

Ambassadors of the New Creation

A PRAYER MEDITATION FROM *AMBASSADORS OF JESUS CHRIST*

“The Son of God came down on earth, and ... wishes to come into our hearts in order to make us sharers in his truly heavenly nature.” (Meditation No. 85.3)

FIRST MOVEMENT

1. **Take a few minutes to quiet yourself and to recall that God is present in us by his grace and by his Spirit.**

“If anyone loves me, my Father will love them, and we will come to dwell in them.” (Jn 14:23)

2. **Place your trust in God once more and ask for the grace to do what God wants.**

“My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to accomplish the work which I was given.” (Jn 4:34)

SECOND MOVEMENT

3. **Contemplate the Mystery of God’s Love at Work in the World**

Read the following passage a few times slowly. What words or phrases especially catch your attention? Listen to what is being said. Contemplate this loving and faithful God, who reveals himself most clearly in Jesus Christ.

“Christ died for all, that those who live might live no longer for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a merely human point of view. Even though we once regarded Christ from a human point of view, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, such a one is a new creation; the old has passed away; behold the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not holding their human faults against them; and he has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We beseech you, therefore, on behalf of Christ: Be reconciled to God.” (2 Cor 5:15-20)

4. Reflect on the Mystery of God's Love at Work in Your Own Life

How do you help prepare the way of the Lord in the hearts of your students?

Where is God asking you to die to self and to rise in Christ?

How do you announce the message of reconciliation? What work of reconciliation needs to be accomplished in you?

Have you helped others to let go of past hurts and turn toward what is lifegiving and life-sustaining?

Are you reconciled with your own past? Have you embraced in Christ the promise of the present moment?

What do you do to help make real and more readily accessible for children the salvation that is given in Jesus Christ?

Does your own tender love manifest to others the gratuitous love of God? Who has shared with you this same tender love?

THIRD MOVEMENT

5. Resolve to Be More Open to the Work of the Spirit in and Through You Today

Take a few minutes and thank God for the grace he has given you of sharing in this important ministry in the Church.

What will you do today to share this newness of life in Christ with others?

This prayer meditation is an excerpt from *Ambassadors of Jesus Christ: Prayer Meditations for Christian Educators* (1995) by Brother William Mann, FSC, Brother Henry Dissanayke, FSC, and Brother Isaias Tzegay, FSC. This book contains 35 meditations that invite one to enter into the three movements of Saint John Baptist de La Salle's *Method of Interior Prayer*.