

## **AUGUST (A thought for each day)**

1. Faith, my dear friends, is a shield, faith is a sword, but neither shield nor sword will protect you unless you use the shield and wield the sword.

*Chiamati alla santità*, Naples 1977, p. 230

2. Faith, faith, my dears, it is necessary. He who sends you is omnipotent, and if you are faithful to him, he will not abandon you in the hour of trial.

*Chiamati alla santità*, Naples 1977, p. 248

3. The true apostle is a man without fear; but, I repeat, faith is required! You have Jesus with you, if you live by Him, what harm can come to you?

*Chiamati alla santità*, Naples 1977, p. 249

4. The true missionary is therefore never discouraged, he is never pessimistic.

*Chiamati alla santità*, Naples 1977, p. 250

5. The apostle must see the world as Jesus sees it, love souls as He loves them, and therefore be of one mind and love with Him.

*Chiamati alla santità*, Naples 1977, p. 255

6. Yes, your mission will be a success if you live it as a work of God, if you live it by impersonating Jesus Christ, and this will happen if, through prayer, you always keep the great flame of faith burning within you.

*Chiamati alla santità*, Naples 1977, p. 257

7. Therefore, always keep this first thought brightly kindled in your spirit: the work to which I dedicate my life is the work of God. I am therefore not an architect of human constructions, perishable and fleeting; I am a cooperator with God and I work for eternity.

*Chiamati alla santità*, Naples 1977, p. 258

8. No, you do not set out alone; you have with you the infallible, invincible power of God, who has promised you His assistance.

*Chiamati alla santità*, Naples 1977, p. 259

9. Do not fear, therefore; the world and the devil will not harm you if you remain united in prayer to Him who has achieved complete victory over the devil and the world.

*Chiamati alla santità*, Naples 1977, p. 261

10. Everything, always, only for God.

*Chiamati alla santità*, Naples 1977, p. 269

11. My dear young missionaries, the enthusiasm and exultation of these days will pass; [...] everything will pass, but may the love of Jesus Christ never pass from your hearts.

*Chiamati alla santità*, Naples 1977, p. 280

12. Jesus, therefore, deserves our trust and our confidence, and if there is happiness for us missionaries on this earth, it lies entirely in being able to abandon ourselves into His arms, into His Most Sacred Heart, certain of always finding a warm welcome there, of being truly helped, comforted, and consoled.

*Chiamati alla santità*, Naples 1977, pp. 287-288

13. You are, therefore, the friends of Jesus, His associates in the great work of the salvation of the world!

*Chiamati alla santità*, Naples 1977, p. 290

14. Mary is powerful because she is made queen of the angels and saints: all heaven bows before her, the angels and saints are at her beck and call. Mary is powerful because she is invincible against the demons: with her foot she crushed the head of the ancient serpent.

*Meditazioni alle religiose, 1902–1934 e 1943–1949, parte I, in: Scritti*, vol. 66, p. 183

15. Mary is powerful because she is the Mother of God. Mothers can do everything to their children's hearts. If Mary pleads and cries for us, her Son will do as she wishes.

*Meditazioni alle religiose, 1902–1934 e 1943–1949, parte I, in: Scritti*, vol. 66, p. 183

16. When we neglect Jesus Christ and forget the Tabernacle, then come complaints, impatience, discontent, discouragement; then we turn to creatures to complain and beg for comfort, the comforts that creatures cannot give.

*Chiamati alla santità*, Naples 1977, p. 293

17. Do not wrong Jesus; take Him at His word, He promises that He will never abandon you, as long as you love Him and place all your trust in Him.

*Chiamati alla santità*, Naples 1977, p. 293

18. At any time and in any circumstance, therefore, turn to Jesus.

*Chiamati alla santità*, Naples 1977, p. 293

19. Take advice from enlightened and pious people... be careful when choosing your advisor...

*Operarii autem pauci!*, Milan 1960, p. 107

20. The difficulties of apostolic life, however grave, are certainly not insurmountable: it is enough to look at them from the right angle, to look at them through faith and as if inspired by love; seen in this way, rather than frightening, they entice and seduce.

*Operarii autem pauci!*, Milan 1960, p. 126

21. We must rise on the wings of faith and escape the cold air of selfishness, which pervades everything today and kills every enthusiasm for noble and great actions, and enter into the lofty atmosphere of charity.

*Operarii autem pauci!*, Milan 1960, p. 127

22. We must realize that the war against the Church, in one form or another, with different weapons according to the different times, will end only with the end of the world.

*Operarii autem pauci!*, Milan 1960, p. 182

23. Let us not be discouraged by the thought of the evils that afflict us. The struggle between good and evil has been, and will be, the condition of life throughout all time.

*Operarii autem pauci!*, Milan 1960, p. 183

24. Disbelief, armed with inexhaustible sophisms, is better overcome by deeds than by words.

*Operarii autem pauci!*, Milan 1960, p. 186

25. Every human creature feels an infinite need to give of himself. The Christian religion is the true religion because in no other religion does God give Himself to mankind and mankind gives himself to God. ”

*Operarii autem pauci!*, Milan 1960, p. 250

26. The soul of the sinner is like a dry tree in the middle of a field. It still stands, its roots failing to thrive; it receives rain and sunshine, but cannot benefit from them.

*Meditazioni alle religiose, 1902–1934 e 1943–1949, parte 1, in: Scritti*, vol. 66, p. 246

27. Only the pure in heart can see God. Sin is spiritual blindness. Therefore, if we want the Holy Spirit to work freely within us, we must hate sin.

*Meditazioni alle religiose, 1902–1934 e 1943–1949, parte 1, in: Scritti*, vol. 66, p. 246

28. The subject of Missions has been my lifelong passion.

*Osservazioni sul metodo moderno di evangelizzazione*, Bologna 1979, p. 38

29. Only one thing is necessary: that God conquer, reign, triumph on this earth as in heaven, and therefore be known, loved, and served by all people, and not, as now, only by a privileged few.

*Osservazioni sul metodo moderno di evangelizzazione*, Bologna 1979, p. 37

30. Our task is to save souls, to convert them from errors, from vices to truth, from the devil to God, from earth to heaven.

*Chiamati alla santità*, Naples 1977, p. 73

31. If what I have written does not deserve consideration, I will not be sorry. However, I will not have the remorse of not having written.

*Osservazioni sul metodo moderno di evangelizzazione*, Bologna 1979, p. 128