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Unselfish Charity

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The way to God is the way of love....

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I will come to meet you all if only you take the path of love, for I Myself cannot take any other path since I Myself am love. And if you want to reach Me then you have to take this path and you will soon feel My hand which will take hold of you and pull you upwards. But if you take a path where eternal love cannot meet you, then you will cover long distances and still not see the aim, for this path does not lead to Me.... it always leads further away from Me, Who cannot be reached other than through love. And thus you, My servants on earth, should also instruct your fellow human beings, you should only ever point them to this one path of love and draw their attention to the fact that all pseudo-christianity is secondary and ignores love.... People have a wrong attitude towards their earthly task; they believe they will reach their aim if only they fulfil their religious duties. Too little emphasis is placed on love, which alone is important, and much is taken into account which, however, is of little value for eternity. And it is alarming that they believe they are fulfilling My will if they meet the 'ecclesiastical' demands placed upon them, and yet people do not achieve the slightest progress in earthly life if they do not kindle love within themselves, if they do not live a life which corresponds to My commandments of love. Again and again you should put love first, you should live a life of love yourselves and constantly point out to your fellow human beings the effect of a right life of love, their actual task of redeeming themselves through loving activity. You should only ever explain to them the importance of fulfilling My commandments of love, because they alone only lead to unity with Me, because the path of love alone is the path to Me, to eternal life. People who walk without love isolate themselves more and more, they increase the distance from Me instead of decreasing it, they cannot come close to Me because I cannot dwell where love is not.... And if you therefore walk your path alone, without Me, then you will be joined by My adversary who will certainly push you further and further away from Me, away from the right path, who will prevent you from working with love and kindle self-love into a bright glow.... so you belong to him again because you are at his beck and call. Unkind people believe neither in Me nor in My adversary, but all people could experience that a work of love also changes their thinking if it is carried out selflessly.... And all people are also offered the opportunity for such unselfish works of love, because again and again I try to urge them onto this path of love.... But no coercion happens to them, and that is why My approach is often unsuccessful. Therefore I admonish you, My servants, again and again: preach love.... for this is urgent in the last time before the end, because too little mention is made of it, because people believe to have done enough by belonging to a denomination and fulfilling traditional customs, and the core.... My doctrine

of love.... have not yet grasped. People's attention must be drawn to the idleness of their lives if they have been led without love.... They have to hear again and again that I am 'eternal love' and that the path to Me is only ever the path of love.... that they can never reach Me Myself without love, but that only I can offer them a life of bliss if they can endure My nearness by shaping themselves into love.... There is no eternal beatitude without love....

Amen

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What is love?.... Changing selfish love into neighbourly love....

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And time and again you are reminded to live a life of love. For love is the strength that redeems you, love is the path which leads to Me, love is My fundamental element, and therefore anyone who lives in love is intimately connected with Me, because he inevitably draws Me, Who is love Himself, close to himself.... But what does it mean to live a life of love in accordance with My will?....

You should change selfish love, which is your nature at the beginning of your incarnation as a human being, into selfless neighbourly love, that is, you have to change the demanding, wanting-to-own love into selfless, giving, wanting-to-please love, which alone can be called 'divine love'. For My adversary knew how to change this divine love within you into the opposite, how to instil the desire for anti-divine things, he knew how to arouse longings in you humans which you sought to fulfil; he has lowered selfish love into your heart, and you have to try to change it again during the time of your earthly life into divine, selfless love.

And thus you should practice unselfish neighbourly love; you should think less about yourselves and take a personal interest in your fellow human beings' fate instead.... You should make people happy and emanate sincere love, for only this love is divine; it is the love which connects us again in time and eternity. For this reason people's attention should repeatedly be drawn to their earthly task of shaping themselves into love; time and again they should be reminded of My commandments of love, and at the same time they should be informed of the **effect** a life of love has for the human being's soul, they should also be given the reason **why** I require love from people.... it should be explained to them that they had fallen into the abyss because they had rejected My love, because they had left My order, because they had placed themselves outside of My flow of love and thus also turned their nature into the opposite. People have to be instructed of the fact that strength of love also guarantees 'life', whereas without love the being is dead albeit it lives an illusive life as a human being.... They should know that they live on earth in order to acquire **eternal** life for themselves, and that eternal life also requires a degree of love which necessitates a conscious struggle against selfish love. The human being should know that the 'love' I want should only ever be understood as the selfless, giving and wanting-to-please love. And if he now aims to change his nature into love he will then also soon experience the effectiveness of divine love.... he will learn to understand everything, he will become enlightened, he will emerge from spiritual darkness, he will arrive at the 'understanding', he will be permeated by My spirit and be able to teach, for his inner realisation will give him the ability to transfer it to a fellow human being, although he, too, first must have reached this enlightened spiritual state due to his deeds of love in order to muster the understanding for it.... in order to recognise the conveyed knowledge as truth.

Love has to **result** in a **clear** spiritual state, otherwise the fulfilment of My commandment of love will only ever be feigned by words but the evidence will fail to materialise itself. Love comes first, love is the Divine, love is the fire which irrevocably will also radiate light.... Thus wisdom has to be recognisable where true love is practised, so that a person's reasoning is correct, so that an inner light is kindled within him and he then will also speak with wisdom, because the spirit in him expresses itself, because I Am able to speak through him Myself and **My** Words are truly light and life and provide evidence of most profound wisdom. And thus the effect of a life of love has to be identifiable,

for 'whoever remains in love remains in Me and I in him....' and thus My spirit works wherever I can be, and this expresses itself such that you will truly no longer doubt My presence....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Meaning of a love life....

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December 4th 1957

God's admonitions will only ever result in a life of love.... Precisely the importance of a life of love is little known to you humans, and yet a life of love is the sole factor which secures your beatitude, an eternal life. And people don't think of that, and they pay more attention to everything else than their own attitude towards the most important thing in earthly life, **love**.... They go about their earthly duties day in and day out but they do everything more with their intellect than with their heart.... They consider all pros and cons, they try to work and create advantageously and to carry out earthly work dutifully, but they don't account for the extent to which the heart is involved, to what extent love is the determining factor in their actions. And yet, every work done **without** love is useless.... And even the daily work must show a degree of love for the people for whom it is done. Yet only few people are aware of this, and therefore for many their whole life can be an idle one if a slow transformation of the human being has not taken place.... a transformation from self-love to neighbourly love, or also: a reshaping to the former being, which was love. For the most part, every deed is only done for the sake of a certain advantage, but selfless activity of love is rare, and only the latter is of value for the human being's soul. And people should once give an account of what they have done during the day in complete selfless love.... It will be extremely little, for selfish love is still too predominant or such a state could not exist on earth as it undeniably does. People should also give account to themselves as to what extent they themselves are still capable of love, i.e. how they are touched by their fellow human being's fate and willing to help him. Every person only thinks of his own fate and tries to improve it if possible, but no one thinks of his fellow human being who is in need. And thus no human being may be self-satisfied if he **only** fulfils his duty. His spiritual state will always remain on the same level, for only an act of love will improve it, only loving activity will bring spiritual maturity to his soul. Therefore, what use is it to you humans if you also provide yourselves with all the comforts of life, if you dutifully do everything in order to gain such a life of well-being, what use are all your efforts and endeavours in earthly life if they were made without love and you have not progressed one step further in your development at the end of your life if you have only taken care of your earthly well-being? The soul could only recover and mature through works of love, and it is the soul alone which will remain when you have completed your earthly course. The soul can only attain its original form through loving activity, and it is precisely this loving activity which you grossly neglect, you rather add unloving works to it and therefore burden the soul extraordinarily.... And thereby you render your earthly life completely useless, you don't live according to purpose and will one day feel bitter remorse that you left a gift of grace unused and thereby missed out on a glorious fate in eternity. But you humans are also inaccessible to teachings about the meaning of a life of love.... You have already sunk so low through your selfish love that your spirit is darkened and you no longer recognize the light which shines towards you when the divine teaching of love is brought to you. Love has grown cold amongst people, and this also means that earthly life is useless for the souls, that the purpose of earthly life is misunderstood and that people's spiritual state has become darkened. And only the one who makes an effort to live a life of love himself also recognizes the disaster which threatens humanity, which lives without any love.... Only he knows that the prince of darkness then also has power over an unloving humanity, that it is in bondage to him and is in his power from which it can only free itself if it uses the weapon of love against him, for he who kindles love in himself will be avoided by the adversary because in his vicinity is God Himself, Who is eternal love and Whom he flees who is devoid of all love....

Amen

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Fulfill the commandments of love

Fulfilling the commandment of neighbourly love without love....

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The commandment of neighbourly love certainly obliges you to do deeds which are of service to your neighbour, yet if you only accomplish these deeds without feeling love for your neighbour you are certainly making an effort to comply with the divine commandment and this will be credited to you as good will, however, such deeds lack redeeming strength. It is more a consequence of the fact that you fear God but not that you love Him.... that you certainly recognise His power but not His love, kindness and mercy.... A mighty Lord you will fear, but a loving, kind and merciful Lord, on the other hand, you will love with all the intimacy of your heart. And so you only recognise God as the Lawgiver, you respect His commandment, but you do not hear the voice of love in this Word, which only wants to let the strength flow to you by admonishing you to love. Love is the only way in which you can gain possession of the most precious thing, the strength from God; thus you must first try to awaken this feeling in yourselves, you must regard your neighbour as your brother who has emerged from the same as you yourselves.... You must bear his suffering and sorrows in mind and feel with him, and now try to reduce this suffering for him.... You must fulfil the divine commandments because your heart impels you to do so, and you must always think of yourselves in the same situation, then you will have compassion for your neighbour and try to improve his fate or help him carry it. And then the strength from God can flow to you, you will receive the love you give back a thousandfold, for 'with the measure you use, it will be measured to you....' And being allowed to receive God's love makes life easy for you, and you will then want to give with full hands to the one who suffers in body and soul. However, you must always kindle love in yourselves.... and do everything of your own free will, not just in order to fulfil your duty. For every work accomplished with love awakens love in return, and only then will a person have a redeeming effect, when love becomes active in him....

Amen

Translation handled by Sven Immecke

Preaching love for its own sake....

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It is not in accordance with God's will if His word is used as a means to achieve earthly aims.... if it is used to induce the fellow human being into loving activity in order to derive his own benefit from it. This is a misuse of the divine word and an injustice against the neighbour, for he is, so to speak, urged to be lovingly active, yet always under pressure which does not allow his love to develop. The obvious purpose deprives him of the joy of loving activity, and spiritual progress is rarely achieved. The divine word certainly teaches love, yet it is not the deed itself which is valued but the degree of love in which the deed is carried out. If an earthly aim is the reason for loving activity, the deed itself can certainly be carried out but the feeling of love can be completely lacking, and then it is a dead work which is accomplished.... but the human being believes to have fulfilled the divine commandment of neighbourly love. But the person who influences his fellow human being to carry out a deed for the sake of an earthly advantage by reproaching him for the divine commandment of love is worthy of condemnation.... The latter can listen to the reproaches, he can do what is demanded of him and yet inner love can be completely absent. But the human being does not give an account of his inner feelings but is satisfied with having accomplished an act which apparently corresponds to the divine commandment of love. But the human being who strives for his own advantage and tries to induce his fellow human being does not observe the commandment of unselfish neighbourly love

himself but tries to harm his fellow human being. Consequently, he is not justified in invoking the divine commandment of love; he thereby makes himself sinful, for this is no teaching and no educating to love, but the deed itself is given more priority. Love alone, however, is decisive for the soul's progress.... And this way of preaching love can often be found where earthly aims are pursued which require people's cooperation.... aims which mean an increase in power and which cannot be reconciled with true neighbourly love. And then the divine commandments come into a false light with those who seriously strive and now become suspicious because the representatives of this doctrine of love obey it the least and do not give true, unselfish love to their neighbour. The divine word is misused but people seek cover behind this word by citing it, yet it is not followed by the representatives of the divine teaching who strive for earthly aims.... power and wealth. And these inflict damage on humanity which, however, is rarely recognized, because a person who believes himself to be lovingly active does not practice love.... but the love of the heart must inevitably impel him into action.... for only this love is redeeming, and only this love connects the human being with God....

Amen

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Fulfilment of the divine will - fulfilment of the commandment of love....

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March 5th 1947

The fulfilment of My will is always to be understood as the fulfilment of My commandment of love, for this includes everything I demand of you humans. If you seriously consider My constant request to love your neighbour as yourselves, you will recognize every action which is not right according to My will as wrong, because it harms your neighbour physically or spiritually. Love must always be the basic principle of your thoughts and actions, then you will never violate My commandment of love. And you will respect your neighbour's possessions, his honour, you will treat him as a brother and not try to harm him in body and soul. Hence love is the greatest commandment, and I always and constantly preach it, for you humans care for it so little and thereby easily fall prey to the one who is without love and also tries to stifle it in you in order to separate you from Me. And therefore you also ignore My commandments, you try to increase your possessions at the expense of your neighbour, you try to gain all attractions from earthly life, and this often by using means which lack all love for your fellow human being.... Thus you go against My commandment, you don't live according to My will. And then you will never be able to reach your aim.... merging with Me through love. For I only gave you the commandment of love in order to show you the path on which you can come to unity with Me. My commandment applies in particular to those who stand apart from Me, for the one who strives towards Me does not need a commandment, he will never act against My will because the spark of love has already been kindled in him, otherwise the desire for Me would not fill him. But anyone who is still devoid of all love needs My commandment so that he can measure his actions and thoughts by it, and thus he is given guidelines so that he recognizes when and how he sins against love, and he will have certain success if he keeps My commandment of neighbourly love in mind in everything he thinks and does. He will respect his neighbour's property, he will try to keep all harm away from him, he will regard him spiritually and earthly as a brother, and thus if he shows love towards his neighbour he will also love Me, for the fulfilment of My will towards the neighbour also results in an increase in knowledge. I will no longer be a stranger to him and he will seek to make contact with the being Which created him. For love alone provides him with light, and therefore the commandment of love is the only and greatest one which makes My will known....

Amen

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Whatever you want people to do to you when you suffer adversity you should also do to them.... That is the commandment of neighbourly love, which is the most important commandment for you because it includes the love for God at the same time. For whoever loves his neighbour like his brother also loves the Father above all else, Whose child is the neighbour. And thus you humans know what you ought to do in order to become blessed, for these two commandments are the epitome of My will, the fulfilment of which is your earthly task. If you pay attention to these two commandments of love for God and your neighbour you will be unable to commit a sin but will live to please Me, and I will bless you in turn by increasing your realisation and wisdom, light and strength. Yet you humans also know that you are repeatedly approached by the opponent in order to push you off the right path, in order to make you desert Me. And therefore he will try to prevent you from arousing My favour.... He will try to stop you from loving Me and your neighbour and time and again persuade you to transgress these commandments of Mine. He will make you conscious of the fact that you are more important, that you should think of yourselves first and thus let selfish love dominate, so that you will have no understanding for your fellow human being's hardship and neglect Me in favour of your own endeavours.... earthly possessions, which are temporary.

And thus you will have to decide, you will have to choose Me or My adversary.... you will have to fulfil My commandments or perish in selfish love, for My adversary only wants your ruin. But the love you give Me and your neighbour will make you happy, for this love is truly strength and increases spiritual possessions. Your one and only purpose in life is to help your fellow human being, for selfless neighbourly love is the right means of release for your soul, it is the purchase price for eternal beatitude. In the spiritual kingdom, however, love is natural, whereas on earth it is an effort to rise above oneself, because selfish love still constitutes a strong counterweight which, however, is wrongly directed love and locks the entrance to the kingdom of the blessed spirits. Love comes forth from Me and leads back to Me again, but anyone who is without love has voluntarily excluded himself from My circuit and is therefore at risk of falling prey to the one who is entirely without love because he is My opponent. That is why he has to be fought, love shall be practised and therefore My commandment always be complied with; you shall shape yourselves into love through selfless labours of love so that you will correspond to My fundamental nature, so that you will liberate yourselves from your enemy's bondage, so that you will unite with Me and be eternally happy....

Amen

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Every human being knows about the divine commandments of love....

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Everyone knows the commandments of love for God and his neighbour, for they are written into every person's heart insofar as everyone feels in himself how a work of love affects him, how he himself will always be happy when he is lovingly thought of by Me Myself or by his neighbour. And thus he will also be able to conclude that his neighbour has the same claim to love and that I Myself also demand love from the person who owes his existence to Me. However, every spark of love can already be stifled in the human being, he can have erected an obstacle in his love for himself for the activity of love for his neighbour. But then he knows about My commandments of love through My word which is preached in the world and which contains My teaching of love. And he can also want to ignore this, for he will never be forced to work with love.... But then states of adversity occur which affect him himself or also his fellow human beings.... And again the commandment of love will be placed before him, he himself will desire love when he is affected by adversity, or he will so obviously be stimulated to practice love on his neighbour through the adversity which has affected him. No human being can say that My commandments of love have remained alien to him.... The fact that there is so little love amongst people is proof of the power My adversary has gained over people.... And

this, in turn, proves that the divine redeemer Jesus Christ is not respected, that He is not acknowledged and that He therefore cannot come to people's aid who are at the mercy of My adversary's power and will also succumb to it if they don't turn to Jesus Christ. He certainly has great power but you humans give this power to him yourselves, for he cannot force you to belong to him. But you yourselves have free will and can just as well use it in another direction.... you can entrust yourselves to Jesus Christ and present your weakness to Him, you can also confess to Him that your selfish love is still strong and that you would like to become free of it, and He would certainly help you and give you a strengthening of will.... But you believe too little, for this, too, is My adversary's influence to undermine your faith in Me in Jesus Christ. You are certainly exposed to his influence and yet it is your own free will whether you allow yourselves to be determined by him or whether you turn to Me.... whether you practice love for your fellow human being and thereby prove your love to Me or only ever consider your own ego and thereby completely hand yourselves over to the one who is devoid of all love. As a human being you have already regained a certain maturity, and this maturity also ensures your free power of decision.... You cannot be **forced** by My adversary, only **tempted**.... I don't force you either, but I counter his temptations with many graces which you can also use.... but the decision is up to you. And there is no person who could not make the right decision.... for I placed the spark of love in every person's heart, which is My share, i.e., every person **can** feel love within himself but he has to let himself be touched and must not offer any resistance. And My commandments of love will be presented to him again and again until the end of his life, for even if people don't pay attention to them, even if they fail to fulfil the commandments, they will always hear about them, and they will remain unknown to no human being, but they can only ever be taught but never compulsorily demanded that the human being fulfils them. The freedom of will is decisive as to whether the human being professes Me in Jesus, whether he lives his life in accordance with the divine teaching of love and thus becomes free from his tormentor.... He will not be forced but in every way he will be granted assistance from Me, in every way he will be stimulated into activity of love, because only love can redeem him....

Amen

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Importance of the love commandments....

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And if you fulfil My commandments then you belong to Mine, for then love unites us.... Love is My original substance, love created you and love is also the substance of your being. And if you now live in love according to My commandments you will shape yourselves into your original nature again, and then you will join Me, you have become and will remain My Own for all eternity. And now you will also recognize the importance of My commandments of love and understand why I repeatedly emphasize these commandments of love of Mine, why I repeatedly admonish you to spread My Gospel, to proclaim the divine teaching of love and to live a life of love yourselves.... You will also understand that and why you can only become blessed through love. It is not just a matter of **doing** this or that, for works **without love** have no value, works without love cannot be valued differently than every earthly action which you carry out in duty.... Love must be the driving force for every action, only then can the change of nature take place in you for the purpose of which you live on earth. And you must kindle love within yourselves, it cannot be practised on your behalf.... for only through love can you approach Me in order to then also be eternally united with Me. Nor can anyone join Me (strive towards Me) who does not have love within himself, for since I am Love Itself the human being himself must also be in love if he wants to recognize Me and strive towards Me.... Love urges love, love seeks union. My love always and forever belongs to you, My living creations, it will always long for you and will do everything to be united with you again. But My love can only unite with love again.... The bond can only be striven for and established on **your** part, for I am always willing to do so, yet it first requires your will, and this will be just as willing when love has ignited in you which then also irrevocably pushes towards Me. And therefore My commandments of love are of

utmost importance.... Everything is worthless without love.... and even if you are earthly blessed as richly as you are, if fame and honour accompany your path through life, if you can prepare earthly pleasures for yourselves without measure.... you are to be called poor if you do not have the love within you which first gives your earthly life the right fulfilment, which prepares you for spiritual life, which ensures your union with Me, which makes you My children and gives you eternal life.... And thus anyone who belongs to My Own also knows about the urgency of My commandments of love, and he will do everything himself to encourage his fellow human beings to work in love, he will set an example for them, he will not be able to help but do good, think good and speak good.... For he is filled with love, and the union with Me ensures his right thinking and right will. And his whole way of life will be determined by love. Yet without love the human being is and remains dead in spirit, he can neither recognize the truth nor feel it as blissful.... Without love he is blind in spirit, he lacks every ray of light which illuminates his inner being.... Without love he remains attached to My adversary, and he is already wretched on earth and also enters the kingdom of the beyond in this wretched state.... just as again only love is able to change his wretched fate.... just as he can only achieve ascent through love, because this is the law from eternity that love belongs to beatitude....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

"Love your neighbour as yourself!"

Selfish love.... Love your neighbour as yourself....

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God instructed you to love each other; He gave you a commandment you must fulfil if you want to be saved. And this commandment requires nothing else but love for Him and your neighbour.... Yet it includes the entire work of improving your soul, which should attain perfection while you still live on earth. Your every thought, word and action should correspond to this commandment of love, it must express itself in your will to give and to please, to help, comfort, encourage and protect.... the human being must do to other people what would please himself were he in need of the same degree of help. Love your neighbour as yourself.... Hence, God has granted the human being a degree of selfish love by which he can always judge how far he fulfils the commandment of neighbourly love. If a person loves himself very much, he also has a duty to give a greater measure to his fellow human being if he wants to comply with God's will. In that case he must also accomplish more kind-hearted deeds.... If a person's selfish love is small and he wants to fulfil God's will, his neighbourly love will exceed the degree of selfish love, and he will find this easier because he will easily be able to let go of earthly possessions and give them to his fellow human beings. But you humans are always expected to practise unselfish neighbourly love, consequently, you must also be able to go without, you must be able to make sacrifices in favour of pleasing a fellow human being. And the more you love a fellow human being, the easier you can do this. But in order to awaken the feeling of love for a fellow human being you must bear in mind that all of you are children of a Father, that all of you came forth from the same strength and therefore all of you are creatures of God's love.... Then you will learn to regard your fellow human being as your brother, you will treat him with love, you will want to help him if he suffers adversity, and your willingness to help will make you happy, because it is blissful in itself and results in spiritual knowledge.... If you give to your neighbour what you desire yourselves, then God will give you what belongs to Him.... He will give you the truth, He will give you light and strength and grace.... He will please you and likewise will only give you possessions which originate from His kingdom, which cannot be offered to you in an earthly way. But He will also bless your possessions in an earthly way by increasing what you sacrifice if it benefits your soul's salvation. If you therefore give because of love for your neighbour, you will not need to starve, for God's love will give you in kind if you are in need, and He is not prudent with His Own but distributes His gifts without measure.... providing you also sacrifice without anxiously calculating what you can do without. If you are impelled to give by love, you will not hesitate or give very little and therefore also receive in abundance from the eternal Love. And if you are incapable of the feeling of love, then you must train yourselves to accomplish unselfish deeds of love, you must look around yourselves and actively intervene with helpful support when you come across hardship. This is God's will, and you should adopt this will as your own, then your kind-hearted activity for your neighbour will make you happy in every way.... you will kindle love in yourselves until it grows into a bright flame which takes hold of everything that enters its vicinity. For love is divine, it comes forth from God and leads back to God again, this is why the commandment of love for God and one's neighbour is the most important commandment which must be fulfilled on earth as well as in the beyond in order to unite with the eternal Love and to attain eternal bliss....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

What you want to receive, what you wish to be given to you, you must also give to your neighbour if he asks you for it.... This is love for your neighbour, which is measured according to your love for yourselves. If you give from abundance and don't feel the need to make your fellow human being happy, this is also not neighbourly love according to My will. The feeling of love must always drive your actions and therefore I have given you the standard of self-love as a comparison, for the degree of neighbourly love is also determined by **how** you give. Just as you wish to be given, you should also give out if you want to find favour in My sight. And if you are thus meagre with evidence of love, if you only ever want to receive it yourselves and never satisfy your fellow human being's desire, you will not fulfil My commandment which demands love and then you cannot receive what comes forth from Me as evidence of My love either.... you can never receive My word directly, and if it is offered to you by worthy representatives of My teaching you will accept it without understanding; you will certainly listen to it but it will not penetrate your heart because the spirit in you is not awakened as a result of unselfish activity of love. And thus I tell you again and again, observe yourselves, practice love and sharp criticism of yourselves, in what degree of love you are towards your neighbour, and then put aside your self-love and sacrifice.... give what is dear to **you** and what you don't want to part with. And if your heart tears itself away from what you would like to keep and love drives you to renounce it, then you will already have progressed far in your development, for then the spirit within you will be active which will introduce you to all wisdom. And you will receive spiritual as well as earthly goods just as you distribute them; but anyone who is frugal and leaves his fellow human beings destitute, although he has the opportunity to make them happy through actions of love, will also go empty-handed himself, for he does not fulfil My commandment, on which I also make the measure of My gifts of grace dependent, for My word says: "As you measure out, so shall it be measured out to you...."

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Compassionate charity....

B.D. No. 7411

September 18th 1959

You should glow with merciful love towards your fellow human being's need when you are approached for help and are able to provide it. You should feel their hardship like your own in order to help to the best of your ability, and you will awaken reciprocated love in your neighbour, and the flame of love will spread and draw ever wider circles, the loving person will also increase his willingness to help and the reciprocated love in his fellow human being will also constantly find new nourishment.... The flame of love will increase and thrust itself towards Me, Who am eternal love Itself.... Love for Me can only be demonstrated through unselfish neighbourly love, for to love Me as the most perfect being in infinity is not difficult.... but to love one's fellow human being with all his weaknesses and shortcomings is only proof that the human being has a compassionate, loving heart and that he would like to express the love slumbering within him to this weak, helpless neighbour who comes to him in his adversity. This love is therefore mercy and truly born in the human heart.... and it proves love for Me, for loving a flawed being only confirms love for the perfect being, Who is the creator of everything that surrounds the human being, thus also of the neighbour, who therefore has to claim true brotherly love according to God's will.... Neighbourly love can also never be feigned, for the human being either shows love to his neighbour or leaves him in his adversity. But he will never alleviate his adversity if he is not forced to do so by other material advantages which then, however, no longer fall within the area of neighbourly love as it is demanded of you humans by Me.... Providing help for the sake of earthly advantage is equal to an omission in My eyes, for only unselfishness is true neighbourly love, as I demand it through My commandment. What is done out of calculation does not fall under the fulfilment of this commandment but is a dead work which does not receive My attention. But you humans cannot deceive Me, for I see into your hearts.... And therefore I demand

merciful love.... a feeling of merciful love which applies to your neighbour in need.... This alone I will regard and value as a proof of your love for Me, your God and father, Who pursues you with His never-ending love and wants to draw you to Himself in merciful love.... And a measure has been given to you as to what love you should give to your neighbour.... You shall love him as yourselves.... The same you claim for yourselves you should also give to him, i.e. you should help him to the best of your ability and always remember that it would also be good for you if you received the same help from your fellow human being.... You should never think that you have no obligation towards your neighbour, for I have imposed this obligation on you through My commandment, through the addition "as for yourselves...." I grant you humans a measure of self-love, and accordingly you should love your neighbour "as yourselves...." And this addition obliges you to always remember your neighbour, just as you also predominantly remember yourselves and this is not denied to you. But as soon as you also take care of your neighbour, your self-love is also justified, and it will also soon no longer exceed the right measure.... For you will increase in merciful neighbourly love and thus also demonstrate ever deeper love for Me.... you will fulfil My commandments and truly become blessed as a result....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Unselfish charity

Charity motif....

B.D. No. 1000

July 9th 1939

The motive of christian neighbourly love has become completely different from what it should be from God, and this is due to the fact that humanity is no longer aware of how necessary 'love in itself' is to return to the father and how everything in the universe is closely interwoven with the concept of love. Love for matter is spiritual death, but love for one's neighbour and thus for God as the creator of all things is spiritual life. Wherever only true love would be active, no spiritual decline could be recorded, but where love for matter predominates, all spirituality is completely lost. Love is the highest thing on earth and points the way to God.... however, if it applies to earthly possessions, it increases matter and pulls downwards.... The more a person is filled with the feeling of love, the more clearly the spirit in him will be able to express itself, but this love must be for God and his neighbour, not for matter. An extremely wrong way of thinking has now brought humanity so far that it is no longer able to distinguish what true, i.e. divine love is.... whether it springs from the heart or has its origin in the physical life of man, in purely physical desires. The person who is driven by inner love to do good incessantly does not think of any earthly reward, but this holy feeling of love is so fused with himself that he cannot help but be lovingly active.... He has the urge to help, comfort and give wherever his (love) help is needed. He does not calculate anxiously, he does not give to his neighbour in a measured way, but is only imbued with deep love for his neighbour, and this is the right love before God, which is also the right path to eternal life.... The human being, however, who only remains in matter, is only intent on increasing matter on earth, i.e. earthly goods, and deriving his advantage from everything. If he now helps his neighbour, it is always only a certain calculation to gain some kind of benefit from it, and pure, unselfish neighbourly love is a concept he does not understand. But calculating love can never have a redeeming effect, and charity is again the greatest factor that must be reckoned with.... Man is supposed to redeem himself through love, but the love of possessions usually takes precedence and prevents him from practicing unselfish love. Consequently, anyone who wants to comply with the divine commandment must willingly renounce matter, he must learn to despise it, only then can pure love fill his heart.... he learns to love God when matter is nothing to him, and thus also his neighbour.... since love is inherent in man, all too often in the wrong sense. Anyone who loves himself more also craves all earthly possessions, and no matter how far away the eternal deity is from him.... he must first willingly surrender everything that binds him to matter.... he must seek to become free of it and mould himself into love.... only then will the human being experience an inner transformation; he will feel the spark of divine love within himself and then cannot help but transfer it to other people, and only then will this be true christian neighbourly love, which has a redeeming effect in the true sense of the word....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Renunciation of earthly goods.... equalization of spiritual goods....

B.D. No. 2548

November 13th 1942

Renouncing the world requires willpower, i.e. divine support, if the human will itself is too weak, i.e. if the world is still tempting for him. It is a grace acquired through suffering and renunciation if man can easily detach himself from the world and its goods, i.e. from matter. But this grace must be striven for, i.e. man must want to remain untouched by the attractions of this world. This can happen consciously; but even then this will is present when the human being abstains from all desire, when he

resignedly submits to the renunciations which are intended for him by fate. The temptations will approach him again and again, and then the conscious will must set in to abstain from earthly pleasures, then his willpower will become stronger and stronger and he will have become the conqueror of matter. To the same extent that he renounces the world, he matures in his soul, for he will always try to compensate for the lack of earthly pleasures with spiritual goods.... If he has not yet consciously striven for spiritual good, he will become thoughtful about the world, about the earth, its purpose and the purpose of his earthly life. And he will easily penetrate into spiritual territory, because no earthly fetters hold him back from the flight upwards, into the spiritual kingdom. And what is now offered to him outweighs the earthly joy many times over.... What he previously gave up with renunciation is now no longer attractive to him, and his desire is only for spiritual goods, the possession of which makes him unspeakably happy and lets him dwell in completely different spheres, even though he is still on earth. But both goods can never be received by man at the same time. The earth and the spiritual kingdom are two separate worlds, which can only make man happy by renouncing one of them. The spiritual world demands complete renunciation of what is desirable on earth in order to then lavish man with goods that are incomparably more valuable than earthly goods. As long as the human being is still tempted by things of this earthly world, he is not yet receptive to what is offered to him from the spiritual kingdom. Therefore, he must first detach himself, i.e. free himself, from earthly desires.... he must be still in God, no longer desire anything from his earthly life, he must trustingly surrender to God and receive from His hand what God wants to offer him.... Then he will be able to receive spiritual goods according to the strength of his desire. For as soon as a person is willing to give earthly goods, he is free from self-love, which has changed into unselfish love for his neighbour, he is willing to give because he no longer demands anything for himself. Thus the renunciation of the goods of the world will always result in an activity of love, for as soon as he receives a spiritual gift it urges him to pass on spiritual as well as earthly goods, because he is now in God's activity of love and cannot help but likewise work in love. And therefore the human being must constantly fight against the temptations of the world, i.e. he must try to overcome the attractions of the world, because only then can he establish the bond with the spiritual world, which now brings him goods that will also last in eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Sacrificial love....

B.D. No. 2783

June 22nd 1943

Love enables a person to make any sacrifice, and thus your love should be such that you will gladly and joyfully give up everything if this will help your neighbour. Sacrificial love is inexpressibly beneficial; both for your souls as well as for the soul of a fellow human being who thereby learns to love as well, for the love which touches him will also kindle the indwelling spark of love, which can develop into a flame. A person's deed must be inspired by love, only then will it be true love which not only expresses itself in words and feelings but in active care as well. The bliss of accomplishing a kind deed which helps a fellow human being makes a person feel very happy.... Thus love by itself is already rewarding, because it is pleasing and encourages constantly new actions of love. A love which is willing to make sacrifices does not consider itself; a person gives of what he owns without thinking if it benefits someone else, he gives to others and is happy that he can help his fellow human being.... Only this kind of love will result in his soul's maturity, which is his goal on earth, for it will make his heart receptive for the divine Love Itself, Which requires such a prepared soul as an abode in order to stay and work in a person. Through his love, the human being draws God, Who is Love Itself, close to him, and he will never be without love because divine love will fill his heart and his whole nature will change into love.... He will adapt himself to God; he will find the union with Him on earth already, which is the purpose and goal of his life on earth.... Anyone making a sacrifice out of love for his neighbour gives up very little in exchange for so much more.... As long as he is still fond of earthly possessions, as long as the commodities of the world mean everything to

him, he will be incapable of any kind-hearted deed, for his selfish love will be too great and will prevent him from giving for his fellow human being's sake. Only love will make him do this, the love for his fellow human being will make his possessions seem worthless to him, he will only try to help and will no longer calculate the advantages he would gain from his wealth, he will give gladly and joyfully because he will be motivated to do so by love.... But anyone without love is incapable of parting with the possessions of the world, nor will he ever experience pure joy, he will not get to know the happiness which kind-hearted activity triggers in a person.... And in order to help those people, in order to teach them actions of love, God allows adversity to come upon the earth.... harsh conditions, which should encourage every person to practise love; an adversity which intends to kindle the spark of love in every person in order to act with love. Once he has felt the happiness of kind-hearted activity, his heart will no longer be so hardened. Hence you humans should practise love, you should give what is dear and valuable to you if you can reduce people's adversity with it.... you should not think long as to whether it will be to your advantage or disadvantage; you should be impelled by the love in your heart, and this does not stop and think.... It makes sacrifices and gladly gives what it owns, it only wants to help and ease a fellow human being's fate.... And if you can make sacrifices, you will not become poorer but gain far more riches, for God's strength of love will flow to you, which exceeds the value of all earthly possessions.... You will sacrifice earthly goods and exchange them for spiritual possessions, and these possessions will be yours to keep, they cannot be taken away from you, even if you leave the Earth and enter the spiritual kingdom.... Every sacrifice you have made out of love for your fellow human beings will increase your eternal possessions. For this reason you should spend your life on earth with continuous actions of love, you should be of service and give to others, offer help and advice to those who are still weak and require physical and spiritual assistance. You should make sacrifices in order to also awaken love in your fellow human being..... so that you will fulfil your mission on earth....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Think and act justly....

B.D. No. 3653

January 11th 1946

I demand righteous thinking and righteous action from you, for this arises from a loving heart. If you give to your neighbour what you claim for yourselves, the love of your heart will impel you to do so, and thus you will fulfil My commandment to love your neighbour as yourselves. And you will constantly have the opportunity to do so, although you will also be exposed to temptations, for My adversary will also work on you undauntedly and try to kindle your desires such that you will not want to deny yourselves what you deem desirable. But the more earthly goods seem appealing to you, the more you should remember My commandment of love.... Pray of what you possess and alleviate your neighbour's hardship; think and act justly, i.e., don't let those who have nothing go hungry but put yourselves in their position where you would be grateful for any help. Think and act justly.... You are all brothers, you are all children of one father and should share every gift amongst yourselves, for this is true love which delights the father's heart and which will bless you a thousandfold. And if you give, do not measure anxiously, fearing that your supply will be less.... for as you measure out, so shall it be measured to you.... I, your father from eternity, always give to you according to your will to give, for I want hardship to be alleviated, that people may develop their love, I want to inspire them to loving activity, and I truly do not leave in hardship those who disown themselves in order to help their fellow human beings.... I want My blessing to be evident to you, that you recognize Me Myself as the giver of everything you need; yet I also want you to hand out in the same way as I hand out to you.... that you consider the needy and thereby practice love, that you don't claim for yourselves what My love offers you when the hardship is clearly recognizable around you. Think and act justly.... Seek to alleviate the hardship with love in order to awaken reciprocated love, for only when people realize that your activity of love will earn them My blessing can the earthly hardship improve, because then the purpose of the hardship will have been achieved.... a change in the human being to love which

corresponds to My divine order and also results in an orderly earthly life. And thus your thoughts and actions shall always be guided by the love of the heart, then your way of life will correspond to My will, then you yourselves will mature in your soul, then the earthly adversity will be alleviated, for then love will reign, and where love is I Myself am, just as I will always dwell where My commandments are fulfilled, which only require love for Me and for the neighbour....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Love and suffering for fellow human beings....

B.D. No. 1556

August 6th 1940

Man should love and suffer so that he becomes free of every bondage. For love redeems him, and in suffering man finds God. He therefore frees himself from the dark power and consciously unites himself with God, so that he bears all suffering for the Lord. Jesus Christ took all suffering and all guilt of sin on His shoulders, and thereby restored freedom of spirit to mankind. If man now does the same, if he also takes the suffering of his fellow human being upon himself in love or helps him to bear it, the state of suffering is lifted and thus man is placed in a certain freedom, for he will now be able to do as he pleases. Every state of compulsion is associated with inhibitions which impair every activity.... The free state, on the other hand, is exhilarating since there are no limits to the urge to be active. And therefore one should endeavour to put oneself in this free state, to redeem oneself through love, by steering the suffering of their fellow human beings and helping to bear it. Love and suffering are epitomised by Jesus' suffering and death on the cross. Only His great love was able to take upon itself the guilt of sin with full awareness, only love willingly took upon itself the suffering of mankind. For the Saviour's love was immense.... mankind needed the divine Redeemer, which is why He took on flesh and blood in order to work in a recognised way among His own. He knew about people's bound state and tried to help them by suffering for them, and trying to guide them towards Himself in His infinite love. He brought them spiritual freedom through His death on the cross, and thus He redeemed them from the bound state, which had previously been the fate of those who had endeavoured to live a well-behaved life but were too weak to be able to escape the power of the adversary. And the Lord considered them in His love, and died the most bitter death on the cross for them in order to give them back their freedom, by suffering for humanity. And so, those who remember the suffering of their fellow human beings with love, and willingly and devotedly take this suffering upon themselves will likewise participate in the work of redemption in order to relieve what is destined to bear great suffering. Always respecting your neighbour with love and trying to alleviate his suffering will result in the greatest reward, the divine work of redemption will be continued as it were, for the hour has not yet come which sets a limit for the human being.... he can still work without any bondage, both love as well as grace has still been placed into his heart by God or made accessible to him, so that he can therefore be lovingly active, and divine grace also lets him get to know the suffering which spurs his will to be helpfully active....

Amen

Translation handled by Sven Immecke

Charity.... earthly and spiritual need....

B.D. No. 1360

March 29th 1940

Practicing the purest, most unselfish charity is unspeakably valuable for the soul's development. This activity on earth already brings it a high degree of maturity, and at death the soul recognizes the blessed path it has travelled. A person should always be willing to serve and give.... He should always put the welfare of his fellow human beings before his own welfare; his innermost instinct should prompt him to do all works that serve the welfare of his fellow human beings. He should think of his body and soul, help him in earthly need and seek above all to remedy his spiritual need. Practicing love in earthly life is the noblest task of man and the true following of Jesus. For it includes

everything that God requires of him.... The person who practices love will become gentle and patient, he will also be peace-loving and merciful, for if he loves his fellow human beings, all these virtues are inherent in him, for love is divine and therefore also ennoble the nature of man. If a person considers the poor state of soul of an erring person, he will take pity on him and let his active help become active.... he will give what the other person lacks and introduce him to the truth, for his power of cognition will always allow him to find the right thing to do in order to successfully overcome the misery of such an ignorant soul. Taking care of the fellow human being's soul's salvation is the greatest work of mercy, for it spares him the unspeakable suffering which awaits an imperfect soul in the beyond. And patience and love must always prevail, for this work is arduous and therefore requires the greatest love and patience if success is to be achieved. The path to the heights can only be travelled through love; love can never be eliminated, for God is love.... Seeking God without love will be without success, for eternal love can only be found through active neighbourly love.... Yet precisely love is so little respected and people's state of soul is therefore so low that these souls will inevitably suffer greatest hardship. And if the soul is to be spared this hardship in the beyond, then the human being must still be afflicted on earth so that love will unfold in him, so that one person will endeavour to make the earthly misery bearable for the other and thereby reduce the hardship of the soul. For the soul needs other means than the body for its well-being. Only the works of love benefit the soul; everything that the body denies itself in favour of the fellow human being will help it to rise. And therefore people should always endeavour to suppress their self-love and allow everything that seems desirable to them to go to their fellow human being. And thus, if a person strives for the maturity of his soul, he should also not neglect to help his fellow human being to mature his soul by willingly and joyfully giving him his knowledge of the truth.... by instructing him about God, His infinite love and mercy and about man's actual task on earth. And if he has succeeded in rescuing a soul from the darkness, he has been truly selflessly active in neighbourly love, and this earns him the most glorious reward, for the spiritual hardship among humanity is far greater than the physical tribulations. And therefore practice love so that you have a redeeming effect on earth....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Help in emotional distress the greatest work of love for our neighbour....

B.D. No. 2391

July 2nd 1942

This is the most important commandment of neighbourly love, that you should not leave your fellow human beings in the misery of their souls. All earthly hardship comes to an end and is therefore not to be taken so seriously. But the hardship of the soul remains, even if the human being ends his earthly life, if he does not try to remedy it on earth. And where his own strength is not sufficient to do so, you should help him, otherwise you will not feel love in your heart and thus not fulfil the divine commandment of neighbourly love. For such a soul is weakened and unable to muster the strength to redeem itself. It is dark and without light, it is ignorant and unfree.... and you should change this state into a knowing, light-filled and free one. And therefore you have to teach these people, you have to give them a clear picture of how they should walk their earthly path, you have to introduce them to the same knowledge which makes you happy and which you have already absorbed within yourselves. The immersion into the spiritual gifts directly sent to you by God must make every soul happy, and conversely, a hapless state will mean spiritual hardship for the soul because there is no light and brightness in the human being. And thus, if your fellow human being languishes in spiritual darkness, you will be doing the greatest work of love if you show him ways and means to banish this darkness. Souls in need do not have the strength to approach the light, so the human being has to carry the light towards them. He must venture into the darkest areas in order to illuminate them with his light.... For light is a blessing even for those beings who are still completely ignorant, and light remedies the soul's adversity, thus people must be offered wisdom so that they will become knowledgeable and receive light and strength. This is the only way to help the soul to mature as long as it remains on earth. Admittedly, the human being feels little when the soul is in need, for he focuses

more on the body's needs and is content if he can fulfil them. And because he does not feel the soul's need, he does nothing to help it. The person striving for spiritual possessions, however, knows about the soul's hardship in the beyond and about its lack of maturity, and he should use his knowledge and help the erring person by lovingly trying to persuade him to strive for spiritual possessions as well and by showing him the worthlessness of earthly possessions. Caring for the soul of one's fellow human being is the true exercise of neighbourly love, for it can save the soul from eternal ruin. And if a person asks for strength for this labour of love, he will never make a wrong request. He will receive strength to the same extent as he wants to use it for the salvation of souls....

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Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Thinking and acting righteously.... Love your enemy....

B.D. No. 5432

July 8th 1952

You ought to think and act righteously. This includes meeting all people with love and not excluding anyone, for all people are My children, who should love each other.... thus you should not deny your love to any person while granting it to another, because you should not make judgments if one of your brothers has done wrong but leave the judgment to Me, as I Am truly a righteous Judge. It is certainly difficult for you to feel the same love for all people, but if you consider that you all have only one Father, if you consider that His love created all of you and that His love always and forever belongs to His living creations, even if they don't want to know Him.... if you are aware yourselves of being seized by the Father's love and feel constantly sheltered by His loving care, then you should not curtail your Father's love, but this is what you would be doing if you acted and thought unkindly of your fellow human beings who are, after all, My children too whom I love.... Even those people you think you can't love have a soul, although it is frequently pitiable because it lingers in profound spiritual hardship.... precisely because the human being is bad and thus does not awaken love in you. Were you, however, able to see the hardship of such a soul you would, if you only had one spark of love in you, want to help it with deepest compassion and would not rest until you have reduced this soul's suffering. Then you would only see the soul, the human being as such would no longer seem detestable to you but you would support him like a completely blind person and forget whatever he has done to you. And you should always remember a fellow human being's **soul** if he cannot awaken love in you.... The soul's torments are inconceivable, and I have mercy upon every soul and would like to help it.... Nevertheless, I cannot infringe upon its free will, I must allow it to take its own path.... **you**, however, can grant it love and thus so influence a person that he, too, can ignite love in him and thereby reduce his soul's spiritual hardship. Hence, you can help where I Am effectively powerless as not to endanger the person's free will. And you will only think righteously if you help a fellow human being, who is still bound in sin, to attain the level which you have climbed already, for you were helped by My grace when you were still weak and My grace also wants to help those who are still below yet held captive by My adversary.... And you should help to loosen the shackles, you should lovingly bring the children who have gone astray back to Me, the eternal Father, you should help them to find the same that you have found through My love and My grace....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Love for "sick souls"....

B.D. No. 7711

September 27th 1960

I have given you one commandment: that you love one another.... And this also means that one learns to bear the other's faults patiently, that he bears his weaknesses with full consideration, that he tries to reconcile in love when disputes arise.... that everyone should be a true brother to the other with whom he is naturally united by love, because you are all children of one father. You should not forget that you are **all** My creatures whom I want to educate into children and that I use all means of

education on you.... and this also includes that you have to learn patience towards those whom you are not always able to show the feeling of love.... But you should learn not to condemn, not to get angry with those.... you should learn to be considerate, for their souls are still ill, and you should have compassion for these '**souls**', that they themselves are in spiritual hardship and are grateful for every little service of love you thus render to the souls. And love will always awaken love in return.... But if you abandon those people whom you believe you cannot love because of their faults and weaknesses, then it is like denying help to a sick person, for the soul **is** sick as long as it is still held captive by the one who also influences the person in an unfavourable way. You humans, you all possess My love.... Should you not also be able to love one another if you know that your father loves all His children and wants to win them over for Himself? And should you not also be able to turn your love towards weak, imperfect and often sinful people if you know that they are still strongly bound? Try to free them from their shackles but don't withdraw your love from them.... Exercise patience, as I Myself must also use it again and again towards you, all of you who are still sinful and bound by faults and weaknesses.... For you all do not live out love to the extent that you are perfect. And I also have to be patient with you and your weakness and will not let you fall.... But you shall be My children who fulfil the father's will.... you should therefore first observe the commandment of love and be of one mind among yourselves.... For discord has a bad effect by always giving birth to new discord and the enemy of your souls always successfully finds a target. And you should always bear in mind that I Myself am love and that anyone who wants to belong to Me must also remain in love.... And if unpleasant thoughts fill you, if you take offence at your fellow human beings and get angry with them, your degree of love for Me will also decrease, since I am also their father and therefore you should love them. And thus don't misjudge your earthly task: Remain in love and only ever let the spirit of love recognize you, so that you yourselves bear witness that you are united with Me. For you should sow love so that you will also reap love....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Selfless love.... collaborators.... transformation....

B.D. No. 6716

December 16th 1956

I take great pleasure in those who selflessly only ever serve their fellow human beings, who know no self-interest, whose love only ever wants to make people happy and who therefore fulfil their purpose of earthly life.... who transform their nature, which initially still showed many signs of selfish love, into love for their **neighbour** which is pleasing to Me and now also includes love for **Me**. The human being's earthly progress shall bring about this transformation, because then the return to Me will have taken place, which will make both Me Myself and the being indescribably happy.... But this transformation does not take place to any great extent, on the contrary, self-love becomes ever more apparent the further it approaches the end.... For self-love is stirred up by My adversary, it is his weapon, it is his nature and thus also the ruin of every being which is like him. And it can rightly be said in the last days that love has grown cold amongst people. And therefore My eye rests with pleasure on those who still show love in themselves and their actions, for these few join Me voluntarily, they return to their original nature, they turn away from My adversary whose unkindness they detest because the light of realization shines in them, which has kindled their love. Anyone who once let love flare up within himself will not return to his old state again because he recognizes the benefit of the light which love gave him. And then he will not need to fight against his selfish love, the right, selfless, happy-willing love will take possession of him such that he can only be happy in this love, he will put himself and his physical well-being aside, he will only ever be concerned about alleviating hardship and misery, about helping and advising; he will clearly recognize all evils which arise from wrong love, therefore he will also want to help spiritually and also kindle light in those who have not yet correctly recognized their purpose of existence.... He will likewise want to lead his fellow human beings to the inner attitude of only ever acting selflessly and giving pleasure. A person who lives in love will then work with Me and in My will, because he is intimately united with Me

through love and therefore cannot work other than in My will. And to have found such co-workers on earth is My joy, and My special love is also meant for them, My protection is meant for them as long as they stay on earth, and incomparable beatitude awaits them in the spiritual kingdom when I call them away from this earth. It is this true, unselfish love which makes you blissful beings and brings you so close to Me, because your nature deifies itself through such love and because you now shape yourselves into My image, into children to whom I want to and can give Myself. What you gain through such true love eclipses everything you could achieve in self-love, for these are only sham goods which do not last, but through which you lose the true goods which can make you happy in the spiritual kingdom.... An infinite amount is lost to you through your wrong love, but unselfish neighbourly love can only ever be preached to you again and again, and you can only ever be pointed to the one Who exemplified it to you on earth: to Jesus Christ.... And if you are too weak to change your selfish love but want to become blessed, then ask Him to strengthen you and this request will truly not remain unfulfilled. You will get to know the blessing and happiness of selfless love and also the futility of what you previously desired for yourselves.... I rejoice in every person who cultivates true love, but therefore I also help all those who only turn to Me in Jesus Christ.... who have the will but are too weak to put their will into action.... I give them strength so that they, too, will achieve what is the purpose of all people's lives: the transformation of their nature into love....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

True neighbourly love: Passing on the divine Word....

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September 24th 1960

You cannot accomplish a greater work of neighbourly love than unselfishly distributing My Word, the Gospel, which your fellow human beings have to know in order to travel their earthly path successfully. Spiritual work is not valued by fellow human beings because it doesn't generate earthly success, yet as soon as you are spiritually active, expect no earthly rewards and only impart to your fellow human beings what I Myself offer you from above.... you are truly doing works of neighbourly love which extend into eternity, for they are helping the souls to mature, they can prepare them for entry into the kingdom of light when the soul discards its earthly body and has to leave everything behind.... Then it will have spiritual possessions to take across into eternity. You shall provide and bestow upon others just as I have bestowed upon My disciples the bread of heaven, the water of life.... This is the greatest gift of love which you can give to your fellow human beings.... it is true neighbourly love if you unselfishly carry out the tasks which are necessary to pass on My Word, for I Myself want to address people through **you**, since they are unable to hear My voice directly.

People are suffering great adversity, for they only use their earthly life to acquire earthly profits and yet shall consider their soul, which ought to mature during their earthly life. Whatever you therefore undertake in order to lead your fellow human beings onto the path of faith.... whatever you undertake on My instruction in order to proclaim the Gospel to them is selfless neighbourly love and blessed by Me. You yourselves are not yet aware of the great gift which you receive from Me every day, you are as yet unable to estimate its value and its significance or all of you, who know about the working of My spirit, would eagerly distribute what is sent to you by My love and grace.

You don't realise that you are able to scatter seed which can bear glorious fruit.... you should not leave the seed unused, and you should always rely on My help, for where you get into difficulties My angels and guardians are ready to help and protect you, so that you can just do your spiritual work in order to bring help to those who won't find the right path without you. For there are still many I want to address through you, and to do so I only require your will to be of diligent service to Me.... I accept your service, for I Am only able to speak through a human mouth, given that people's state is already too unspiritual as to speak to them in any other way, and their freedom of will has to be upheld. Yet you shall derive strength from the fact that I promise you My support as soon as you are just willing to take care of your neighbour's spiritual adversity. There is not much time left, and the Words I speak to

you will sound increasingly admonishing; however, you only need to entrust your will to Me and then you will also conduct yourselves in accordance with My will. And everything will sort itself out if you commend yourselves to Me with complete trust and only ever let Me reign.

Thus, all of you who are of service to Me, accept My blessing and work tirelessly in My vineyard, for the day is soon over and the night is approaching.... a turning-point is coming earthly and spiritually, the time of the harvest is coming.... the day of Judgment is approaching.... But first I still want to win souls over for Me, and you shall help Me and consider your neighbour with love.... You shall work for Me and My kingdom, you shall proclaim My name in the world and testify to My working in you, so that people will be able to believe and become blessed....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Serving charity

Love activity.... way to the heights....

B.D. No. 1847

March 14th 1941

The inner urge to do a good deed should never go unheeded. It is the divine voice that prompts the human being to do so, it is the quiet admonition to increase the maturity of the soul, and this will always be promoted if the human being does what the inner voice advises him to do. If a person looks around him with open eyes, he will see countless opportunities to be active in love. But he should not pass them by, thinking only of his own good and leaving his fellow human being alone in his need. Man can always be helpful, and he will never lack the strength to do so if only his will is good and he is in love. Only then will the human being fulfil the purpose of his earthly life and shape himself and his soul progressively. The path to the height wants to be paved with stones of love, then it will always be passable. Every good deed leads to many others, for love awakens reciprocal love, and if people all helped each other, love and thus God Himself would truly be among them; humanity could then only be good because it walks with God and God with it. Love redeems and frees people from the power that oppresses them, and that is why love should always be the driving force behind all thoughts and actions. Whoever has a heart full of love for his fellow human being will also be constantly active in love, he will try to reduce suffering, he will provide active help, he will help to carry everything that is difficult and always be a blessing to those around him. The world is a valley of suffering, and it has to be, as it is intended to give man the opportunity to develop in a serving way. Only then will he live his life consciously, i.e. he will recognize his purpose in life, which will only be fulfilled through constant service in love.... and only then will he attain maturity of soul, which is the prerequisite for entering a light-filled beyond, for only through service in love will all dross fall off, the soul will become free and it can now take the path upwards unhindered, it will come ever closer to its actual purpose, it will become love itself and push towards that which is also love.... It has allowed the voice of God to speak within itself, has obeyed it and has thereby come into closest contact with the One Who is love Itself....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Spiritual progress - constant struggle and fight....

B.D. No. 2819

July 20th 1943

All spiritual progress must be fought for.... must always be preceded by an overcoming of oneself. If the soul is to mature and achieve spiritual success. And therefore the will always has to become active, the human being is not forced to do so but has to think and act in complete freedom of will.... And therefore it is often made difficult for him to test his will, obstacles are placed in his path, temptations of all kinds approach him which he can only resist with utmost strength of will, and if he does so then he will inevitably ascend. A constant struggle and overcoming is therefore man's lot on earth, because otherwise he cannot reach the heights. Life on earth is a test in which the human being has to prove himself and he will fail if he does not constantly struggle and strive. For God wants to kindle the desire for Himself in the human being, He wants to strengthen it through every resistance so that the human being strives ever more and thereby comes ever closer to Him. There is no ascent without a fight, for even the person who is willing to love has to fight against himself, he has to suppress all self-love, he has to deny himself what he wants to do to his fellow human being, and this is always an inner battle before he has reached that degree of perfection which makes him forget himself. As long as earthly matter surrounds the human being he has to fight against it, and it requires

a lot of willpower to completely free himself from the desire for it because the body is still too closely connected to it. But the human being who strives towards God increasingly puts matter aside, and when he is faced with the choice he gives it up with a light heart because God helps him in this battle as soon as He recognizes his will, thus the battle will be easier the more the human being strives towards God. For now love also becomes active in him, and this renounces far sooner everything that hinders man from ascending. Anyone who has love has already travelled the path of battle and emerged victorious, he has progressed spiritually and now his life will be easier, for he is now serving and therefore no longer needs to fight.... And every service in love is spiritual progress, every service in love is an overcoming of oneself of one's own free will, which was preceded by a struggle as soon as the human being was in a low degree of maturity.... He must not become discouraged, for a high goal crowns his eager endeavour. He must always be mindful that he walks the earth for the sake of this goal and that only one thing is required of him.... submission to the divine will.... which he has so far resisted.... This requires overcoming and struggle until he has become love and fulfils the divine will without resistance.... until he has the same will and has thereby come close to God....

amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Love.... wrong.... divine.... from human to human....

B.D. No. 3310

October 28th 1944

No request goes unheard at the ear of the heavenly father, which rises up to Him from the deepest heart. And every thought of God gives strength and grace.... For His love is constantly with those who struggle for inner peace, who want to belong to Him and have to struggle and fight against the challenges of the world. But strength will be sent to them if it is needed.... God has placed love in the human being's heart, He has made him capable of this feeling, which is no longer earthly but divine if it takes the right direction. Love is the desire for unity, and this desire can be for the still immature spiritual, for matter or other pleasures of the world which pull down, which do not ennoble but degrade the soul, and then it is a wrong love which is to be fought for the soul's sake. This love is not divine, for a divine love strives for the luminous height, it strives for union with mature spiritual beings, it only seeks to make happy but never earthly possessions. Right love can also apply to all things, but only in the redemptive sense that it wants to help where help is needed. Right love can also awaken from person to person, if the giving, wanting to please principle always prevails, even if the person feels his own happiness in it, because right love must please because it is divine. The desire for union must also characterize right love, only this union can take place physically or also spiritually. A merely physical union can mean a danger for right love if the person is not strong enough and the giving love changes into a demanding one. Spiritual love, on the other hand, is and remains divine and will never be able to pull a person down, for this love is a merging of souls, a union for the increase of spiritual strength.... This love is God-willed, for it promotes the soul, because both desire is directed upwards and they now also travel the path together. Yet physical love must always be sacrificed to this spiritual love, i.e. the desire of the body must be overcome, the human being must only want to give but never want to possess; he must be willing to sacrifice if he can help the other person with it, he must fight a battle with himself so that his love will remain a true, divine love, so that it will remain a purely spiritual one which lifts up to the ascent. Unselfish neighbourly love always demonstrates the right love, and as long as two people's love for each other consists of unselfish service it is divine and blessed by God.... For He created people for each other, He brought them together so that they should ascend together, and He will bless every covenant which has pure, redeeming, divine love as its basis.... But they must protect this love as the most sacred good, so that it remains pure and divine until the end of life....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Everything helps you to perfection that stimulates love activity.... There must, therefore, of necessity, be miserable situations in life which cause the fellow human being to intervene in a helping way.... There must be need and misery, sorrow and suffering, so that serving neighbourly love can be practiced.... One must need the other, so that man can develop upwards through serving neighbourly love. Serving in love is the fundamental law which must be fulfilled if the human being wants to perfect himself. The human being first has to be educated to love on earth, because his actual nature is **without love** as a result of his past apostasy from God.... but the divine father's love has lowered a spark of love into every human being, which is now to be ignited in free will and kindled into a great fire of love.... But the human being's will first has to be stimulated, which therefore happens through the neighbour's adversity, which is meant to compassion him and cause him to work in love.... There is no compulsion whatsoever, the human being himself must feel touched by his fellow human being's adversity, and he must want to provide help of his own free will, which strengthens the inner fire of love and constantly seeks new nourishment.... In order for his own heart to be touched by his fellow human being's adversity, he will often be placed in the same situation in order to experience the adversity himself, and as soon as help is given to him, reciprocal love for the helper will also awaken in him.... Where there is love, there can be no need.... Unkindness, however, causes hardship.... Although love will never be practiced on earth to such an extent that the adversity could be completely remedied, because people's fundamental nature is precisely poor in love, if not entirely devoid of love, and the earthly life as a human being only serves the one purpose of educating people to love, because only love can reshape the being back to its original nature.... into the image of God.... Nevertheless, people could also create an easier earthly life for themselves by working with love.... through constant **service in love**.... because then they would also have much strength at their disposal to master everything now.... But every adversity serves you to perfection as long as it stimulates your activity of love. Wanting to help already proves the divine principle of love, then the human being has stepped out of the spell of the one who, devoid of all love, only wants your downfall.... You humans will all bless the adversity which prompted you to work with love, which gave rise to the ignition of the spark of love in you, and one day you will regret every missed opportunity which could have meant progress for you.... Only servant love will help you to ascend, and you would only rarely practice it if you did not see hardship around you and thereby felt addressed.... But you will not be forcibly influenced, only through your own adversity and help will the benefit of timely help be proven to you. And from this you will also see that adversity and suffering are also means of grace, that they have to be so that the human being will practice helpful neighbourly love, for the spark of love in you needs nourishment so that it can flare up into highest embers.... And only a bright flame of light connects with the original light of eternity.... which is the purpose and aim of your earthly life, that you unite with eternal love....

Amen

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Only servant love leads to perfection....

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August 30th 1963

In every phase of your ascent development you had to serve, because every work of creation had its purpose and its destiny; nothing has been created senselessly by the creative power, which wanted to lead the once fallen beingness up again. As man you certainly cannot everywhere recognize a serving purpose, but the creator Himself let Himself be determined by His wisdom and love to assign a task to all His creations, through the fulfilment of which always only the purpose was reached that the spiritual bound in it reached up step by step. Therefore the beingness in the mandatory state covers an endless long way of development, as this has already been announced to you men many times. But only that can be decisive for the last perfection, what is accomplished by the being in free will; only the **serving** as man is decisive of the once fallen being in the stage of free will. Man must **serve in**

love, then he becomes active in free will according to the will of God and comes to perfection still on earth. Love will always express itself in serving.... because love always makes an effort to make the object of love happy, to help it. And serving love is a pure divine love; it is not directed wrongly as once that it only satisfied itself, but it always only has the well-being of the neighbour as its aim and therefore always expresses itself in serving.... What now man undertakes in serving love will always be blessed and always lead to the last perfection. But if he neglects works of serving neighbourly love, then he irrevocably remains on the same level of his development, and there is also the danger that his self-love increases and he sinks back, that his earth life is an idle run, because he is no longer forced as man.... Anyone who serves in selfless love also fulfils divine will, and he approaches his God and creator again, because serving love is also evidence of humility, because the human being now no longer exalts himself, which once caused his fall.... The whole of creation serves, albeit in a state of compulsion, and the once fallen spiritual now covers the path to God in this state of compulsion, but in this state it cannot reach the final aim, which has free will as its prerequisite, otherwise the being would eternally remain a judged being and would no longer correspond to the original state, where it was freely exposed and could freely create and have an effect.... It must absolutely receive this freedom again and now exactly again move in divine will, although it **can** also use its will wrongly. And man has to make this decision during his earth life to become again what he was in the beginning. Therefore he is to serve.... And that requires a putting back of self-love, a forming of oneself to unselfish, divine love, which always only wants to make happy.... what is not easy for man at first, but can be achieved during earth life, because all aids are offered to him that his self-love changes and man only still thinks of his neighbour and through this also proves love towards God and therefore approaches Him again, as he once moved away from Him in free will. And whether you men also believe to perfect yourselves by performing acts and customs.... as long as these do not consist of works of serving neighbourly love, they are worthless before God and do not contribute to your upward development. You can only perfect yourselves through serving love, because this alone testifies to your free will to return to God. And He will also again and again create opportunities for you where you are prompted to serving love, where you can stand by the neighbour in spiritual and in earthly trouble, where you can help, comfort and protect all who get into trouble and cannot free themselves from it. The earthly progress before through all creations was certainly difficult and sorrowful, but you certainly reached ascent through it, because you were prompted by natural law to be of service.... But in the stage as man it is far more difficult for you, because you must overcome yourselves, your free will must become active to do what you were forced to do before through natural law.... You must serve.... but are no longer forced to do so, but your will alone decides.... And therefore you also bear a great responsibility for your earthly life as a human being.... you can sink back again but also reach the highest height.... you can unite with the eternal love Itself through serving love, and then your aim will have been reached on earth, you will have found union with your God and creator, you will return as children to the father from Whom you once originated as creatures....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Work of love in the end time

Working together in love in the end time....

B.D. No. 3343

November 24th 1944

My own will have to unite closely if they don't want to become weak and discouraged in the last days. They must lift each other up and encourage each other, they must unitedly appeal for My help and faithfully expect it, they must make use of every opportunity to listen to My word, to practice love and to hold an inner dialogue with Me, so that they will always be able to go about their daily work strengthened and meet the demands of the world, insofar as they cannot be circumvented. For the time will be hard for everyone, and anyone who does not draw strength from Me, who does not let the strength of My word take effect on him, will find it unbearable and push him to the ground. But I always have the giver of strength ready for My own.... My word, which is offered to you from the heavens.... Whoever has this will also be able to endure this time, he will not pay attention to the tribulation and will not feel the hardship so tangibly, he will always be led out again, for I Myself will spread My hands over him so that no harm will come to him.... I Myself will lead him by the hand so that his foot will not stumble, and I Myself will lift him up and comfort him with My word if he is despondent and his heart wants to tremble. And therefore My word will be the only source of strength, and you must come together for My word, you must let Me speak to you at all times, in adversity and tribulation, in anguish and distress, you must listen to My voice and do what I ask of you.... Always and constantly give love, for hardship can only be alleviated through loving actions. For then you will draw Me to yourselves and with Me you will overcome everything.... And if you also oppose your enemies with love you will also be able to achieve spiritual success, for where you give love you win the hearts and thus weaken the adversary's power. And you will have many opportunities to do so because adversity puts all people in a position to ask for help. Then you will have to prove yourselves, you will have to set a good example for each other and practice love practically, and I will give you the opportunity to be helpfully active so that you spur on your fellow human beings and educate them to love. And every circle shall know that it is protected by Me, which unites in spiritual striving, which is willing to serve Me and eagerly accepts My word.... I will always be in the midst of people who have Me as their aim, I will obviously come to their aid in adversity, I will lead the individuals to each other so that they can serve Me together, I will grant them all protection so that they will never need to fear, for the adversity will never be greater than He Who lets it come upon humanity.... Anyone who acknowledges Me as lord and creator of heaven and earth need only lift his thoughts to Me with faith and trust and I will not disappoint him.... His faith is also a guarantee for My help, his faith calls for My presence and his faith reveals My fatherly love.... he will not call upon Me in vain, he will find an answer in every adversity.... And therefore approach the coming time undaunted, let Me rule and don't be afraid, for My love and omnipotence will end the time and lead you, My faithful, through to eternal bliss, and you will thank Me and praise Me that you were allowed to live through this time of grace, for it will bring increased blessings to those who remain faithful to Me.... a paradise on earth and a blissful life one day in eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Loving help for fellow human beings in distress....

B.D. No. 6763

February 16th 1957

You shall help and comfort those who suffer earthly or spiritual hardship. Then you will truly exercise neighbourly love and also awaken love in your fellow human being. The last days

cannot pass people by without sorrow and adversity for they are the last means used by Me to win them over for Myself. I want to speak to every human heart by way of such adversity, and if they hear Me, if they recognise My voice in their distress and then turn their heart and ear to Me they will have taken a step forward, they will have entered the path which leads to ascent. But there are still untold people who keep their heart and ear closed to Me.... And **you** should speak to these and direct them in their adversity to Me, where they will find true comfort and help....

You are already helping them by not ignoring their distress, and this help will be gratefully received.... You should believe that only love is the correct remedy, that love heals wounds, that love soothes pain and that no human being is immune to a deed of love. And thus, every deed of love will awaken reciprocated love in another person, and only in this way can souls be won. Souls only mature through love, and if a soul is capable of love, then suffering, too, will result in great blessings, for then the soul will purge itself of all impurities and let every ray of love take effect on it.... Therefore you should talk to all people whom you know to be in difficult situations, who endure much suffering and are without hope and despondent. Comfort them and refer them to Me.... Don't leave them to their pain, so that they won't feel lonely and despair.... Every kind word is soothing to them, and compassion lets them feel their pain less intensely.... Provide them with earthly and spiritual comfort, so that all suffering will have a beneficial effect on their souls.... For you all still have to face much adversity and misery, you will all still experience situations when you will be grateful for comforting advice, for all kinds of assistance.

In the coming time one person will have to depend on the other, and where people don't support each other the hardship will appear almost unbearable unless they turn to Me, Who will never leave a person if he calls to Me. And that is all I want to achieve, that people establish such a heartfelt bond with Me that they will never feel lonely and abandoned but always know that their Guardian and Helper is next to them, and that they then will no longer feel their adversity as harshly and as bitterly as the person who is still distant from Me. Every adversity is endurable for a person who takes refuge with Me, but you, who want to serve Me, can work as mediators between Myself and them.... you can show them the way to eliminate their distress, and if you do it with love you will also be successful.

Don't let your hearts harden, don't ignore your fellow human beings hardship, look around yourselves and you will see much adversity, and your help will always be comforting to others. But you all can help, for the right kind of help consists of kind-hearted thoughts, kind-hearted words and of actions that your love asks you to do.... True, compassionate love for your fellow human being in distress will always let you find ways and means to ease their hardship, and spiritual guidance is frequently of greater value than earthly assistance, for you thereby open the door to their hearts for Me, and once I can enter them Myself they will also be comforted and gladly carry their cross for their soul's sake. And then their adversity will have been a blessing, for then they will have found their way home to the Father, I will have won them for eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Love work - power supply.... self-love - powerlessness....

B.D. No. 7233

December 18th 1958

Again and again I have to point out to you that great upheavals will occur for you which you will need much strength to master. Nothing need be insurmountable for you, nothing need frighten or worry you if only you are in possession of the strength you need. But to acquire it requires your own will. I cannot arbitrarily give you strength without you having made efforts to acquire it. And therefore My urgent advice again and again that you should think of what lies ahead of you. However, your way of life can provide you with enough strength as soon as you make an effort to live it with love, which will then also ensure the supply of strength for you when you need it. And a loving person will never be without strength and need not worry about his fate, he will become master of it. But most people only think of their own ego, their love is an egoistic one, and such love is not a giver of strength....

Rather, it still takes away his vitality, which he uses exclusively for himself. But his fate will be difficult if he is placed in life situations where he can only be helped by My strength which, however, he lacks. Again and again My call is directed to these people: Use your life energy to work with love so that you will possess strength yourselves in the coming time. Life will make demands on you which you will not be able to meet by your own strength.... But the strength from Me can only flow to you if you are active in love.... And love eliminates all self-love.... Anyone who can put himself and his desires aside, who only thinks of the hardship of his fellow human beings, which will come before all of you, will also have the necessary strength to help and overcome everything that seems insurmountable to others. Love itself is strength, the supply of strength can only be secured through love, and anyone who only ever thinks of himself and has no ear or eye for his fellow human being's hardship will remain powerless and incapable of fighting for life. And his fate will be hard if he does not request and experience support from below through his nature, which then will certainly seemingly benefit him but his soul will be irretrievably lost to the prince of darkness to whom he hands himself over. I want to warn you of this and at the same time show you the way to attain strength. Only love saves you, only love gives you strength, and it is possible for all of you to live in love as long as you put your own well-being aside and pay attention to the adversity that surrounds you. And this adversity will come, it will come upon everyone and burden him or pass him by according to his way of life, for it is up to you yourselves whether strength can flow to you or not. Take this advice seriously, for the time is only short when everything is still at peace and in apparent order, but it will change very quickly and then you will all be faced with bitter hardship and danger.... Then prove to yourselves that you will persevere, that you will draw strength from unceasing activity of love and that the greatest adversity can be taken away from you....

Amen

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Loving intercession for others

Loving help.... Free decision of the individual....

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Every human being must take responsibility for himself; his fellow human being cannot take over his responsibility, even if his love is ever so great. Each person must decide for himself and thus avow himself for or against God.... And this avowal must be a matter of the heart, not just an empty assurance of the mouth. And the heart will then also feel if and when the human being moves in truth. The human being will profess the truth just as he professes God.... He will not go astray, he will no longer be able to think wrong because God Himself, Whom he has recognised and professed, guides his thinking and draws him to Himself.... But an acknowledgement and profession of God is at the same time also the acknowledgement and profession of the divine Redeemer Jesus Christ, because a thinking which is now directed right by God also includes the understanding for the significance of the act of Salvation, because the human being now clearly understands all relations, and the incarnation of God in Jesus is fully comprehensible to him.... Whose heart professes God has decided freely and, as it were, already passed the test of will on earth.... which is the purpose of earthly life. For this reason, however, one person cannot make this decision for another, each person has to come to a conviction within himself and live his life in accordance with this conviction. And therefore the right knowledge cannot be transmitted in a school-like way either, only certain teachings can be imparted to the fellow human being which, however, he himself first has to mentally digest so that his heart will then be urged to make a decision. The disciples of Jesus were given the task of going into the world and **teaching** all peoples.... Only the Gospel could be brought to the people, but they themselves now had to make their will become active, they had to accept it and **live according to it**, only then would they decide.... And no-one can be relieved of this decision.... But love can intercessionally remember the fellow human being.... And love can do infinitely much. What intellectual explanations cannot achieve, love can achieve, which is meant for a weak, still unwilling person and his salvation. Through loving intercession strength can constantly flow to his soul which, although it does not determine his will, directs him more and more to where the power of love emanates.... to the original source of power, to eternal love Itself.... Love can achieve anything.... If the human being himself is active in love with complete unselfishness, then this also guarantees that his thinking will become clearer, that the human being himself will come to recognise the Deity in Jesus Christ. But if he lacks such unselfish love, then the fellow human being who is capable of love and willing to love can step in to help.... then his love can give strength to the former, for vicarious love is accepted by God, yet always passed on in a form which does not mean **compulsion** of will but **strengthening** of will. Nevertheless, the human being must make the free decision himself, it cannot be relieved of it.... The human being can be guided into right thinking through the supply of strength but still remain in defence according to his will or go up to God. However, the soul usually feels loving help and thereby softens and opens itself to right knowledge. This is why a person who is followed by loving thoughts, who receives loving spiritual help, is not lost, because loving intercession can achieve infinitely much.... And no human being would need to be lost on earth if people's love for each other were stronger. Yet the free decision must be made by every person himself, it cannot be made vicariously, for this is the purpose of earthly life and the final test, the passing of which liberates him from all shackles....

Amen

Translation handled by Christian Taffertshofer

Very often My word dies away unheard because it only touches people's hearts softly, because it does not sound loudly and audibly like everything that emanates from the world and is mostly **not** missed by people. But whoever opens himself will also hear it.... But opening is the human being's free will, and therefore everyone has to answer for himself whether My word has found its way into his heart, for it will sound to every person time and again if he does not hear it, because My love and mercy will not rest in order to save a lost soul as long as it dwells on earth. And hardship and illness will often support My efforts, but I will never forcibly influence a person, for this would be wrong. But the most effective means is loving intercession for those people who are still too strongly attached to the world and therefore cannot hear the subtle sound of My address within themselves, for I will always address them mentally but I will not prevent it if even such thoughts are unwillingly rejected because they are opposing their own desires. The human being himself is responsible for his attitude, but he will always feel loving intercession as a temporary receptiveness for spiritual matters, which can also lead to a change of will one day, so that then the ear of the heart will open itself when My word sounds. The world has great power and can also completely gain control over a person, but loving intercession is just as strong a power and often wrests souls from the world which had already fallen prey to it, because My power is always at work where there is love.... And a soul which was strongly attached to the world can suddenly recognise its worthlessness, its staleness, and desire something which satisfies it more when a person lovingly takes care of it and assists it through intercession, which results in the supply of strength for those souls. And truly I say to you: Your **love** achieves more than My adversary with all his power, for he is no match for this weapon, and where love wrestles he releases the soul, because there I Myself wrest the souls from him and he cannot resist Me. If more love were found amongst you humans, the spiritual hardship would also be less, for you would be able to help all those to come to life whom you would include in your loving prayer.... For no loving thought is ineffective, even though I respect the free will of a still unruly person.... But he, too, will change under your intercession if love prompts you to it. It must be an extremely comforting thought for you to know that no person is lost for whom you do what you can in loving care.... Your love still draws back from the depths those who have already sunk, your love can break the hardest resistance, it can soften a hardened heart, it can become a saviour for a soul because love achieves everything. And thus you humans can constantly help Me to bring the lost back to Me where My love must remain silent for the freedom of will and because the law of My eternal order cannot be circumvented, otherwise I truly would save everything fallen from its distress. And this distress is particularly great because only few people give their love to those who are in danger of getting lost. This is why I address all people through My word, and I admonish them to love so that they include all in their loving thoughts and loving prayers who need such a help in order to also open their hearts themselves when My word sounds to them. The world is a great danger but it can be averted through the power of love.... You all should take this to heart and know that you yourselves can also contribute a great deal towards snatching the victims from the world, i.e. from My adversary, because you yourselves use the weapons to which he succumbs.... if you lovingly take care of those who are enslaved by the world. You can save them, and so that love will flare up in you, remember the unspeakable distress in which such a person's soul finds itself.... which is so weak that it can no longer offer any resistance and therefore needs a supply of strength beforehand in order to free itself from merciless sway.... Help it and give it strength through loving intercession and it will thank you eternally....

Amen

Translation handled by Christian Taffertshofer

To live in darkness of spirit in this world is the fate of all those who are still bound by God's adversary, who have not yet found salvation through Jesus Christ.... who therefore travel their earthly path in ignorance and weakness, spiritually blind and without the strength to detach themselves from this very adversary. The souls of these people are surrounded by very dense layers, and no ray of light can penetrate and enlighten the soul. It has occupied its body of flesh with the determination to reach full maturity therein, yet from the beginning of its incarnation it always relented to its physical body, which became a welcome tool for the adversary to prevent the soul from maturing.... The soul, the spiritual being within the human being, is thus living a pitiful life in its body, for regardless of what this body undertakes it keeps increasing the density of the soul's layer and makes it impossible for the soul to step into the light unless it is granted help. And if the human being purely lives for his body and thus no change can be expected from his side, help has to come from outside.... the soul has to be freed from the control which had seized the body.... And people already having found redemption shall participate in this work of liberation.... which can only ever take place by commending the said soul to Jesus Christ, Who alone is able to deliver it from its adversity, Who is able to release it from His adversary's domination.

Introducing the human being to the divine Redeemer Jesus Christ is the quickest way of deliverance for such souls, by informing him of Jesus' teaching of love the human being can change himself and take the path to Him, which will be truly successful for the soul since Jesus Christ will then take care of it Himself.... If, however, the person is fully under Satan's control, he will not want to accept any teaching about the Salvation through Jesus Christ, he will be hostile towards the divine teaching of love since the adversary has knowingly cultivated his selfish love, and thus he will not help his soul in the slightest by trying to dissolve the layers, because this can only happen through deeds of love from which he is prevented by his selfish love. And then his fellow human being will have to take pity on such a soul and support it by providing it with the love which it is denied by its own body.... It can only be delivered through love, and every kind thought will make it feel good, it experiences it like a spark of light, like a flow of strength, and occasionally it also succeeds to influence its physical cover in a positive sense.... Every soul can be saved if it is lovingly supported....

This should make all you humans think, for you all can play a redeeming part if only your hearts are able and willing to love. Admittedly, your love will be unable to accept the guilt of such souls and make

Amends for it, yet it can impart the strength to change their will and take the path to Jesus Christ, to the cross, where they will find salvation.

The soul is the thinking, feeling and wanting part in the human being.... If the soul is thus provided with strength through selfless love, then it will also influence the human being from within to think and want what is right, then the spark of love will penetrate the darkness within, it will realise the wrong direction of its will and begin to judge itself.... The human being will start to reflect on his life, and the **more** love he receives from his fellow human beings the more assured will be his change, for love is strength which will never remain ineffective. This is why loving intercession will never be futile, and no human being can ever go astray if loving thoughts will follow him, if he is included in prayer and entrusted to the divine Redeemer Jesus Christ.... What no amount of discussions can humanly achieve can nevertheless be achieved through heartfelt prayer, if love for the weak and darkened soul is the driving force to provide it with light and strength.... And no human being will need to go astray if only one of his fellow human being's love would take pity on him....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Loving intercession for souls in the beyond

Prayers for souls in the beyond which had not acquired love on earth....

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An unredeemed soul's path of suffering is impossible to describe to people, and yet they should know that it must endure an inconceivably hopeless state because this knowledge is intended to impel people into helpfully supporting such souls, hence they are constantly admonished not to forget these souls. They will thank those people a thousand fold who ease their agony by praying for them. Souls in the beyond which leave people behind on earth with whom they were lovingly connected have an advantage compared to those which did not acquire love for themselves on earth. Loving thoughts and devout wishes follow the former, or such souls receive strength through heartfelt prayer, which can substantially improve their situation. Every loving thought is soothingly experienced by the souls and awakens love again, which then will manifest itself towards equally suffering souls. However, souls which lived without love on earth must starve and suffer unspeakably. They are quickly forgotten or they are only thought of unkindly, and this has appalling consequences on their state in the beyond. Every kind thought of people on earth for the souls in the beyond alleviates their torments, every bad thought increases them and the souls themselves are unable to defend themselves or enforce people's love for them.

Now the soul is perceptively affected by love or heartlessness which either ease or impede its struggle towards ascent. Souls which entirely lack people's love on earth have to completely depend on themselves in utterly dark surroundings and suffer indescribable hardship. These souls should be particularly considered on earth in prayer so that they, too, feel the blessing of intercession, so that they feel the strength of love within themselves and thus an inner change takes place. For as soon as a loving thought fleetingly touches such lonely souls they notice it and turn towards the place of origin of this thought, they come close to the person who mercifully thought of them and observe him and his characteristics, his actions and his train of thought. They will never harass a person who is good to them either, although they themselves are rarely capable of good feelings. Yet they dwell on the reason why their state of suffering eases when they are close to these people and they sense noticeable relief through the prayer on behalf of the struggling souls in darkness. And they learn to recognise that love is the only means for improving their situation. And once the soul has gained this realisation then it will also become gentle and helpful towards other souls and they will have escaped the bitterest hardship. People on earth would be able to redeem infinitely many souls from their hardship if they tried to imagine the helplessness of these souls. For if they feel a spark of love within themselves their great suffering should move them and arouse their will to help these souls. People should include these poor souls which lack the strength to help themselves in their prayer, they should call upon God for grace and mercy for these souls, they shall give them their love and never think heartlessly of a deceased person so as not to increase his pain. For then the soul will be in great danger of becoming completely hard and every good inclination in it dying.... But the souls should be redeemed and people on earth can contribute an awful lot towards achieving it....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Help for poor souls.... Love redeems....

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September 4th 1951

Everything that helps the souls to ascend will be appreciated in the spiritual kingdom. The love given to the still immature spirit is the only means of redemption as long as it is unable to lift

itself up, i.e. as long as it is still unable to be lovingly active itself, since it is without strength. Everything that will strengthen these beings has My blessing because it complies with the principle of love. The love people demonstrate to immature souls somehow or other has to have a redeeming effect, be it on earth or in the beyond, for no spark of love is without strength, and thus all deeds of love always result in a supply of strength. You humans on earth can therefore help greatly if you are motivated by love to consider the poor souls in the beyond who are completely without strength and therefore dependent on help. And everything you do to strengthen them, everything you do to release them, will be pleasing to Me and never be in vain.

So little love can be found amongst people on earth already, and they consider the souls in the beyond even less, since they do not believe in life after death. And this unbelief also has bitter repercussions on the souls in the beyond, who languish unredeemed and without strength in dark surroundings and are unable to help themselves. Every kind thought, every loving wish for their well-being alleviates their torment and will be gratefully felt by them. Yet especially the souls who languish in darkness are rarely thought of kindly and lovingly, and thus they remain in utmost hardship. Thus you can understand that people who want to help them are surrounded by untold souls who all would like to make their presence known in order to be helped. All you humans are surrounded by such souls, yet only few of you will listen to them, only few of you have the willingness to help and the faith that you can help through prayer and loving thoughts.... Yet countless souls cannot find anyone to pray for them on earth and therefore also try to approach circles where currents of strength manifest themselves. These souls, too, appeal for your help.... Grant their request, do everything that love inspires you to do and know that My blessing rests upon you as long as you are only motivated by love to help them.

You should only want to help, then you can loosen many chains, then you can free the tormented souls by initially giving them strength, which they will then use themselves by following your example, so that they too will want to help as you have helped them. Never forget that they depend on your help, even if My grace and mercy will not condemn any being forever; but first their hardened hearts have to be touched by a ray of love before they seize My gifts of grace.... And I Myself will guide these souls to you, who just need an incentive to start their path of development in the beyond. Yet without loving help they will continue to languish in the same state for an infinitely long time and cannot find the path of ascent. Pray for them and don't forget them, for their suffering as a result of their unbelief and unkindness is immeasurable; but if you want to help them I will always be willing to lift them with My grace and mercy from the night of death into life, for then I will not be able to resist the love you give to those unhappy souls in the beyond and I will forgive their guilt for the sake of your love....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Consequences of charity

Effects of the works of love.... increased power....

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June 4th 1940

Power should be increased through love.... Everything what man does is to be born out of love, then he will also feel the increased supply of power; he will be carried by an unprecedented security and stimulate everything around him to love, because the spiritual around him feels love, and the will towards God is stimulated.... And this will in turn is power.... Man cannot imagine a work of love in its effect. Everything imperfect subordinates itself to the perfect as it were.... i.e., all good spiritual has great influence on the spiritual standing in higher development, and the imperfect feels this influence as increased power. It can carry out more easily what its will strives for, and so the power of love penetrates into all beingness and increases the urge to ascend in it. And that is why all thinking and acting should have its origin in love, then it will bear rich fruit. The spiritual in the human being longs for redemption but can only be redeemed through love.... If the human being is now lovingly active, he gives his spirit freedom within himself, and this liberation of the spirit in turn earns him the grace to recognize the value of love and therefore now to live consciously, i.e. to practice love. And what he now does with the intention of serving God and his neighbour is the outflow of the love that expresses itself in him.... he wants to be good, he wants to strive upwards, he wants to serve, to help his fellow human being, he wants to bring liberation to all beings around him. And every work of love now also gives him the strength to carry out what he wants.... The power of love is effective over the greatest distance.... The human being can include every distant being in his labour of love, it can grant him help in spiritual adversity, for love will always break through and find the path to God; thus a prayerful thought in love will always reach the divine ear and provide the being to whom the prayer applies with abundant strength. Thus, prayer should always be based on profound love; anyone who prays for his neighbour should be prompted to do so by love, then every prayer will find a response from God. Every activity of love results in unimaginable spiritual success, for God Himself is in every labour of love, thus His strength must also overflow into every person who is active in love and bring redemption to the spiritually unredeemed, for to be unredeemed means to be distant from God.... yet to be active in love means to feel God's closeness, and God's closeness must inevitably also mean an influx of strength for the being. And again, every influx of strength is a liberation from an unfree state.... But the being can only become free if it shapes itself into love, for only love generates the strength the being needs to become free....

Amen

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Union with God consequence of active love....

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Finding inner contact with the divine is always a consequence of love awakened in the human being. It is impossible that a human being can unite with God who has not first manifested the will to affirmatively attune himself to the eternal deity through loving activity. From this it emerges that only through love can a union with God be achieved, that therefore the union with God presupposes having become love. It is also understandable that God, as love itself, will be there where true love becomes active. Thus, in a work of love, the human being senses the presence of eternal love as an increased impulse to love and a blissful awareness of strength. This is hardly perceptible in a purely physical sense, but the soul feels it unconsciously, so to speak, in inner peace and heightened joy of life, which, however, is not directed towards earthly interests. It seeks to explore God and

infinity.... Once it has become active in love, it will feel prompted to think about God and the spiritual. For it is the consequence of the heart's love that the eternal love now reveals Itself to the human being and turns his train of thought towards Itself. And the human being feels at ease in the spiritual atmosphere that now surrounds him. He senses the divine where It approaches him, he allows himself to be seized by the strength of divine love, he tries to shape himself such that he is worthy of this divine union, and from then on he remains anxious for the salvation of his soul since he recognizes that the human being's goal should be union with God. He by no means needs to withdraw from the duties of earthly life, he just has to be careful to prioritize the work on his soul over earthly endeavours, then earthly activity is likewise conducive to the soul's higher development. If he starts and ends everything with God and only ever strives for closeness to God, all earthly activity will be a blessing for him, for he will now consciously serve his fellow human beings through his earthly labour, and he can effortlessly master it if only he always desires the strength from God and constantly practices love. For now he does everything with God, Who is with him in every labour of love. He has detached himself from the realm of darkness and consciously entered the realm of light.... And light always means closeness to God.... His spirit must now also have awakened, thus the light must be synonymous with knowledge, for God is wisdom and love.... If God as love is connected with man through works of love, wisdom must also communicate itself to man in the same measure. A loving earthly being must simultaneously be a knowing being, for if God reveals Himself to the human being through love, He does not exclude wisdom, and the human being who has united with God through love will always stand in knowledge....

Amen

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Strength of love.... Healing the sick.... Performing miracles....

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A person with love also has strength and will be able to do anything, if he does not lack in faith. Love certainly activates faith but faith has to be awakened first, that is, the person first has to think through what he is supposed to believe, then love will also give him strength, so that he will no longer doubt and thus also be able to accomplish everything. Thus love is the most valuable quality, for it makes all things possible. But you humans do not appreciate the power of love.... You could perform miracles, you could heal the sick, you could banish every worry, truly nothing would be impossible if you would develop the love within you to utmost perfection and believe in its strength. And thus it is not a gift I bestow on you when you are able to do everything but it is the result of your strength of love, it is the natural consequence if you acquire My strength through love. Hence you should not systematically aim to acquire such gifts.... to heal the sick, to perform miracles etc.... because it is not an ability you can learn, you only have to increase your love, you have to strive for spiritual perfection, which then demonstrates itself in such abilities....

Only love will accomplish everything. Anyone who completely shapes himself into love and thereby also acquires convinced faith draws from Me Myself, he feels himself as My child, as part of Me and therefore cannot think other than that his every deed will succeed because I Am by his side. But his love has to arise from his heart, it has to completely permeate the human being, it has to make him happy to give what his fellow human being needs. True love is totally unselfish, it no longer wants anything for itself, it constantly gives and is dominated by the principle of giving, and yet it provides indescribable joy.... And this kind of love can accomplish anything it wants to happen, which, as a result of its profundity, emerges as a surge of emotion in the person.... A strong, living faith places its hope in Me to fulfil its request, and it will not ask in vain.... A human being can avail himself of My strength too and accomplish the same, but only if he is permeated by love. Then I do not give him the strength but he has acquired it himself through deeds of love, and that gives him the right.... He has returned to his original nature, he has not taken something unlawfully but has become what he was in the beginning, permeated by light and strength, for love in itself is light and strength, consequently the human being has to be permeated by light and strength if he has love. Hence, it is only necessary for

you humans to shape yourselves into love in order for you to accomplish everything like gods; and that you will only want what corresponds to My will goes without saying, because love is also the source of wisdom and cannot do anything other than what is My will....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

"God is in me...." loving activity....

B.D. No. 6225

April 1st 1955

When eternal love Itself draws close to you there can no longer be a relapse into the abyss, for what It grasp It hold on to forever.... because love has found itself to love.... Therefore you humans take care that you remember My affection, take care that you live in My will and thus shape yourselves into love, because then I can unite with you, because then I can grasp you and remain united with you for all eternity.... You can truly feel grasped by Me if you practice love, if you only ever do what is My will, for then you submit yourselves to My will and My love permeates you and impels you to ever new activity in love. As soon as you do good out of your innermost urge I am already within you, for this inner urge proves Me, it proves My spirit of love which now influences you, which guides you and impels you into ever new works of love. As soon as you carry out works of love you are also connected with God.... **He is in you....** But **only** if you **are** lovingly **active....** The saying 'I have My God **in** me....' is only justified if your heart is willing to love, for only there can I be present where love is, because I Myself am love.... And then you will also be able to judge if and when the human being only uses empty words.... For My presence can never be spoken of where the heart is **without** love. Love and I are the same, but love is unselfish, it is always willing to sacrifice, to give, to alleviate hardship.... it is only concerned about the welfare of its fellow human being.... Love is divine, and it also makes the being a divine creature with which I Myself can unite.... whereas My presence is impossible with a person who acts and thinks without love, who himself has left My flow of love due to his nature, who therefore has no other connection with eternal love than that the strength which animates him has flowed out of Me, but which does not **force** him to enter into the connection with Me in love.... A 'God' can never be denied by a 'thinking' human being.... But the **connection** with God has to be made possible by the human being himself, he has to establish it through love.... Only then can he justifiably say: "God is in me...." for then I have grasped him and will never let him go from Me, then man has fulfilled the conditions that unites him with Me.... He has entered the law of eternal order, he has changed his nature into love, he has forced My presence upon himself, because I always **have to be** where **love** is.... but **can** never be where love is **absent**. Love alone guarantees My presence.... The spark of love glows in every person as My share, yet it is completely ineffective as long as it is not ignited.... which the human being's own will has to do, but then he will remain eternally united with Me....

Amen

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Life of unselfish charity

Following Jesus.... A life of love and self-denial....

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November 1st 1946

Anyone who is not as gentle and patient as Me, who does not practise his discipleship by discarding all attributes which conform to My adversary, who does not persistently strive for virtues that are the hallmark of a divine being, will hardly reach the goal of finding unification with the eternal Father Who is pure love Himself and Who can only unite with living creations which, like Him, have become love. My life on earth should serve you as an example, for as a human being I was subject to the same temptations as you because I had to take the only path which could lead a soul into perfection....

Like you, I had to fight against all longings of the flesh as well as against all attributes of an ungodly being or My life could not have served you as an example if I had been born without all human flaws and able to bypass the test of My will. I had to experience the depths of earthly life, i.e. I had to have the opportunity to voluntarily refrain from the same physical sins and avoid all incentives for them.... I had to fight against carnal longings and thereby strengthen and prepare the soul in Me to unite with the spirit. The sinfulness in My surroundings often sorely tested My love and patience, yet I wanted to remain gentle and whole-heartedly humble without exalting Myself.... And I took pity on My fellow human beings' weakness for not resisting temptations, and My love intensified.... I wanted to help those on the ground unable to get up by themselves.... For being human Myself I knew a person's weakness, and this knowledge increased My kindness and patience.

Being human Myself I was at all times able to put Myself into the situation of a sinful person's soul even though I Myself was without sin, even though I Myself, by virtue of My will, had remained victorious over all temptations of body and soul. Yet I took the strength to do so from love, and every person practising love will also muster the strength and resolve to fight against his faults and weaknesses, and he will also be victorious, for love itself is strength.... And therefore, every actively loving person will also practise all virtues which denote a divine being: he will be gentle and patient, merciful, peaceable, humble and just.... For if he meets a fellow human being with love his thoughts are loving too, and he fights all weaknesses and faults with ease. Follow Me.... live a life of love and self-denial like Me and you will release yourselves from all sinful longings, you will not become subject to sin yourselves, you will bring yourselves into line with the nature of eternal love and already find union with it on earth, and the attainment of your goal will be certain for you. Hence, like Me, you too have to take the cross upon yourselves at all times, and you should not become impatient, for if you sincerely appeal for My help I will help you carry it, and the more willingly the soul carries the cross imposed on it by the Father's love for the sake of its full maturity, the sooner it will deliver itself from earthly longings.

Follow Me and take My life on earth as an example, and you will never become subject to sin again, you will release yourselves by virtue of your determination and love, you will become free and infinitely happy beings, equipped with all divine characteristics, you will be full of light and strength in the spiritual kingdom and live blissfully happy in eternity....

Amen

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Recognise your weaknesses and try to resolve them.... don't become impatient when you should put yourselves into another person's position, and be lenient.... don't hurt his feelings, and take the commandment of love seriously when your neighbour needs your active help or encouraging words.... Don't provide any reason for argument but kind-heartedly try to find agreement, take My example, I Who approached all people with a loving heart to win them over. And thus you, too, should always try to win the other person's heart; you should leave nothing undone that could awaken love, for full understanding of the other person's weaknesses can only manifest itself in love. And thus each one of you should do this to the other, leave no opportunity unused to please with a kind word or a loving action, for if you avoid hurting your neighbour, if you give him inner peace, you will do a truly Christian deed of neighbourly love which will benefit you, for you will thereby strengthen him physically and spiritually. He will be placed into a state of love himself, he will feel love in return, and he will not fail to put his love into action. He will lessen his selfish love....

Be patient and gentle, meek and humble, and your life will become easier, for love is the best weapon against animosity, and love forgives and endures, it gives and makes happy, it unites hearts, it heals wounds and will never be without understanding of the other person's weaknesses and faults and will finally triumph nevertheless, for love is strength which achieves whatever it wants....

Amen

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Neighbourly love....

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What you do to the least of My brothers, you do unto Me, and thereby you demonstrate your love for Me and for your neighbour. For a deed of neighbourly love also testifies to your love for Me and will enrich you far more than you have given up. And who is your neighbour? Every needy human being who approaches you with a request for help is your neighbour, regardless of whether he voices it or whether it remains unspoken. For you will recognise yourselves when your help is needed and appropriate as soon as the spark of love in you flares up and you are affected by your fellow human being's adversity. Yet you can live in abundance and accomplish a deed of neighbourly love without sacrificing anything, but it will not be regarded as such if you lack love, if you help in order to dispose of an irritating petitioner or to shine before your fellow human beings. So many motives can prompt a person to render help, yet I only value a deed of merciful neighbourly love impelled by your heart. And you will experience the fact that, when love grows cold in people's hearts, help for other people will only occur due to organisation and deeds of love will effectively become routine, which certainly can alleviate people's adversity but which cannot be classed as deeds of neighbourly love, as the fulfilment of My commandment of love, and which therefore cannot have any redeeming effect either. The right hand should not know what the left hand is doing.... it should be a quiet giving; yet material gifts alone cannot be described as deeds of neighbourly love. Every other help, every kind look and every caring word can be valued as a deed of love if it comes from the heart. People's spiritual and psychological adversity is often even greater than their earthly adversity, there you should actively help by giving encouragement and comfort in suffering, by lifting people up spiritually, by conveying My Word and leading them back to faith, where it is necessary. All this is part of the commandment of neighbourly love, and I only expect a soft and compassionate heart for you to be able to fulfil My commandment of love for Me and your neighbour and also awaken love in your neighbour's heart, who thereby can be guided on the right path and you will have acquired a double reward. However, you should not help for the sake of reward but only for love of Me, then all your deeds will be blessed....

Amen

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Only ever perform works of love and your spiritual ascent is guaranteed.... You cannot mature in any other way than through love; I can certainly assist you with My gifts of grace, yet these should only ever stimulate you into loving activity, because everything else emerges from love, a strong faith, comprehensive knowledge and the all-conquering strength which has its origin in Me.... Whether I convey My word to you, whether I fatefully step into your path in order to influence you to turn to Me in prayer, it is always love which shall fill your heart, which teaches My word as well as determines Me to hear your prayer, because only love produces faith in you which also lets you speak the right prayer. You can only mature through love, and your spiritual progress solely depends on your willingness to love, which is why all your efforts to make Me inclined towards you would be useless if you did not make an effort to live in love.... And you have the opportunity to do so daily and hourly.... You should approach your fellow human beings with kindness, you should make their need your concern, you should feel for them, help them, comfort and support them, you should not pass by your fellow human being's need indifferently.... You should care for them spiritually and earthly wherever possible. A kind word, a good look, a small act of help will already earn you the love of your fellow human being, it will prevent love from growing completely cold, for love should be nurtured like a little plant so that it does not wither away.... Love is everything, and if love dwindles amongst people there is no salvation for it either. Therefore try to ignite a spark of love everywhere, give much love so that you will find reciprocated love, for only then can My kingdom also come into this world, for My kingdom is where love is, because I Myself can dwell there, because I Myself am in My kingdom when I can enter your hearts which have shaped themselves into love. Love is the divine in the human being which, however, also secures perfection for you, for anyone who stands in love stands in truth, in fullest realization, he stands in light.... There is no other path to perfection than the path of love.... For only through love will you find union with Me and thus also eternal beatitude.... If you live in love your earthly life will also be an easy one, for then you will draw strength from Me and be able to master everything, you will have unshakeable faith in Me and through this faith you will be able to banish every adversity; if you live in love you will be constantly united with Me and everything you now want you will accomplish with Me and out of My strength....

Amen

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