

JULY (A thought for each day)

1. "It is not enough to avoid sin; we must strive to imitate within ourselves divine goodness and perfection."

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2. "God does not need anyone and only those who do his will glorify him."

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3. "When God believes that it is good for his glory, for his souls, that we be elevated to dignity, to high places, he will do it."

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4. "Humility of heart that does not produce despondency or laziness, but trusts completely in God and is the basis of every virtue and the beginning of truly great works."

Called to Holiness, Naples 1977, p. 47

5. "Only if people see us clothed in humility will they recognize us as the true representatives of Jesus Christ."

Called to Holiness, Naples 1977, p. 53

6. "What we do animated by the grace of God is recognized and accepted by the Father, what we do without grace is not recognized".

Called to Holiness, Naples 1977, p. 58

7. "Let us thank the heavenly Father for having given us his own Son as a model. Let us listen to him!"

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8. "If we are to face the formidable task of saving the world, we will face it if *we are holy*, if we are chosen by God, and sent by him and authorized and invested with divine powers, and if we are truly sent by God."

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9. "Serving God is not only the most important business, but *the only truly important business.*"

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10. "The spirit with which we must serve God *does not allow for reservations.*"

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11. "We should *avoid, as if it were sacrilege, any negligence, or imperfection* in serving God."

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12. "Perfection consists in the union of the soul with God through charity."

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13. “We worry too much, we talk too much, we write and print too much, but we are far from being saints. Jesus Christ does not live in us.”

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14. “The work of all good works is the sanctification of the clergy.”

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15. “Observe how Jesus, in all his teachings, insists on prayer being addressed to the *Father*. ”

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16. “Meditation is the armor that makes you invulnerable.”

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17. “Only when united with Jesus Christ can the spirit be strengthened, energy and courage multiplied a hundredfold, and work *be fruitful*.”

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18. “In meditation two people are engaged – us and God.”

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19. “Prayer is not a solitary exercise, tied to a given hour of the day, [...] but is essentially *a permanent relationship of the soul, a continued conversation with the living person of Jesus Christ, and in union with him*”.

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20. “Jesus is enchanted in the tabernacle by love.”

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21. “If a king, just to protect me and show his entire court the affection he has for me, came to live in my country and chose me as his minister, friend, confidant, before these kings, *the inhabitants of this country* how should I behave? [...] And Jesus comes in the Eucharist...”.

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22. “Let's examine ourselves: when we pass in front of a church, do we enter in, even if only briefly, as to greet a friend?”

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23. “In the presence of Jesus in the sacrament we can practice *silence of admiration and silence of attention*.”

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24. “If we need great faith everywhere and always, it is at the altar that this faith is indispensable.”

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25. "Let your soul be the first object of your toil, of your concern, of your zeal, otherwise your activity is dangerous, your successes are illusory."

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26. "Only in this way will you be able to truly save the souls of others if you take the utmost care of your own."

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27. "My beloved missionaries, make fraternal charity the sovereign law of your life, you will be happy, and you will make your missionary colleagues happy, you will be the strength of the mission".

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28. "But you, whatever the cost, whatever the most arduous sacrifices, do not give occasion to the devil, and remain firm in your purpose of charity."

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29. "Always and everywhere be elements of peace, of harmony, of unity and you will be the strength of God, the angels of the mission".

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30. "Let the altar be your heaven, your center of attraction, the source of all your supernatural life, from which you can draw without end."

Called to Holiness, Naples 1977, p. 213

31. "The missionary animated by the spirit of his vocation always keeps in mind the great dignity and infinite value of the souls that cost all the blood of God, and to procure their health he spares himself nothing".

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