

# TOWARDS THE HEIGHTS!

IN PRAYER WITH  
Fr. MORALES, S.I.



P. TOMÁS MORALES S.I.

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Day 1  
*Our Blessed Lady*



*“Offer, give oneself, give all to Jesus.”*

*These three words summarize the inner life of Our Lady, her role on earth and in Heaven, in time and in eternity.*

*Mary, filled with the Holy Spirit, rose up and went in haste to the mountain to see Elizabeth. The Spirit urged her. She had to impart to others the joy of the Incarnation. She could not keep it for herself. So the Blessed Virgin, a Missionary of Love, started on her journey. And she encourages us by her example. We see her, we accompany her on the road, and like her, we too want to be missionaries of love, sharing the gladness of the Incarnation with our brothers and sisters.*

*The Gospel says that the Blessed Virgin walked hurriedly, with haste (...). It wants us to understand how wonderful it is to enjoy the company of the God who is Love. With Mary, I must learn to sacrifice my life of intimacy with God or with my brothers and sisters any time that the Holy Spirit inspires me to bring that love to others.”*

## A) THE WORD OF GOD

*“Woman, behold your son.” (Jn 19:27)*

## B) REFLECTION

The Servant of God, deeply in love with the Virgin Mary, transmitted to all who came into contact with him a profound love of Our Lady, symbol of the battle, emblem of the victory. For him, nothing was more desirable or sweeter “than to venerate, invoke, and proclaim with most ardent affection the Virgin Mother of God conceived without original stain.” (Bul. Ineffabilis Deus). In the Virgin Mary, the Servant of God found the path to lead others to a relationship with the Lord, to love Him and to have a relationship with Him. To her he owed his vocation and faithfulness in the Jesuit Order, as he confided: “When I consecrated myself to her in a Marian Congregation at university, I began to love and to fight for Christ in the classrooms and on the street. I was tuned in to her wavelength, to receive her call on the 14th of May [...] God gave me Our Lady as my Mother, and had allowed me to be faithful in my own way, amidst lights and shadows, falling down at times but always getting back up, and all without losing sight of the Star which gives light and guides us to Heaven [...]. The Heart of the Virgin has been for me like an astronaut’s capsule, but above all, a shrine of the most noble and untarnished love [...] My perseverance in the Society of Jesus has been a gift from her. Faithful Virgin, you transmit faithfulness by enflaming us more and more in the love of Your Son”.



## C) LET US PRAY WITH FR. MORALES

*“Most powerful and good Mother of ours: Grant us the miracle that we ask of you. The miracle that you most like to grant. We ardently desire to begin on the path of sanctity. A simple and joyful sanctity like yours, without outstanding actions; always happy to disappear without ever seeking attention. Give us a heart that diligently disappears in our monotonous daily duties, that lovingly accepts sufferings, be they great or small, passing or persistent. A heart clear of selfishness, without a shadow of vanity, without clouds of sentimentality, tender and passionate to love you endlessly. A loving heart that doesn't ask for anything in return, joyful to disappear in another Heart, that doesn't close before ingratitude, nor tire in the face of indifference. A heart that doesn't forget any good, nor is bitter about any wrongdoing. A pure heart to flood the world with Light, with Love, with Life”.*

## D) WHAT HAS BEEN SAID OF HIM

One of those he directed spiritually recounts:

“He transmitted the great love he had for Our Lady and he knew how to transmit it with strength because he was living it fully. Also he was a very good educator because we knew how to meet each person where they were at.

His words helped you to grow in faith, to have Our Blessed Mother as your model and as the path that lead us to Christ. I think that those who spoke with him were never left indifferent because his words stimulated you to live many important values: self-offering, generosity, overcoming yourself, humility and many more. Today, society is missing many of these virtues, and for this reason the teachings of the Servant of God Fr. Morales are timely and very needed nowadays. His life was one of complete self-giving, without reservations”.

A director of a bank that was formed by Fr. Morales since his youth tells us:

“One of my lovely memories is from 1954. I had just met Fr. Morales. It was a special year in my life. It was the “univer-



sal Marian year". I went to the Spiritual Exercises preached by Fr. Morales. He revealed to me a new world completely unknown to me before then: the encounter with Our Lord. Fr. Morales taught me little by little with a lot of patience the most important thing in life: to have a relationship with Christ and get to know Him. To live close to Him. To love Him and have an intimate relationship with Him. That year of 1954 we visited with Fr. Morales the most important Marian shrines: Lourdes, Fatima, el Pilar, Loyola, Aranzazu etc. Fr. Morales was in a hurry to transmit to us the great love of his life: Our Lady".

## E) INTENTION FOR OUR DAILY LIFE

*"In the Heart of the Mother, and only there, will you learn two things: to fill yourself with Christ and to spill Him out to others".*

## F) PRAYER FOR PRIVATE DEVOTION TO THE SERVANT OF GOD TOMÁS MORALES

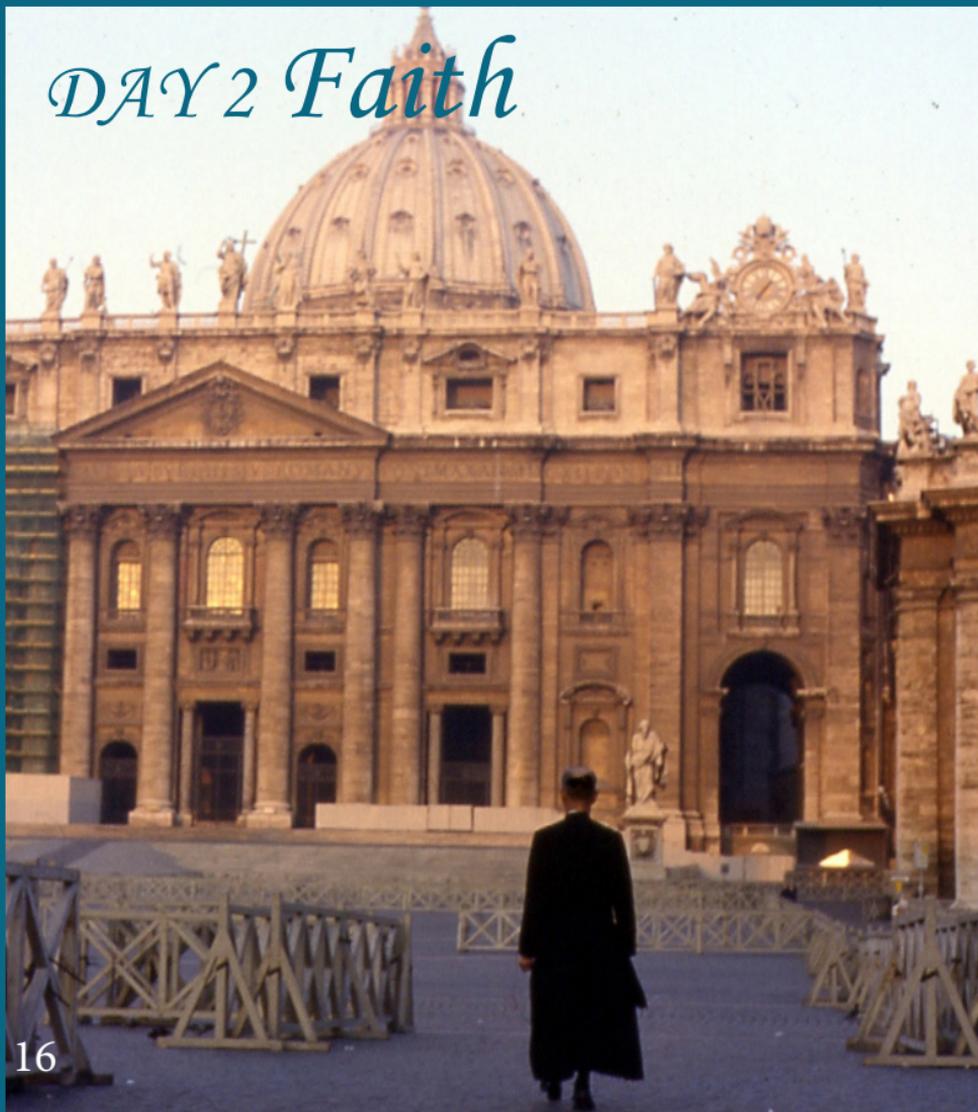
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[Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be]

*“The adventure of faith lived at the mercy of the four winds in the middle of a secularised world, requires resolute effort and, above all, the humility that clothes me in the strength of God”*

## DAY 2 Faith



## A) THE WORD OF GOD

*“I believe, help my unbelief” (Mk 9:24)*

## B) REFLECTION

“Of all of the forms of knowledge, faith is the strongest and most certain. It does not matter that it is threatened until it becomes a vision [...]. It is a hidden faith, but nonetheless a true faith; a faith that encourages absolute hope, that gives wings to love [...]. When we start out in the spiritual life, faith is a simple intellectual adhesion to divine truth, but if faith is alive and enlivened by love, it isn’t long before we penetrate the divine mysteries”. Indeed, “faith is a radar that allows us to discover God [...] a mysterious X-ray that reveals the Father to us who is present, although hidden in all those that surround us [...]. Faith is a loving reciprocity: God and me. When I believe in God, when I give Him my faith, when I trust in Him, a reciprocal bond is formed between the two of us, and we remain connected [...]”.

“Faith conveys that stability without which a Christian cannot be a saint”, a “simple and ardent faith, permanent and stable to the Stabat of the cross [...]. A simple, yet awe-inspiring faith, amid storms and darkness. A faith that accepts with the simplicity of children, the disconcerting events of life [...] under the gaze of the Father”.

The Servant of God knew that each baptized person is called to sanctity, but he insisted that we do not walk alone. Christ accompanies us; as an expert guide, he walks in front, showing us the path with His deep footprints. He guides us toward the peak and on this path, “prayer is the only way in order to keep the flame of faith lit. The lantern only burns in the silence of solitary stillness”.

## C) LET US PRAY WITH FR. MORALES

*“Lord, give us a faith that illuminates our hope and ignites our charity. A faith that motivates us to live each hour in Your presence and Your Providence; to live for the invisible and for the future, in the middle of the visible and present”*

## D) WHAT HAS BEEN SAID OF HIM

A member of the Homes of Mary remembers:

“Father Morales was a man of great, profound, and vigorous faith, rooted in Holy Scripture and in the Teachings of the Church, the life of the Saints ... and he transmitted a great strength and certainty through his preaching, in spiritual direction and when we participated in Spiritual Exercises with him. We viewed him as a profit. I saw him on occasion when he was praying, and when he said Mass he did so with great devotion, isolating himself from everything surrounding him. He encouraged us to trust in God, to not fear suffering or life’s setbacks and difficulties, and to give testimony of our faith through our lives and words. He encouraged us to do apostolic activities in order to pass on our faith. This was the greatest treasure that we received from the Servant of God. I believe that the ardour with which he preached was a reflection of this same faith; he poured out his heart to us when he preached”.

## E) INTENTION FOR OUR DAILY LIFE

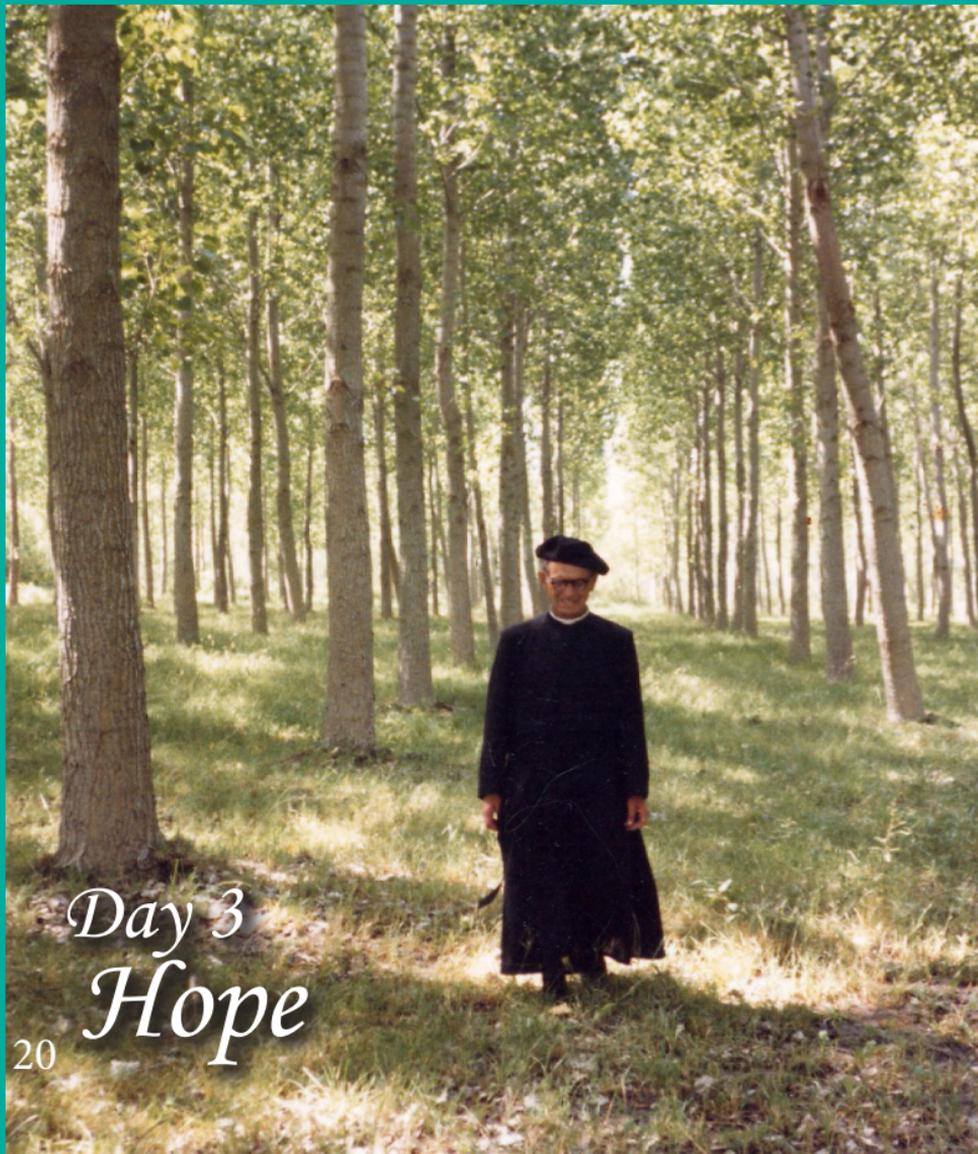
*“With your prayer, light the lamp of your faith”*



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[Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be]

*“Faith discovers God, but hope gives us wings to fly toward Him. They are the two virtues of the pilgrim path”*



*Day 3*  
*Hope*

## A) THE WORD OF GOD

*“Do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, or about your body, what you shall put on [...]. Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?”*

*(Mt 6:25-27)*

## B) REFLECTION

“Think that He and only He is the one who can console us, who wants to console us. After all, God is our true Father and He loves us much more than our children or our parents can love us on earth. And because He loves us with ineffable affection and tenderness, He also wants to console us. Because of this, in your moments of pain and sorrow you should turn to Him, think of Him, seek from the Heart of Christ which is all mercy the consolation which you lack, to console you and to console and sustain everyone”: that is “the virtue of hope which gives us the meaning of the eternal. It infuses in us a nostalgia for heaven [...], that is the virtue of the route that gives us the certainty of walking under the gaze of God.” Therefore, “let us know how to bless the plans of that Divine Child who was born in Bethlehem in the poverty of an abandoned cave. He is God and He came to teach us, poor men, the road to Heaven and for this reason He was born in the most absolute abandonment, to show us that absolute detachment from all riches and worldly comfort that we ought to have to enter into his Kingdom”.

## C) LET US PRAY WITH FR. MORALES

*“You made the most hope-filled invitation to confidence, precisely when You spoke to Your apostles about solitude and about struggle [...]. We place all our hope in you alone. You promise us the hundredfold. You speak to us of “a hope beyond all hope” [...]. Grant, Lord, that there might be neither crossroad nor shadow capable of frightening us or driving us back. Teach us to say with St John of the Cross: “Oh, hope of heaven, you attain as much as you hope for” (St John of the Cross). We don’t want to depend on this earth, but hope for all from heaven. Help us to be consistent with that promise of solitude among things, trusting in your Providence like the birds and the lilies”.*



## D) WHAT HAS BEEN SAID OF HIM

A young German priest tells us:

“I was still a seminarian in the Gregorian (in Rome), when in 1995 I came to know one of the works founded by Fr. Morales. In this way, I became interested in the spirituality of the Crusaders of Mary and its founder. I kept in contact from afar until 1998, when I personally went to Spain for the first time and spent some days in the retreat house in the mountains of Gredos. There I embarked on a new journey in the company of Fr Morales whom I had not known in life, but through means of the work that he founded and through which he can still be found today... His pleasant smile which reflects a profound happiness attracted me and continues to attract me. The joy of Father Morales is for me an authentic expression of Christian hope. Hope in the love of God and the strength of life already in this world, which is not the same as an unfounded optimism of someone who thinks that things are okay.

In Fr. Morales, I have found, since my ordination in 1999, the model that encourages me to take seriously my priestly consecration. The spirituality of Fr Morales has confirmed for me that, firstly, I must be a man of prayer, which is not a boldness but an obligation to be increasingly holy; that I must be a pastor, sent and guided by Jesus Christ Himself”.

## E) INTENTION FOR OUR DAILY LIFE

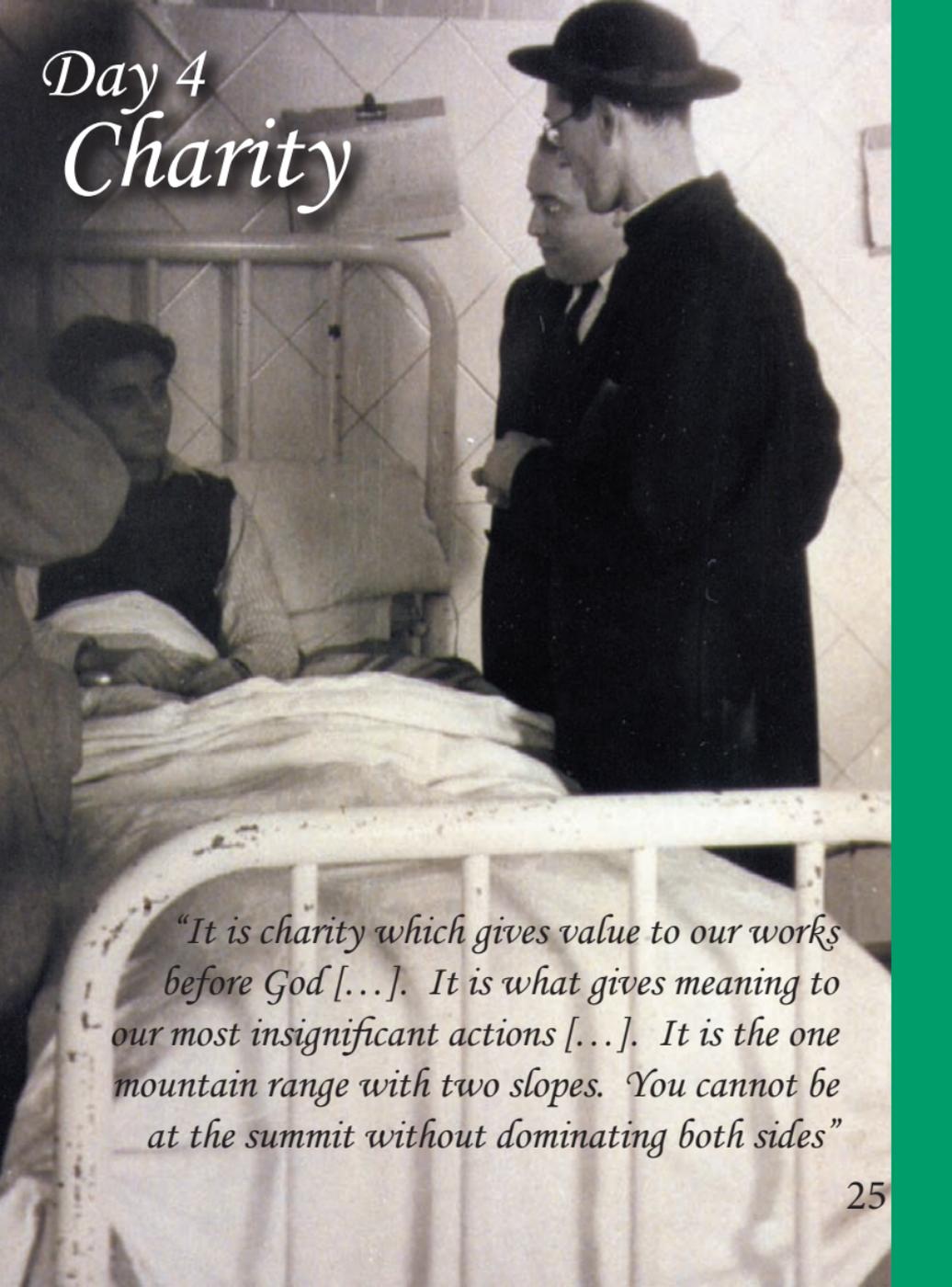
*“Long for heaven while  
our pilgrimage on earth lasts”*



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# Day 4 Charity

*“It is charity which gives value to our works before God [...]. It is what gives meaning to our most insignificant actions [...]. It is the one mountain range with two slopes. You cannot be at the summit without dominating both sides”*

## A) THE WORD OF GOD

*“This is my commandment: that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends” (Jn 15:12-13)*

## B) REFLECTION

“Three times, with different nuances, St Paul emphasizes the idea of the love of Christ. “He loved me and gave Himself death for me” (Gal 2:20), “He loved us and gave Himself up for us” (Eph 5:2), “Christ loved the Church and gave Himself up for her” (Eph 5:25). Thus, His love for us is, at the same time, both individual and collective. It envelops us as individuals and as a plurality of members, integrated into the Church.”

Following this example, Fr Morales wrote in one of his meditations for the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus about how we should respond to this love: “Generosity and service, without calculation or fear so that we may come to love You as the great and only Love of our lives. With souls, grant us patience and steadfast hope. Grant us the gift of tact so that our dealings with others are always strong, understanding and delicate. Give us the ability to cry with those who mourn, to smile with those who are happy, always patient and humble with neither apprehension nor suspicion, without attachment, rigidity, ambition or pride. Bearing all and hoping in all things, giving everything, always looking upon God the Father [...]. May charity, which is your distinction in time, be our common trait”.



## C) LET US PRAY WITH FR. MORALES

*“You have said, ‘There is greater happiness in giving than in receiving.’ Help us to offer all, even our time and independence, for true charity, always ready for both the greatest dedications and the smallest daily service.”*

*“In the face of ever-present selfishness, you instil in us the precept of love as the new commandment, the mark of true Christians. Help us to love each one of our brothers with this authentic charity, and not anonymously. They are each sons of the Father, your members and branches of Your Vine”.*

## D) WHAT HAS BEEN SAID OF HIM

A Dominican religious close to the Servant of God talks about this virtue in him:

“Fr. Morales knew very clearly that theological charity is to open oneself to the love of God, giving oneself completely to the will of Jesus: ‘that the love with which you have loved me may be in them and I in them’ (Jn 17:26). It is to offer oneself ‘as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God’ (Rom 12:1). It is, therefore, to be a witness of His love, in fulfilment of the apostolic mandate, ‘make disciples of all the nations...’ (Mt 28:19).

Theological charity gave meaning to his tireless apostolic offering. It was like a torch whose flames have ignited countless priests, nuns, religious and so many lay people, especially the young”.



## E) INTENTION FOR OUR DAILY LIFE

*“To love each of our brothers with a concrete, and not an anonymous, charity”*

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*Day 5*  
*Joy*

*“Joy is the perfume of God perceived by the soul that looks at you. Its conquering force comes from Him [...] In the greatest depths of the soul it dwells [...]. Joy is an invisible missionary that preaches God with a smile, making him loved without wanting to”*

## A) THE WORD OF GOD

*“Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, Rejoice!” (Phil. 4:4)*

## B) REFLECTION

“Overcome yourself and you will always be happy. Do not forget that it is within us, not outside, where there is good or bad weather. The sun always shines even though the clouds cover it on you. Your joy should never be eclipsed, due to the clouds that are borne in your life [...]. Joy is the patrimony of those who give, and even more so for those who give of themselves. It is the best alms that the intelligent soul can share. As you go by, sow roses of poetry, of hope and of joy. The smell of roses will always remain in your hands. Many wounds heal by sharing a smile”.

In this way, Fr Morales saw that joy lived in friendship was a means of apostolate: “The soul to soul apostolate moves on other, smaller, almost home-crafted wheels, but which are very smooth and convincing: the wheels of our example, hard work, joy, austerity, simplicity, truth, generosity, courage. Sincere friendship is responsible for lubricating the gears of these little wheels, that catch hearts and win souls for God”.

## C) LET US PRAY WITH FR. MORALES

*“Give me, Mother, the daring holiness that I ask of you, simple and joyful like yours, a contagious sanctity that draws towards you new sons and daughters in overflowing joy”*

## D) WHAT HAS BEEN SAID OF HIM

A religious sister of the Visitation presents him to us in this way:

“I found in him the friend who Kempis says is found once in a lifetime, the friend in whom one can trust completely and pour out in his understanding heart all that there is in the soul because one is sure that he will alleviate sorrow, console in sadness, counsel in doubt, fortify in weakness, rejoice in the joys of the soul. Can anything else be said? He always guided my vocation to what God was asking of me, both before being a religious and after. He always attended to me when I needed it and promptly; he was always for me the never-failing friend, even in his final years. I always left from the confessional with a unequalled peace and a profound and expansive joy”.



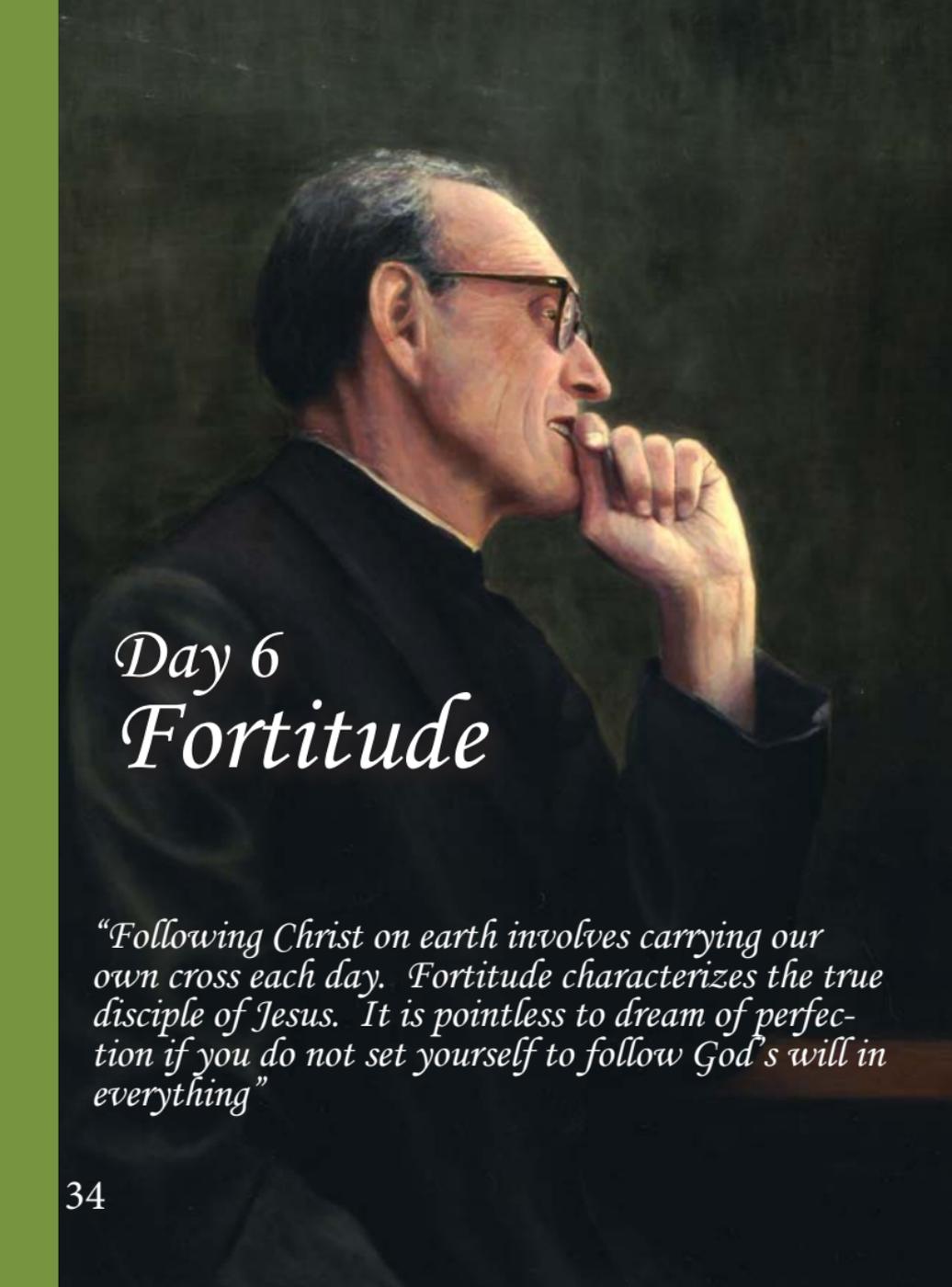
## E) INTENTION FOR OUR DAILY LIFE

*“If you provide joy to others, you will be  
the first to benefit”*

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Day 6  
Fortitude

*“Following Christ on earth involves carrying our own cross each day. Fortitude characterizes the true disciple of Jesus. It is pointless to dream of perfection if you do not set yourself to follow God’s will in everything”*

## A) THE WORD OF GOD

*“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might [...]. Stand firm therefore” (Eph 6:10-14)*

## B) REFLECTION

“Some say that we have to resemble the world in such a way that we become identical. This is the “twin complex”. If we do not do it, we will be sterile for the apostolate. This statement is false and its conclusion, as a result, is too. We cannot be identical because the spiritual realities that are part of our complete offering to God cannot be lived only in the hidden space of the deepest part of our being [...]. The reason why this is so is simple: the regular man that you see every day in the streets is asking you to show him a life that is different. If you hide it from him so you are no different to him, if he sees you as just one more, you are disappointing him [...]. To distinguish yourself from the world is not to turn your back on it, but neither should you worship it, kneeling before it either”.

For that reason, “the fortitude that God asks you cannot be improvised. It is the fruit of a perseverant effort in loving patience [...]. A mosaic is made up of meaningless little stones full of artistic beauty. The Christian who wants to be a saint hides himself in the monotonous daily duty. There, silently, he patiently crafts an amazing work. Like the goldsmith he works with tiny materials but the result are wonderful monstres”.

## C) LET US PRAY WITH FR. MORALES

*“Lord, give us determined effort to overcome ourselves and a determined decision of our will to offer ourselves to You. Give us the necessary humility to never get tired of always beginning again”*

## D) WHAT HAS BEEN SAID OF HIM

One of the Crusaders of Mary remembers:

“During the time I was in contact with Fr Morales I observed in him a serenity of spirit in the face of suffering and contradictions and a conformity with the Will of God. I saw how we overcame the problems he had with his sight. Due to this illness he could not work as much as we would have liked and he overcame himself not to show exteriorly the suffering that the fact that he could not read meant for him. Fr Morales had a great fortitude to suffer “on the inside” and he taught this way to others, advising them to go frequently to obtain consolation at the Tabernacle with Jesus”.

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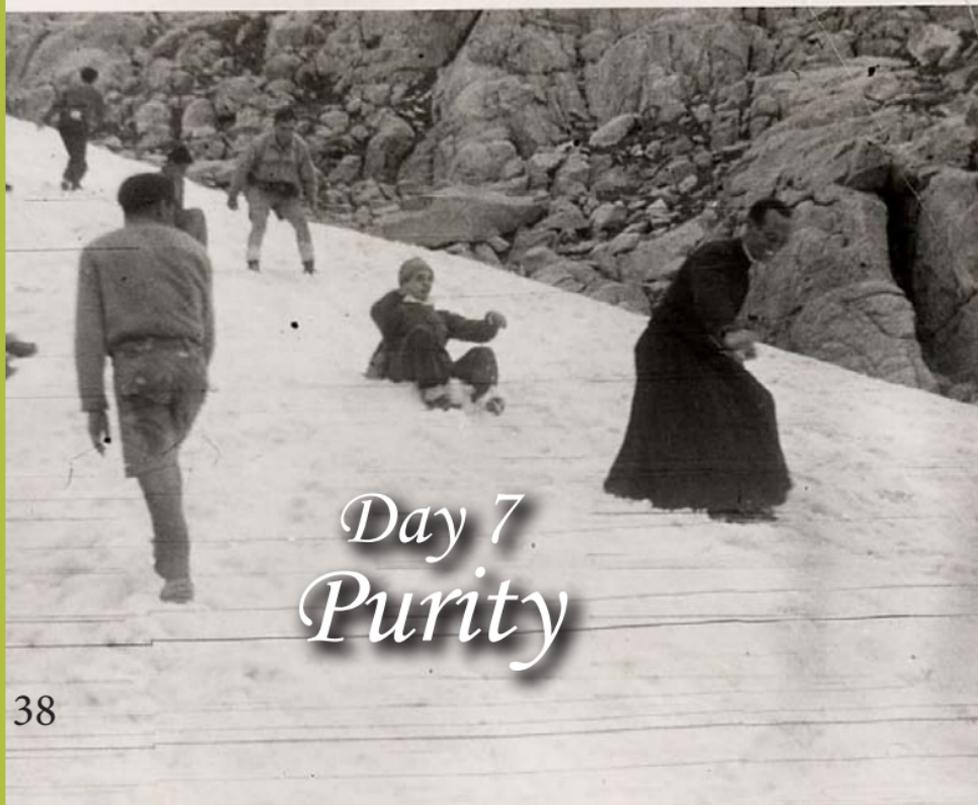
*“Jesus of Nazareth, to be able to love you some day over everything, please, give me the grace to love you today over something, no matter how small”*

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*“Purity is a secret coefficient. It multiplies your joys. It is not enough to have your hands clean. You also need to have a clean heart”*



*Day 7  
Purity*

## A) THE WORD OF GOD

*“Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see God” (Mt 5:8)*

## B) REFLECTION

“Your heart is the most beautiful treasure that God has given to you, a great strength that He has made available to you and to the world [...]. He who loves with a love where the senses are predominant will be always hungry and never satisfied, he will die without loving.

You have to love with a genuine love – a love that doesn’t look for itself, but that gives itself. That is not worried about receiving but about irradiating. That goes to others to console them, bring them higher, enlighten their lives. A love that does not look for any other joy but the happiness of the loved one. A love that is not jealous, tyrannical or monopolising. A generous heart to give yourself to others, tender to be compassionate. A heart that loves without asking anything in return. A heart that does not close before ingratitude, that does not get tired when it faces indifference. A noble heart is, above all, faithful until death. A heart like this is a richness for the one that has it, and a treasure for all around him. Like the heart that Our Lady had, in an ineffable degree, the heart that she is wishing to create in you” because “to live purity in the midst of the world will be only possible for the Christian that invokes Our Lady, Mary Immaculate, repeating with simplicity: “Keep in me the heart of a child, pure, transparent [...]. A simple heart that does not look itself in anybody and that only finds itself in God. A humble heart that always hides without trying to be seen”.

## C) LET US PRAY WITH FR. MORALES

*“Lord, give us a heart clean of selfishness, without a shadow of vanity, without clouds of sentimentality, tender and passionate to love you endlessly”*

## D) WHAT HAS BEEN SAID OF HIM

Another Crusader of Mary summarizes the way Fr. Morales lived purity as follows:

“Fr. Morales showed a special self-mastery and he always showed in his behaviour a significant observance of the control of senses, particularly of the sight; he always recommended to control curiosity as a great means to attain the virtue of purity. When he was walking in the street, he was always recollected, praying, immersed in God. In his way of being, his modesty was obvious, in such a fashion that it was contagious and others soon began to live the same. One thing that stood out was his austerity in affections, but being always natural, affable and close to everyone. In his dealings with women he had an extreme prudence and delicacy; he recommended some advice, that he, with no doubt, was living too: caution with your eyes; cutting any wayward thoughts; and in relationships, natural and simple politeness; courtesy in your words”.

## E) INTENTION FOR OUR DAILY LIFE

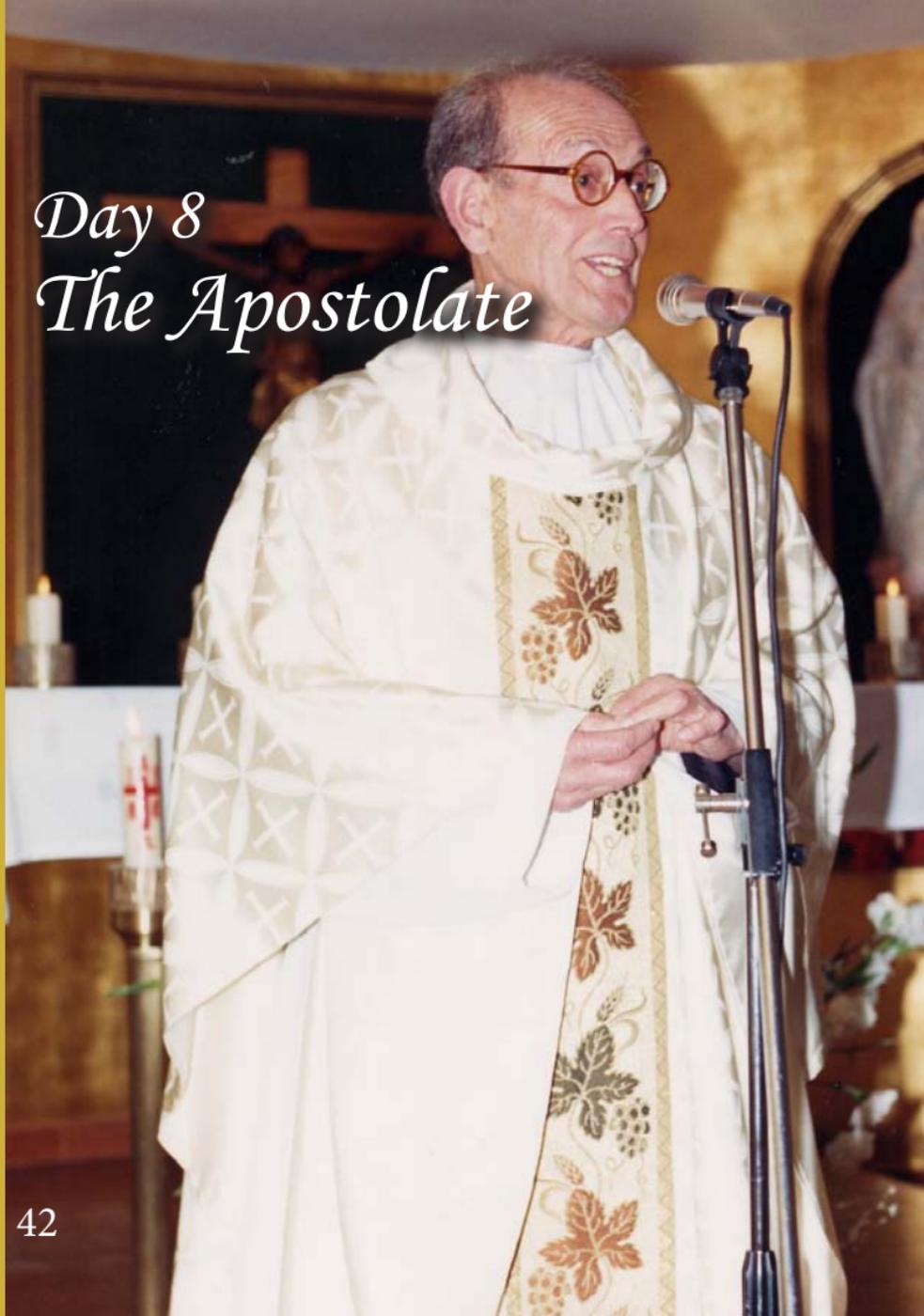
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*Day 8*  
*The Apostolate*



*“If you are not moved by a soul that does not know God, you are not Christian [...]. The apostolate soul to soul consists above all of being a witness [...]. You influence other not with what you do or say but with what you are”, for this reason “in apostolate, the Christian must be filled with courage to set out, with tact, so he is not more in a hurry than The One who has all hearts in His hands, and with holy patience”*

## A) THE WORD OF GOD

*“Go into the whole world  
and proclaim the gospel  
to the whole creation”  
(Mk 16:15)*

## B) REFLECTION

“Day by day, with prayer and study, following God’s will in the latter and the former, I try to make myself more ready for the mission of apostolate for which He chose me with ineffable love. There is so much suffering today in society! The physical and moral pain that most people go through are so great that only Jesus Christ, through his apostles, can remediate it. And for this mission of consoling, guiding and leading the hearts and minds of others to the unique and true life, to the one object that can satisfy fully the burning desire of happiness that flows from the human heart, Jesus Christ wants to use the priest, the apostle, the religious, the Jesuit”.

To accomplish this, the Servant of God felt the need that “He shape my heart to be similar to His, so that I only love what He loved on earth and loves from Heaven: the hearts and souls of all mankind. May He sanctify me and bless me so at the same time that I unite myself to Him I may obtain the human knowledge

that is needed to do good with open hands in this society that needs it so much”.

On the same line, Fr. Morales wrote later that “it is very big, even huge, the good that you can do to all that surround you if you truly belong to Jesus Christ. Do good to others! Is there any other thing that could fill your heart more than that? This was how Jesus Christ spent 30 years of His mortal life and for this reason He still finds souls that follow Him and that consecrate to Him their youth and their life”.



## C) LET US PRAY WITH FR. MORALES

*“Lord, may we live, in the position in which you place us, the missionary urgency, the pain and shame that there are still people who have not heard about You, kingdoms and islands where your Sacrifice is not celebrated”*

## D) WHAT HAS BEEN SAID OF HIM

A cardinal commented:

“By following in the footsteps of the Servant of God, apostle and teacher of apostles, there will be a spreading of that ministry of holiness, that call to the laity to join fearlessly the work of evangelisation, to promote the co-responsibility and participation of the laity in both the life and evangelising mission of the Church and her presence in the world”.

A Jesuit recalls him as follows:

“I always saw him as a great servant of Our Lord Jesus, completely selfless and self-given in the service of others. I always admired in him his enthusiasm, his contagious excitement, his steadfastness and audacity in his apostolate of vanguard which was so in tune with the signs of the times. He was a great apostle and a great Jesuit who helped me to be humble and to desire to be like him, even though I see myself very far from what he was”.

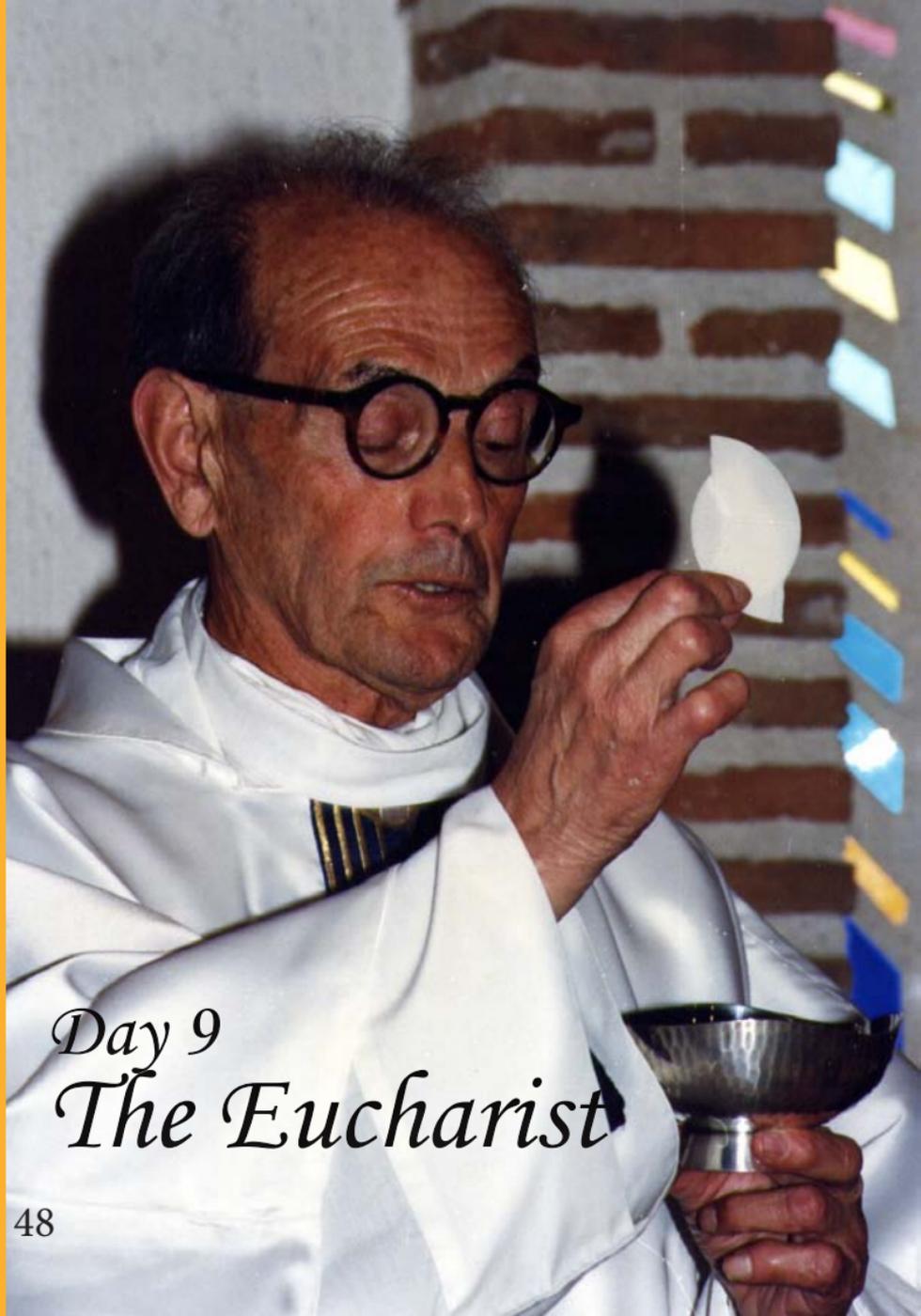
## E) INTENTION FOR OUR DAILY LIFE

*“Your faith must irradiate;  
if not, it will die out”*

## F) PRAYER FOR PRIVATE DEVOTION TO THE SERVANT OF GOD FR. TOMÁS MORALES

God Father, rich in mercy, You granted your servant and priest Tomas Morales S.I. a deep love for the Virgin Mary, and an ardent zeal to promote the sanctification of the laity, especially the youth, in the Church. I ask of you an increasing consciousness of the demands of my baptismal vocation, so that I may be a leaven and a witness of your love and truth in the world. I ask of you also, if it is your will, that you see fit to glorify your servant Tomás, by whose intercession I ask of you this grace.... (make petition here)  
[Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be]





*Day 9*  
*The Eucharist*

*“Think that it is in the Holy Mass  
that you will find the inexhaustible  
source of consolation you need  
to ease the profound sorrow of your heart.  
In the hands of the priest  
Our Lord offers Himself up to the Father,  
as on Good Friday  
He gave His life up on the Cross  
for the salvation of the world.  
Unite yourself with the priest  
in that offering of the Holy Victim,  
Christ Our Lord [...].  
God is inexhaustible and  
He will not refuse us anything we ask  
in the name of Jesus Christ  
in the Holy Mass”*

## A) THE WORD OF GOD

*“I am the living bread which  
came down from heaven;  
if any one eats of this bread,  
he will live for ever” (Jn 6:51)*



## B) REFLECTION

Fr. Morales was consoling his widowed mother by inviting her to find refuge in the Heart of Jesus: “I am sending you an image of Him who is an inexhaustible source of consolation. May the Heart of Jesus grant you the grace to be able to find this, as only then you will discover the great comfort one enjoys in difficult circumstances when one loves Our Lord! For this, all you need do is what I wrote in my last letter: pray, pray much, visit Him often in the Tabernacle. He is there truly present and ready to console us. He knows we suffer much and He has willed to be in our midst, in our churches to console us, to bless us, to pour His gifts and graces upon us”.

He invites all of us today also to come closer to the Heart of Jesus in the Eucharist: “You share a dwelling with us, o Heart made Blessed Banquet, who nourishes, quietens and pacifies us. In your infinite thirst for us to come closer to You, You reach a heart-breaking littleness [...]. You allow yourself to be embraced, to be united to us, to be available for us always [...]. In our times of discouragement we will always find you there by our side until our astonished eyes will recognise you on the breaking of bread [...]. Let this obsession go deep into your soul: “Jesus is there..., in the Tabernacle, and He awaits me, and He calls me and He wishes to talk to me... “Are you convinced He is truly present? Are you convinced he has something to tell you?”.



## C) LET US PRAY WITH FR. MORALES

*“Grant, o Lord, that we may dwell in this mystery  
of Your presence. May our life orbit around you.  
May your tabernacle be our lovable place  
of intimacy with You”*

## D) WHAT HAS BEEN SAID OF HIM

A Jesuit priest got to know him shortly after his ordination:

“In the Jesuit formation period called Regency [...] I was sent to work in the school at Villafranca de los Barros (Badajoz). This school has a little summer house in the mountainous region of Béjar. Fr Morales came to that house one summer – by that stage he had very poor-eyesight. I was blessed to serve at the Masses he said in the little chapel in the morning. For a fortnight then I could serve just half a metre away from him.

From the beginning I thought of what Fr Rivadeneira says of the life of St Ignatius, when writing about how he celebrated Mass: recollection, peace, a sharing in the presence of the totally Other in that 4 by 4 metre room. He was not “saying Mass” but “taking part” in Jesus’ only Mass. It is impossible for me to describe this experience properly [...]. I could never speak to him after finishing the Mass because he remained so recollected; I used to leave to go back to the community”.

A Salesian priest who discovered his vocation guided by Fr Morales:

“I saw him on a number of occasions praying profoundly before preaching, especially before the multitudinous events organized in Madrid around the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and other times. I contemplated him walking along the streets in Madrid, he certainly was an ascetic, an apostle, and a true priest. I attended many times when he celebrated the Holy Mass in various churches, and now that I am a priest, I have tried to take after him in many things”.

## E) INTENTION FOR OUR DAILY LIFE

*“Be assured that the more often you visit and receive Jesus in the Eucharist the more comfort you will find. He awaits you in the Tabernacle to console you, to give you his grace”*

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