon erupt will begin when I will raise My hand. Give My words of warning to all the priestly souls. Let My words given in advance awaken them.”

## CHAPTER 48

### ZEAL FOR SOULS

The Diary reveals the great sufferings of both Jesus and Mary because souls are lost.

#### Jesus' Desires

Saving souls is Jesus' only desire. "My dear child, wish Me many, many souls. This is My only request. Souls! Oh, how I long for sinners! Oh, how I suffer from the indifference and the contempt of souls. Tell Me, Elizabeth, is it difficult to love Me?"

He sees Satan stealing His souls. "You know how My heart is immensely in pain. Satan is sweeping souls away in a terrifying way."

A condemned soul causes Jesus unbearable pain. "No soul I have entrusted to the care of My priests ought to be damned. This word damnation causes a terrible pain in My Heart. I would suffer death on the cross again for each soul, even suffering a thousand times more since there is no hope for the damned. Prevent this! With your burning desires, save souls."

He even allowed Elizabeth to feel this pain: Expressing that the loss of souls through damnation was extremely painful for Him, the sweet Savior allowed me to share His pain in my heart. Because the pain was so sharp, I almost collapsed. Elizabeth cried out, "O Lord Jesus, I will make every effort that the souls entrusted to me are not damned."

Jesus also shared His burning fire for souls: And while I was still thinking of His Divine Goodness, His longing for souls was burning in my soul with a fire which was constantly growing.

#### Our Lady's Desires

Mary needs our help. "Why do all of you not try to stop Satan and do it as soon as possible? I need your help. My heart is burning with sorrow because I see how many souls are being damned. Many are dragged away in spite of their good will."

Mary sees souls stolen from Jesus. "With a sarcastic smile, the Evil One extends his arms, and with terrible malice, he drags away those for whom my Divine Son suffered unspeakable torments and death. Please, help!"

Our Lady complains about cowardice. "If a fire breaks out in a place, people come from everywhere so there is as little damage as possible. Why do all of you not put out Satan's fire? You let the flame of hell carry out its destruction. Woe to you who look on with cowardice. You are responsible. You close your eyes and let souls be damned."

Elizabeth describes Our Lady's heartbreak: During the morning, the Blessed Virgin lamented with heart breaking grief that many souls were being lost due to the lack of understanding caused by superficiality. 'My little one, I want that not one soul be damned. You should want this together with me. For this purpose, I place in your hands a beam of light that is the Flame of Love of my heart.'" At her words, I experienced more deeply the sorrow of her heart. Our Mother wants no soul to be damned. Therefore, all must share in this great saving work whose purpose is to save souls.

### Elizabeth's Desires

Jesus demanded that Elizabeth share in His desire for souls. "Why do you wonder that I cannot renounce you or any soul. Did I not shed all the drops of My Blood for all of you? My Will is to save everyone. Elizabeth, you also must will it with all your strength at every moment of your life."

Elizabeth responded generously to Jesus' requests. "With the greatest pleasure, Lord, I sacrifice my little life for souls. My only desire is that Your eternal Will, the salvation of souls, is brought about."

Elizabeth wanted only souls. "Give me Your abundant riches so my every prayer would be a melody. Then Your Divine grace will penetrate the souls who reject You and they will continue this melody which You so love."

Elizabeth's own heart burned for souls. "Reward my burning desire for the salvation of souls with the splendor of Your light. Let those souls who have not received Your light feel Your yearning for them." When Jesus asked her, "Now, I ask you, do you want anything?" Elizabeth responded, "...Yes, I do. Before all else, I desire souls for You! I want all the souls to possess God."

## CHAPTER 49 NIGHT VIGILS

All of us enjoy a good night's sleep and getting up for a night vigil has no natural appeal. Yet, many people in the Flame of Love movement feel themselves called to night vigils, (usually not every night). This chapter reveals the blessings and the struggles involved.

### Jesus' Kindness During Night Vigils

She speaks of Jesus' kindness when she could not keep the vigil: It hurts me so much, my adored Jesus, that because of tiredness, I cannot pray tonight for the souls of the dying. But you see in my soul my great desire to do so." In my great pain, He consoled me with these words: "I accept your soul's great desire which you offer for the dying. Yes, I will grant this also in favor of the souls of the dying."

I was calmed and went to bed. During the night, I woke up often and immediately began to implore for the dying. However, I did not have the strength to get up to pray. During the same night, the Lord Jesus assured me that He accepted "my desire to keep vigil", as He Himself expressed it.

She speaks of Jesus' special presence that so blessed her vigil: The Lord Jesus promised to give me a special strength for the nightly prayer because I am already exerting all possible effort. He promised that He would wake me up. What happiness fills my soul to experience His presence when He awakens me. The night prayer goes so quickly in His presence. While I was joined in union with Him, something special happened. I will describe these things with the greatest humility.

Her gratitude led to intimacy with Jesus: In the morning, I thanked the Lord for the strength He gave me for the night prayer. He was deeply moved and I could hardly withstand the beating of His Heart.

### Elizabeth's Deep Resolve

Elizabeth displays a tremendous resolve to remain faithful to these vigils: I was sick. For days, I could not pray because I was so weak. The great heat of this summer contributed to my fatigue. I could hardly walk. When I felt a little stronger, I firmly resolved to return to prayer at night. I asked Jesus, "My adored Jesus, give me strength." At 3:00 a.m., the Lord awakened me by His presence and His words.

Elizabeth doubled her night vigils: As to the night vigil, which before cost me the most, I have now doubled it. Then, she increased them to many hours: The Lord Jesus had first asked me to make a one hour vigil twice. Now, by the grace of God, since the fire of charity is burning me, I have neither night nor day. All that I could do for the Lord seemed so small. I spend each night

in prayer from midnight to 5:00 a.m. Then I go to church where I continue my adoration. Then, at the Holy Mass of 8:00 a.m., I receive the Sacred Body of the Lord.

Only by her deep generosity could Elizabeth sacrifice sleep for prayer: I found the nightly vigil very difficult. To rise from sleep cost me much. I asked the Blessed Virgin: “My Mother, I beg you, wake me up. When my guardian angel wakes me up it is not effective enough.” Our Lady responded, “Listen to me, I beg you, do not let your mind be distracted during the night vigil... as it is an extremely useful exercise for the soul, elevating it to God. Make the required physical effort. I also did many vigils myself.”

### Our Lady’s Promise and Request

Elizabeth recorded Our Lady’s great promise: “From today on, when you, together with the person designated to you as companion, are in vigil, to you who already know my Flame of Love, I will grant the following grace: as long as your night vigil will last, my Flame of Love will act upon those who are dying throughout the whole world. I will blind Satan so that my Flame, gentle and full of grace, will save them from eternal damnation.”

Our Lady wanted these vigils in every parish. “My little one, I ask you again to immediately give your confessor the instructions on how to make the night vigils, united to the merits of my Divine Son. You have not yet given these to him. I want the holy night vigils – by which I want to save the souls of the dying – to be organized in every parish, so there is not even one moment without someone praying in a vigil. This is the instrument that I place in your hands. By this, you and your companions will save the souls of the dying from eternal damnation. By the light of my Flame of Love, Satan will remain blind.”

### Elizabeth’s Description

Elizabeth describes a communal night vigil: About two hundred persons attended the nocturnal adoration. They persevered in prayer until 2:00 a.m. and all were trying to stay awake. I left to get some fresh air and to get rid of my tiredness. When I returned, only a few were still awake. I was not able to conquer the sleep that came upon me. I asked the sweet Savior to accept my constant battle against sleep as if I was adoring Him, and to accept it also for those who forgot to ask His pardon.

## CHAPTER 50 SOULS IN PURGATORY

The Diary gives great prominence to the consolations and freedom which the Flame of Love gives to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Once, after much suffering, Elizabeth heard Jesus say, “My soul, do you believe that I love you very much? I used this violent suffering which you have endured for the suffering souls. Now, I smile upon you.”

### Her Great Desires

Elizabeth desired greatly to free the holy souls: I interceded for the souls in Purgatory because my heart burned with a great desire that many be freed from this place of suffering.

### The Monday Fast For Priests

Elizabeth wrote about Monday, a special day filled with blessings for the Holy Souls: Today is my fast day for the priestly souls. The Savior has asked me to fast each Monday on bread and water to free a priest soul from Purgatory. Although the fast weakens me, I can do my housework and help with the children.

Elizabeth rejoiced because her Monday fast freed a priestly soul: The Lord Jesus said this because, at His request, I fast on bread and water on Monday. I do not skip the fast even when it is a feast day. I am happy to keep the strict fast on Mondays because He promised that, by fasting on Monday, one priestly soul would come into the Divine Presence.

### Promises of Jesus

Concerning priests, Jesus had promised, “By observing the fast I ask for, priests will be freed from Purgatory on the eighth day after their death.”

“Anyone fasting on bread and water on Monday will free each time the soul of a priest from the place of suffering. Whoever practices this will receive the grace of being liberated from the place of suffering within eight days after their death.”

### Our Lady’s Promises

In November 1962, Our Lady told Elizabeth that anyone saying three Hail Mary’s would rescue one soul, and in November, ten souls. “My little one, your compassion for the poor souls has moved my motherly heart that I grant the grace that you sought. If at any moment, while invoking my Flame of Love, any of you pray in my honor three Hail Mary’s, a soul is released from Purgatory. During November, the month of the deceased, ten souls will be released from Purgatory for each Hail Mary recited. The suffering souls must also feel the effect of grace of the Flame of Love of my maternal heart.”

### Experiencing The Sufferings and Joy of These Souls

While freeing these souls, Elizabeth would actually experience their suffering: When I heard that one soul each hour would be freed, my soul was overwhelmed with the suffering that

these souls still endure before coming into the Divine Presence. This suffering only lasted one or two minutes, but I almost collapsed from these sorrows.

Jesus explained her suffering, “God smiles upon you. You see, with My Divine Smile, you can easily endure the great and violent sufferings. The souls in Purgatory need your sufferings so much because you now share in the work of the Church Suffering.”

Elizabeth described experiencing both the sufferings and the joy of these souls. I asked for the effusion of the graces of the Flame of Love of the Most Holy Virgin on the suffering souls. The Lord Jesus allowed me to sense that, in that moment, a soul was freed from Purgatory. I felt in my soul an indescribable relief. At that moment, by a pure grace of God, my soul was plunged into the immeasurable bliss of a soul that comes into God’s presence.

Later, she enjoyed a similar experience: After Communion, the Lord permitted me to experience the freeing of one soul. My feelings went from one extreme to another. After experiencing the depths of suffering, I was overwhelmed with the sublime joy of that soul who arrived in the Divine Presence. The state of my soul, trembling from this rapture of graces, was freed for hours from the force of the earth’s gravitational pull.

#### Their Welcome

These souls would welcome Elizabeth when she came to heaven. “Many souls whom you helped to set free from Purgatory through your sacrifices will welcome you. They will overflow with joy. Like good friends, they will wait to meet you. Understand that this joy will never end. Let nothing that you must do for My work of salvation seem tiring to you.”

## CHAPTER 51 THE FASTS

Many quotes on fasting were used in the chapter on Purgatory.

### Monday Fast

Jesus asked everyone to fast on Monday. “I do not ask this strict fast (bread and water until 6:00 PM) just from you. Make public these requests jointly with the other message. Anyone fasting on bread and water on Monday will free each time the soul of a priest from the place of suffering. Whoever practices this will receive the grace of being liberated from the place of suffering within eight days after their death.”

The Monday fast was very important: Both the Lord Jesus and the Blessed Virgin took turns speaking. The Blessed Virgin’s words sounded in my soul with firm, but loving power. She asked the clergy, the consecrated religious, and the faithful Christians of the whole world to fast on bread and water on Mondays, when they are able to do so.

Concerning Monday, Elizabeth wrote: I fast on bread and water on Monday. I do not skip the fast even when it is a feast day. I am happy to keep the strict fast on Mondays because He promised that, by fasting on Monday, one priestly soul would come into the Divine Presence.

The Monday fast frees souls: When those persons consecrated to God and the faithful keep the Monday fast, they will free a multitude of souls from Purgatory each time they receive Communion during that week, at the very moment they receive the Holy Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Other Fasts

Concerning Thursday, Jesus said, “Offer the strict fast (bread and water until 6:00 PM) for the twelve priestly souls.” And concerning Friday, “Keep the Friday fast until the hour when My Sacred Body was lowered from the cross. Accepting this sacrifice will gain extraordinary graces.”

One time, Jesus asked for a special fast of twelve weeks to bless the 12 special priests. “Commit yourself to this fast for twelve weeks for the twelve priests who will best carry out My plans. By special graces, I want to make them worthy. Do it, My little one. In this way you will also become the favorite of My Heart. You will know who should take My petition to these twelve priests. They must do the same thing that I asked of you, that is, to make reparation and to be immersed in My sacred Passion. My little one, these twelve priestly souls are the best in the country.”

Jesus wanted fasting and prayer on Thursday and Friday. "Every Thursday and Friday, fast on bread and water and offer this for twelve priests. On both days, spend four hours in my Divine Presence and make reparation for the many offenses that I have received. On Fridays, from noon to 3:00 p.m., adore My Sacred Body and My Precious Blood that I shed for the sins of all the world. Keep the Friday fast until the hour when My sacred Body was lowered from the cross. Accepting this sacrifice will gain extraordinary graces. Daughter, do what I ask!"

She undertook a special fasting for the twelve special priests. Our Lady said, "Commit yourself to this fast for twelve weeks for the twelve priests who will best carry out My plans. By special graces, I want to make them worthy."

### Tasteless Meals

Our Lord asked, "I want you to increase your fasts. Do not give yourself to any pleasure. Let your breakfast and your afternoon meal be bread and water. You can have other foods only at your principal meal, but make them tasteless. She writes, "He stressed tasteless meals".

Jesus spoke of the gift of taste, "My little one, get rid of anything that gives taste to your meals. Only in this way, will I be your guest. What is tasty for you is tasteless for Me. If you invite Me, then seek what pleases Me."

Jesus was grateful for her sacrifices. "Taking your food without any taste is a sacrifice from your heart which is tasty for Me. In this way, our hands gather in unity. Is it not true that you also find this wonderful?"

Elizabeth developed her own sacrifices: I began to eat but I took no pleasure. A long time ago, the Lord had asked me to abstain from food for the pleasure it provides, but to take it only for my body's nourishment. My children provide me with an abundance of food. I always take what they previously gave me and do not eat what they recently cooked.

Besides fasting, she worked hard to make the meals tasteless: During lunch, it was very difficult to make my meal tasteless. So, I decided to eat one half and to make tasteless the other half. Our Lord sadly observed.

### A Monday When She Failed

Elizabeth records one very difficult experience concerning the fast. One Monday, she failed to fast. This caused great pain: Today, Monday, when I returned from Holy Mass, my body was so weak from pain that within a few hours a great hunger came over me. I did not resist it and I took some food. I experienced great pain that I could not help the priestly souls come into the presence of God. Because this suffering was increasing more and more in my soul, I asked the Lord Jesus what I had to do. There was great darkness and silence in my soul. The Lord Jesus did not reply.

The pain continued for three days until Our Lady kindly spoke to her: Even on the third day, I woke up feeling sorrow for the priestly souls in Purgatory. And while I was thinking about it, the Blessed Virgin made her words of kindness heard in my heart. "My little Carmelite, pray a

complete Rosary and attend a Holy Mass for the priest. In this way, you can regain what you owe because of your weakness. The soul of the priest will come into the presence of God.”

With tearful eyes, I thanked our heavenly Mother that in my weakness I was helping to free these souls. Strength and peace returned to my heart.

## CHAPTER 52 THE TWELVE SPECIAL PRIESTS

Our Lady herself chose the twelve parishes that would host the Flame of Love. “Tell those who have responsibility not to be afraid and to trust me. I will protect them under my motherly mantle. Let the eight best attended sanctuaries in the country and four churches dedicated to me in the capital city begin this devotion, the handing over of my Flame of Love, simultaneously.

Our Lady’s Flame was to go forth from their twelve churches: “I will be with all of you and I will overwhelm you with very special graces. After the twelve priests have come together, let this devotion begin simultaneously in twelve churches dedicated to me. In this ceremony, pass the lighted candle from one to another. Take the candle home and begin the family prayer in the same way. If your fervor does not fail, I will be consoled.”

### Our Lady’s Instructions

Our Lady instructed Elizabeth about her beloved priest and the eleven others, “My Flame of Love will go forth from the Carmel. They are the ones who honor me the most, or rather, they are the ones most called to honor me. Take two little candles. Light up your little candle first, and then the other one from it, then pass it on to my beloved son who will spread it among my twelve most devout souls.”

Jesus wanted Elizabeth to sacrifice for these priests. “I will improve the sacrifices of your struggles and your fatigues in support of the twelve priests called upon to promote and set into motion the Flame of Love of My Mother.”

Elizabeth’s sufferings were meant to help these twelve priests. Our Lady said, “When I speak to you, you will take up my Cause with greater fervor. This test was an opportunity to gain merits for others. Make constant sacrifices for the twelve priests because they, too, will suffer. Be happy that you can suffer with them.”

### The 12 Priests and Elizabeth’s Doubts

The Diary records Our Lady telling Elizabeth to gather 12 special priests from the Archdiocese. However, it gives little history of what happened. These priests certainly supported her as the following story shows clearly. Elizabeth writes: Doubts, similar to the ones I have just mentioned, arose in many diverse ways. These stirred in my soul and struck me for years. They kept occurring even in my sixty-four years of life (in 1977). The story of one of my most serious doubts and crises, with respect to consequences, I reveal by the following.

On one occasion, when these strong doubts came upon me, I once again sought peace of soul. To gain this peace, I decided to retract the words and the messages of the Lord Jesus and the Blessed Virgin before all those to whom I had given them. I acted on this decision. I went to twelve Hungarian priests and said to each one, "Do not believe what I have told you because it all comes from me. They are lies I invented." While crying and sobbing, I asked them for their absolution. They reacted in different ways and gave their opinion. I told them, without hiding anything, that my terrible torments were forcing me to retract.

I said, (humbly prostrated to the ground), that I retracted my messages given until then and I asked them for general absolution, exactly how the good God sees things in respect to my person.

The great moment of Calvary caused by the torment of my doubts arrived when, after I had retracted, the Lord Jesus made me see my confessor and all the other priests before whom I had retracted the words of the Lord Jesus and the Blessed Virgin. The response that I most remember was formulated by a priest who said: "After you had retracted, the Lord Jesus spoke again to you. Do not be ashamed. This proves, with the greatest clarity, that we are face to face with God's Will."

## CHAPTER 53 THE STORY OF THE PRIESTS, THE BISHOP AND THE POPE

The following stories from the Diary show that Elizabeth's experiences with priests varied greatly. Some priests helped. Some confused her. Some saddened her. Some caused her great sufferings. We will just follow the story as detailed in the Diary.

### Father E

On April 27, 1962, in obedience to Our Lady, Elizabeth goes to Father E. The result is not good: After Holy Mass, I went to Father E, well determined to give him the Blessed Virgin's message. "I have a letter for you, Father." In the letter, was the message of the Blessed Virgin. My whole body shook but the Holy Spirit was helping me. I waited until he finished reading. He looked surprised and answered with evasive words. "I cannot reply to this." I said, "I was not looking for a reply. I am a sinner and I have already suffered much because of this Cause." Feeling deeply humiliated, I left with a downcast spirit.

She complained about this visit to Our Lady: Afterward, I spent a long time in church, deep in thought. I complained to the Blessed Virgin: Whom did you send me to, dear Mother? He refused me and did not say a helpful word.

### First Meeting With Father X

However, one good result came from the meeting. "I left the church with sorrow and shame because of the humiliation. However, Father E did tell me something. He said I should go to Father X. I did not know him. I never heard of him. The following day, I went to see him, but since I did not find him, I returned the next day to meet him.

In his confessional, I exposed before him the special condition of my soul. A flow of words suffused with tears sprang from me. Even though I had never met him, I opened my soul completely and asked him to direct me in this unique state of my soul. With great humility, I asked him to tell me if I am in error.

His kind and sweet words gave me peace. He found nothing abnormal. It is from my humility that he drew this conclusion. His words consoled me and I returned home very calm. The next time, I was to bring the written messages of the Blessed Virgin and he would discuss them with other priests that trust him.

### The Illness of Father X

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1962, she took the messages to Father X, but received sorrowful news: I took the written messages to Father X. They told me that Father was sick, he had to undergo a serious operation and I could not speak with him. My heart was filled with sorrow and I thought that the Flame of Love would suffer a new setback.

However, Our Lady encouraged her. "Go to my beloved son, Father X. He will do everything as I myself would. He will be my messenger to my sanctuaries to confirm the Flame of Love. Do not fear, he will not be opposed to the Cause, nor will he excuse himself."

### Father's Healing

Our Lady told Elizabeth that Father X would recover for a short period of time. Elizabeth writes: I beg you, Most Holy Mother, act so that they pay attention to your constant pleas. Also, Mother, I am being consumed and I suffer because the priest you sent me to has not accepted your request.

Our Lady said, "Offer your sorrow for his healing." I asked the Blessed Virgin if he would be healed. She consoled me with loving words. "Yes, in a short while, but not for long." The Blessed Virgin continued to speak of Father X. "He will come to me soon, he is already on the road. He is my beloved son whom I hold so deeply in my heart."

### The Hospital Visit

On September 29, 1962, Elizabeth visited Father X in the hospital: That same day, I went to the hospital to visit Father X. The Sister nurse gave me five minutes for my visit. These were serious moments. I asked her if she could leave us alone for a while. When she left, I asked Father if he knew who I was. He recognized me only after I began to speak about the Cause. I mentioned the Flame of Love of the Blessed Virgin which he already knew. I asked him to read it, if possible. He said, "My daughter, I cannot even read the Breviary or the mail that I receive."

After a few moments of silence, he looked at me with his eyes half opened. I understood that his eyes shone with a light that is not of this world. I felt that he was already contemplating God. In a low voice, he said: "I am a victim, my daughter. I gave myself over fully to the Lord Jesus and the Blessed Virgin. I choose nothing. They do with me as they see best." I revealed to him what the Blessed Virgin told me about those instances when the doctors have given up hope. She had said, "I will restore him quickly but not for a long time."

I began to collapse from the many spiritual sufferings that have consumed my soul for the past months. I told Father: "I, too, undergo many sufferings, like the living dead."

At this point, the Sister came in and Father obediently said, "I bless you, my daughter." At the moment he raised his hand to bless me, I took his hand to my lips spontaneously. I did this with great veneration, perhaps for the last time. I thought that even if he gets better, I might not see him again. At this point, the nurse said, "Please end the visit."

As I left and went to the Church of Perpetual Adoration, a great darkness weighted upon my soul.

### Father D

On November 22, 1962, even though Elizabeth had entrusted the Flame of Love to a Father D, she found no inner relief. At the Sanctuary of Mariaremete, the Virgin said that the devotion would spread from that Sanctuary. There, Elizabeth received explicit instructions. She describes her first meeting with him: Directed by the Blessed Virgin, I went to the other side. First, I went to confession. After that, I told the priest why I had to meet with him. My heart was in my throat. I did not know this priest at all. I only half-finished when he asked why I had to tell him all that and why I was so restless. He reproved me, saying that I could have told him

everything in five minutes. He then continually hurried me. Unfortunately, I couldn't breathe right and this slowed down my talking. I do not want to give any more details of the terrible torment, humiliation and shame that I experienced.

He then began to speak of the cardinal virtues and highlighted prudence as the most important. He cited Saint Paul's words, "Discern the spirits..." After a long conversation, we agreed I would bring him the Blessed Virgin's messages next Sunday. In an indifferent tone, he added: "If you want, bring it to me. I will read it. However, this does not mean anything." At the end, he asked me to pray to the Spirit of Love. I also asked if he would pray for me and bless me.

When I left the confessional, I thought about what I heard. I also asked the Holy Spirit to enkindle light in the souls who already know something of the Flame of Love of the Blessed Virgin, and that an outpouring of graces of the Flame of Love penetrate to their interior. Then I thought about the cardinal virtues. Would prudence be the most important? "My adorable Jesus, I attend Your school, and if there is something that I do not know, it is up to You to decide if I should know it or not. It isn't necessary to have the cardinal virtues to spread the Flame of Love. Otherwise, You would have instructed me." With that, I grew calm.

#### A Second Visit

A week later (November 29, 1962) Elizabeth returned to Father D. Again, she suffered a painful humiliation. "Today, I went to confession to Father D to whom I had given the messages of the Blessed Virgin. Because he only read a few lines, he spoke about different topics before getting to the messages. I gave them to him a week ago. Distressed, I listened.

"O my good and Holy Virgin, you see for yourself. What can I do? Nothing! You act through me, but it is not my fault that nothing has happened so far". Father D talked about everything except the Flame of Love of the Blessed Virgin. He talked about how the soul has various experiences that might not come from God. I was very upset to hear this. Although preferring to speak, I did not.

I practiced patience, humility and control of my tongue. I listened to his digressions. He pondered the admirable providence which helped me to educate my six children by myself. He admitted that what I said is true. His skeptical words led me to say, "God sees my soul." His lack of confidence in me was painful. I thought, "God is working through me, I am nothing. To Him be the glory." I felt happy to place these humiliations at the feet of the Lord Jesus. The Blessed Virgin had assured me that it is only through humiliations that I would be ready to spread her Flame of Love.

#### Meeting the Bishop (December 12, 1962)

Elizabeth's meeting with the bishop was quite different. His encouragement filled her with peace. She described her experiences. "In the Mariaremete Sanctuary, I gave the message of the Blessed Virgin to the priest whom the Blessed Virgin had pointed out. That same day, we went to Székesfehérvár. We left by train at 2:00 p.m., taking with us the messages for the

bishop. When we arrived, twilight had come upon the city covered with snow. I thought of the Virgin's words: "We must find a refuge for my Flame of Love." Devotion filled me. Will this be the place where the Flame of Love of the Blessed Virgin finds a refuge? The Blessed Virgin said only, "Let us set out."

### In His Chapel

After a few minutes, someone came in and began to pray aloud the Veni Creator Spiritus. At first, I did not look. However, as the prayer kept going on, I looked and saw the bishop. I stood up while he set up the kneeler. I knelt before him to make my confession, which was scheduled in advance. This lasted a long time. I admired his holy peace and the self-control that he showed throughout the meeting. He did not interrupt me even once.

When I finished, he asked if I had anything else to add. "No," I said. He responded point by point. I admired his extraordinary mental capacity in responding to my questions. After giving me absolution, he blessed me at length. His words calmed my soul and scattered my cruel doubts. While I gave thanks to the Lord, the bishop prayed some ejaculatory prayers.

When I finished, he came close to me. With a paternal hand, he traced a cross on my forehead. I was not expecting this. I quickly kissed the hand that was blessing me. This touched me deeply.

Afterward, Jesus spoke of the meeting. "Were you not deeply touched by the bishop's blessing? I was there when he traced the cross on your forehead. I did this for two reasons: to give you a reward for your numerous sufferings, and so that the bishop would know My Divine Will concerning you."

### Returning to Father D

On December 16, 1962, Elizabeth reported the results of the meeting to Father D. Again, the result was hurtful. I returned to the Mariaremete Sanctuary where I gave the message of the Blessed Virgin to the priest a week before. I said just a few words and he recognized me. He asked me a few questions. I told him I had gone to see the bishop and that I gave him the messages. I also spoke of the bishop's answers. "I would have said the same thing." He replied.

Then he began to speak of the Blessed Virgin's messages. He had read them twice but did not understand them. I was somewhat amazed and wanted to say some eloquent words about the Flame of Love of the Blessed Virgin, but I tried in vain. No thought came to my mind and no words to my lips. I thought, "How can it be that he does not understand?" Among other things, he said that the first Fridays and the first Saturdays were already days of reparation. He seemed to think that these other days of grace were superfluous.

When I left the confessional, I was hurt most by the fact that he did not understand. I begged the Blessed Virgin, "The one you sent me to does not understand your Flame of Love." I asked the Holy Spirit to enlighten him so that the Flame of Love would penetrate him as it penetrated me. During my meditation, terrible spiritual torments began to torture me.

### A Return to Father D. (Later in December) (1962)

Because of Father X's illness, Elizabeth returned to Father D.: Since Father X was sick for a long time, I went back to confession to Father D. He was very surprised and delighted. He asked, "Why did you not come?" He was waiting for me. I told him that I was with Father X. Because of my extraordinary spiritual state, I could not go to confession without speaking of these things. Therefore, I told him that I had returned to him at the advice of the Sister under whose care they placed me, and not from my own will.

I began to speak of the Holy Cause, but Father D had already forgotten many parts. He ordered me to be patient, "God's Cause needs time to show its worth." From the writing he had received from me earlier, he was able to be certain that the Lord has a great predilection for me. I should be very grateful for this extraordinary love which I am receiving. He said that he does not understand these things. I said, "This does not surprise me."

I told him how, at the Sanctuary of the Blessed Virgin, when I went to confession to a priest entirely unknown to me, according to his instructions, I had to give him the message. That priest also had to read them twice and he admitted also not to understand them. Nevertheless, I understand them. I frequently pray, using the Blessed Virgin's words, and I ask the Holy Spirit to enkindle His light in those who had heard the message.

Father D told me to stay at peace and to guard my heart in the Lord's peace. Then a major discussion began and I could not keep quiet. I felt that what I said did not come from my natural powers. In the end, he told me that he would refer this matter to another priest so he could be acquainted with it. I should trust this other priest because he leads a very profound spiritual life.

After this new rejection, Elizabeth found consolation in her companion's words: Now, my soul reposes in the Lord's peace and I remember Sister's words, "For this rejection, you should sing a Te Deum as did your holy patron, Saint Elizabeth."

### Return to Father X

In January, 1963, Father X's words consoled her: The words of Father X came frequently to my mind, "Suffer gently." Whenever I think of those words, I receive new strength. Oh, how wonderful is that one word he said to me, it is filled with Divine Strength. I keep on suffering in a gentle way and with renewed strength.

On January 18 and 19, 1963, she returned to Father X: Today, I went to confession to Father X. Since December 24, the last time I went to confession, I took strength from his words, "Suffer gently." I begged him to free me from the evil spirits which continually surround me. He calmed me down, saying that in those moments, I should pray and ask the Blessed Virgin to place a curtain around me. He also told me to maintain the quiet and peace of my soul because Satan wants to strip me of the grace of abandonment to God.

My confession to Father X always gains me wonderful graces. This happened again today. Beforehand, my soul was so much troubled by Satan's continued annoyances that Father X also admitted that he could neither see nor understand clearly the matters I had told him. I told him: "Father, I come here precisely because you help to orient me in my spiritual state." He told me to live a life pleasing to God and that His Will will become clear for me. With this advice, peace returned to my soul and I experienced a day of great joy.

### Another Visit

On March 23, 1963, she spoke with Father X again: I went to confession to Father X. After confessing my sins, I gave him the message of the Lord Jesus and the Blessed Virgin. He still maintains his former position and does not accept being the director of my soul. He feels that he does not have enough strength to accept this. He appealed to his recent illness, to his growing difficulty in hearing, and above all, to his doubts.

He told me that I am very stubborn, have no flexibility, and am attached only to my own will. I told him that by my own will, I do not have the strength to take one step. I come to him only by heaven's invitation. I told him that, even today, before leaving home, I sought advice from the Sister assigned to accompany me.

After that, I thought about his statement about how he found me to be impatient. I am fully convinced that this impatience is not from my own willpower because I have no personal interest whatsoever in all of this. He answered with just one word, "Fine." If he did not want to be my spiritual director, he should send me to another. Although convinced that I needed constant spiritual direction, he would not help me. He said, "Somehow, it will happen."

### Advice and Doubts

He told me to read the life of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus and the Imitation of Christ by Thomas a Kempis. I answered: "I accept your advice, but I have difficulty reading because I studied very little. Also, if I read a phrase which touches me, I meditate on it. The material for my meditation these past months has been one phrase: 'And the Word became Flesh.' This is an inexhaustible theme and I always meditate on it." At the end, Father X said: "Now, my daughter, I bless you with all my heart." I left with peace in my soul.

Elizabeth recorded her feelings: Afterwards, doubts assailed me again. The priest does not at all believe me; moreover, what I said raised doubts in his soul. I thought that he will also have to undergo the suffering of doubt just as I have. How humiliating was this rejection! This is just as well. Let God's Holy will be done. If the Lord Jesus wanted me to suffer this humiliation, I receive it with joy from His holy hand.

### Another Meeting With the Bishop (April, 1963)

Our Lady arranged a very favorable meeting with the bishop: At this time, the bishop was confirming in a nearby town. I went there and asked his secretary to give me the opportunity to have a conversation with him. While awaiting the reply, I grew anxious and asked the Blessed

Virgin to touch the bishop's will in this urgent matter so he would listen to me. His secretary told me to come to the episcopal palace in Fehervar, on Wednesday, at 10:00 a.m. On Wednesday morning, we spoke for one hour and I gave him the written document, saying that it was a message from the Lord Jesus and the Blessed Virgin.

### Questions about the Priests

On August 22, 1963, Jesus kindly answers Elizabeth's questions about these priests. During those days, I asked the Lord many times if I had only imagined that He and the Blessed Virgin had sent me to Father X to be my director. Since Father X had often rejected this role, I asked the Lord if I had fallen victim to my false imagination. Since I never received an answer from the Lord, I suffered much. But afterwards, it disappeared from my daily preoccupations, and I did not think of it anymore.

Finally, Jesus replied: "The priest I sent you to has his free will. He told you that he has doubts. I tell you that even now, he does not see the matter clearly. However, he has not removed the question from his mind nor has he forgotten it. In his heart, the fixed decision by which we decided to send you to him continues to be obscure. But he will understand that it is quite authentic. Nevertheless, he, also, will have to suffer. I told you that whoever knows something about the Flame of Love of Our Mother can only deserve being worthy of serving our Cause through sufferings and humiliations."

### Conflicts

In August, 1963, Our Lady told her to go in September to the bishop (but her confessor did not allow this). What a trial! Our Lady said, "In September, you must begin to spread the Flame of Love even more. Do not speak on your own, only give my words to the bishop. I am asking him to assume my Holy Cause. You should answer only if you are asked. Be very humble." (My confessor did not let me go to the bishop.)

On September 14, 1963, when Elizabeth asked what she should do, the Blessed Virgin said, "Go quickly". She asked, "O my Mother, where and in what direction must I go? To whom?" She gave a clear response. "Go to Father E and ask him if he knows when the bishop will come."

I was completely confused by these words. This was unexpected and I felt incapable of making a decision. I foresaw great difficulties because the bishop usually does not come at this time. What would Father E say if I came to him with my question? However, the urgency was much stronger than my power to resist the request.

I interrupted my housework and went quickly to speak with Father E. He was not surprised and answered: "We expect the bishop on Monday to bless a tombstone." Since the response was not precise, I asked him if he could tell me the exact time, because I wanted to speak to him if he comes. Then I knelt and asked for his blessing. When I ask Father E for his blessing, he is always surprised, but I consider it quite normal.

Since the priest did not tell me the date and time, I had great inner humiliation. I did not understand the reason for this. Even though the inspiration I followed was true, the anguish of the doubts still continued. If this inspiration did not come from the Blessed Virgin, then what power made me do this?

#### A Kindly Confessor

In June 1965, Elizabeth went through terrible torments. However, on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jesus reminded Elizabeth of a kindly confessor. “Do you remember what your confessor told you at your last confession? If you find yourself in difficulty, go to him or call him.” At that moment, I gathered all my strength and called him on the phone. I received an encouraging and favorable response.

Elizabeth writes: During the night of July 3<sup>rd</sup>, I could not sleep. As the saying goes, “I awaited the morning like a child at Christmas.” And it has become a reality! Two weeks had already gone by without my daring to receive the Body of the Lord for the reasons described above. It was Sunday. Early in the morning, I set out with little bodily strength, but with great hope. After the favorable response the day before, (from the priest), the gentle peace of the Lord Jesus came immediately into my soul. This peace calmed the spiritual torments which I had experienced for a long time.

When I came to my confessor, the Evil One again burst in with his trials. By a cruel torment, he harassed my mind with great force and brought about chaos. With all my strength, I listened to my father confessor so I could understand what he was saying. Due to the Evil One’s harassment, (even during confession), the continual doubts I had in my soul weighed heavily upon me. During confession, I repeated several times: “I want to believe with all my strength in the validity of the absolution, but if in spite of this I’m not convinced, it no longer depends on me.”

#### An Understanding Priest

The priest was very understanding: When he heard that I had not received the Sacred Body of the Lord for two weeks because of these doubts, he ordered me sternly: “You must understand that this comes from the harassment of the Evil One and not from the contempt that the Lord Jesus might feel towards you.” I must not let these doubts come upon me, and I must never stay away from Holy Communion because of that...When the priest gave me this order in Jesus’ Name, I felt that he pronounced these words with all his strength. At the same time, the Evil One’s attack was so great that I had to gather all my strength just to say, “Yes!” seven times to Father’s repeated commands.

Elizabeth described her struggle: My mind was completely under the pressure of the Prince of Darkness. To accept Father’s words, I received a power which is greater than anything on earth. By my affirmative answer, I wanted him to know that I would obey him with all my strength. Knowing that I would obey filled my soul with peace. Much later, the Lord Jesus entered my soul and flooded me with His presence.

### Going to Bishops (March, 1963)

The Cause included going to bishops: The Lord Jesus had a really deep conversation with me. He asked me to urgently take the messages to the bishop. (It was March 27, 1963, and I did that).

Later, Elizabeth told her director: “You, Father, must seek an opportunity to meet with the bishop. The Blessed Virgin asks that you meet as soon as possible. I write this because of the continued urgent pleas of the Blessed Virgin. I greet you with humble respect.”

The Cause was to reach the pope: Our Lady said, “Tell your spiritual director of my desire. In turn, he must bring my Cause to the Primate Bishop of your country, and then to the Roman Pontiff, Vicar of My Divine Son on earth. There has never been a time of grace like this since the Word became Flesh. Blinding Satan will shake the world.”

### Going to the Holy Father

Three times, Jesus specifically mentioned the Holy Father. “I give you My special blessing for this work that carries such great responsibility. Through your spiritual director, send My petition to the Holy Father.”

“Send My petition to the Holy Father because it is through him that I want to grant My blessing which carries great graces.

“My little one, ask your confessor to see to it that the Cause is presented to the Holy Father by Pentecost of 1965. Do not neglect the messages of My beloved Mother and Mine, they are urgent!”

Many people were to petition the Holy Father. Both Our Lord and Our lady asked, “In every part of the world, multitude of people should petition the Holy Father for an official declaration of the effusion of the Flame of Love of our Hearts for the whole world. We do not ask, deliberately, for an examination that will take time, as we have already said in a previous request. Everyone feels it in their own heart, in their soul.”

### The Conflict Between Jesus and the Confessors

This part focuses on Jesus trying to clear up Elizabeth’s confusion.

Elizabeth experienced great trials when the confessors did not accept Jesus’ advice.

Elizabeth reveals her anguish caused by Our Lady saying one thing and the priest responding differently: I took this letter to Father X a few days earlier. The Blessed Virgin insisted so much that I almost did not know how to fulfill the task.

Reverend Father,

Please do not take offense at this letter. I am a nothing and a nobody, just a small instrument in the hands of the Blessed Virgin. I do only what she tells me. She has great power and she is the one who urges me. I am just her humble daughter. I also obey you with all my will, and I do all that you tell me. I am exhausted from the Blessed Virgin’s urging that never ceases in my heart. She is the one who asks that we send her petition to the bishop. She speaks of how the

bishop welcomed her Flame of Love. What more can I do than to write and take, (or to send through the religious Sister), the words the Blessed Virgin told me to send.

When I was with the bishop for the second time, he gave me this advice. I am transcribing it word for word: “Try to get a regular spiritual director. After he gets to know you, - your extraordinary spiritual state will draw his attention anyway – he will know what to do. If he comes to me, I will talk with him.”

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(End of Letter)

On July 7 – 8, 1965, Jesus gave her this advice. “Do not set Me aside, My beloved soul. Concerning your confessor’s advice, I only add what I already said on other occasions, ‘His words are My words.’ Always perceive his word as authentic because I have enlightened your confessor and he is the one who knows you, understands you, guides you, and will never abandon you.”

#### A Week of Struggle

In September 1965, Elizabeth finds herself in the middle between Our Lord’s insistence and her confessor’s refusal. Jesus said, “I want to ask something great of you, My Elizabeth. Will you commit yourself to that? Fast on bread and water until the Holy Cause reaches the Holy Father?” He repeated this request a few days later. This request confused me greatly, because I did not think I could fulfill it due to my weak strength. However, I did not have any distressing doubt that it was the request and will of the Lord. The fire of charity is burning me and I want only what the Lord wants. I have no fear of being deceived by the Evil One. The Lord’s request left me dismayed and I could not immediately give an affirmative reply.

Something went on that never happened before in my life. For days, I was going back and forth concerning this decision. Generally, when I think about doing something, I decide quickly what I want to do and I get it done. But this did not emanate from my thought, and hearing these words, my womanly weakness reacted. I opposed this with all my strength, knowing that because of my lack of energy and will power, I would be unable to do it.

For three days, I fought a battle within. On the fourth day, I mentally accepted it. It is only after the arduous struggles of the fifth and the sixth days that I fully accepted it. On the seventh day, my soul was filled with joy. Having fully accepted the Lord’s Will, I went to the Sister assigned to me. I told her all that happened in my soul. She was getting ready to go to my confessor. I begged her to ask him to allow me to keep this fast.

On the ninth day, counting from the day the Lord asked me, I received the answer that he forbade me to do so. For two days, I had peace in my soul until the Lord Jesus repeated His request. “I stand by My request. You must repeat it several times to your confessor.” I felt very confused and I abandoned myself to the Lord Jesus concerning the refusal of my confessor.

The standoff continued: At the end of September 1965, I went to my confessor at the appointed time. Because of these difficulties, I was shaking. I repeated to him the Lord's request. My confessor repeated his negative reply and showed me how absurd it was.

In spite of this refusal, I repeated the request because the Lord had asked me. My confessor continued to explain why he considered this absurd. Although he can only exercise the rights given by God, he could not grant this because it would be contrary to the fifth commandment. If the Lord Jesus would manifest the request to him, he would not oppose it and would immediately grant permission.

### The Results of the Conflict

When I left my confessor, the suffering in my soul caused by the refusal ceased for a few hours. Then the sufferings came over me with great power and I could hardly walk for days. When I thought about food, I got dizzy. At breakfast and at the late afternoon snack, this ceased because I took only bread and water at the request of the Lord Jesus. He had told me that only at lunch I should eat other foods, not for their taste but only to feed my body.

### A Constant Clash

After Elizabeth gained a director, a clash took place between Jesus' directions and the director's words. Jesus said, "I guide you. Naturally, this does not mean that the words of your spiritual guide do not come from Me. On the contrary, I emphasize that they do come from Me. Accept his directions with the greatest humility and do what he says. His words flow from My Heart. Hopefully every soul would understand and follow this advice."

As this clash continued, Jesus had to repeat His advice. "Even today, I guide you. This naturally does not mean that the words of your spiritual director do not come from Me. On the contrary, and I say this strongly, accept all his directions and do only what he says. His word is My word. He receives all that he says from My inspiration. Oh, if only each soul understood that and conformed itself to it humbly and obediently!"

Jesus promised to enlighten the confessor. "Be at peace, My little one. I have irradiated such a great light in the soul of your confessor, that by its brightness he sees clearly the road he must follow to put into action our Holy Cause...We have gained one of the twelve..."

Jesus' final recorded words on this question are: "Elizabeth, you need patience and perseverance. Whenever I send you, you must go humbly and promptly. Be careful, you cannot disobey the command of your confessor, not even for My Divine Request."

### Jesus' Explanation

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### Clearing Up the Confusion

Elizabeth is often caught between two sets of commands to which she must be obedient. This part focuses on Jesus trying to clear up Elizabeth's confusion.

Jesus tried to explain what was happening: Jesus spoke for a long time. And once again, emphasizing His request, He sent me back to my confessor. "Repeat My request to him. Do not fear. Tell him that I want you to fulfill My request until the petitions entrusted to you arrive at the Holy Father. Tell your confessor that I change your sufferings according to whatever My Divine Wisdom and My work of Redemption demand. He should not be afraid and should abandon himself to Me."

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I dared to ask the Lord if He was using this request to test me. "No. If your confessor had not ignored My request but had accepted it and abandoned himself to Me, then your acceptance of sacrifices, with My help, would have achieved the result intended by My Divine Plans. I know very well that he would have received the momentum, and that with all his strength, he would have succeeded in making the Cause reach the Holy Father. Your acceptance of the strict fast as a sacrifice would have continually urged him to take additional measures."

In spite of refusals, Our Lord always told her to return to the priests: For two days, the Lord Jesus has been saying that I must try again to put in action the Flame of Love of the Blessed Virgin. I must act precisely where I was once rejected. My heart was shaken by these words. The previous embarrassment, the rigid refusal, and the humiliation penetrated like a sharp sorrow into every part of my body. Meanwhile, I thought again: "Is this truly the Lord Jesus who speaks in my soul?" While I was going back and forth, the Lord Jesus made me hear His voice in the depth of my soul.

Once, in speaking to a priest, Elizabeth knew that she must resolve her dilemma. Either all these revelations were true or she was a liar. Our Lady's Cause was too important to remain in doubt. She said to her confessor, "It does not matter that you are not ready to give me a recommendation. Even so, I will do everything to regain the peace that my soul has lost. "I decided to do this because of my uncertainty and my feeling of abandonment. I will not continue to live this way. I am either a fool and a liar or what is happening in me is true. If it is true, then I cannot stand around with my arms folded while souls are perishing. I cannot be frightened by this question of blinding Satan. I must make whatever sacrifice is demanded.

### Having No Spiritual Director

For a long portion of her spiritual journey, Elizabeth suffered because she had no director, "What should I do, adorable Jesus? Come and help me to escape from the Evil One. Without a spiritual guide, I have no one to help me through these terrible temptations." I spent the whole

day in these torments. For hours, I could only repeat: "I believe in you, O miraculous Holy Virgin."

Jesus explained why she had no director. "Do not be impatient because you have no spiritual director. Now, I am in charge of directing you. Just pay attention to Me. Even when I keep you in the darkness of your doubts, I am with you. Do not forget that when I was asleep in the boat, I chided My apostles for their lack of faith. It takes only one word from Me to bring about silence and light in your soul. Sometimes, I will send it through other people. Accept this, even if it comes from the most insignificant person. I repeat, I do this to increase your humility.

Even with those words, she experienced a lack: At Communion, the lack of a spiritual guide weighed again on my soul. The Lord Jesus reprimanded me lovingly.

Jesus explained that not having a director was part of her suffering. "I tell you why I leave you without a spiritual guide. Offer this suffering so there will be many true spiritual guides. I allow you to experience this suffering on behalf of many others. Ask for abundant graces so that there will be many holy confessors. How many souls would come closer to Me if spiritual directors guided souls with more understanding and patience. Let that also be part of your missionary work. Sacrifice much for this. May our hands gather in unity." (His voice was gracefully entreating.)

Also, Jesus, Himself, wanted to be her director. "Furthermore, I did not give you a spiritual director because I wanted to personally train you for your great destiny."

### Finally

For years, Elizabeth had no guiding confessor. On November 7, 1969, Jesus promised, "Soon, I will send you a priest who will take your soul and our Holy Cause into his hands."

### The Role of Priests

Our Lady's plan to spread the Cause was based upon priests. Our Lord, also, directed her to various priests. Elizabeth writes: Although I sensed the great importance of these sweet words, I could not express them. I only remember His words telling me to take action. He also told me not to delay in giving the petitions and the instructions to the priest as soon as possible. I was fearful in knowing that there was no more time for delay. In my great fright, I asked the Sister sacristan to tell the priest to remember me in his prayers. I said nothing more. In such a confidential matter, I could only speak with the person chosen by the Lord.

Elizabeth noted that this message was received by the priest. It is always sent by personal courier in the form of a letter, according to the request of the Lord Jesus or the Blessed Virgin in each case.