



## Scripture Nugget: Selflessness will reveal our true nature

*I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the One Who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God (Romans 8:18-21).*

In the fullness of time, when all sufferings cease and reign of God takes over completely, we, the children of God will be revealed as we truly are, with the freedom and glory that goes with being children of God. Transformed, we will be no less than like copies of Christ!! *And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord ... (2 Corinthians 3:18).*

To be transformed into images of Christ, we need to live our faith, walking in His footsteps, in allegiance to God's commandments in order that we may be led by Christ's Spirit, our interior Teacher. By His Word and deeds, Jesus teaches us to practise selflessness, doing everything with pure intention for the glory of God, and putting the interest of others ahead of that of ourselves. Jesus gives us a great example and makes available all the divine graces necessary for us to practise holy love in our thoughts, words and behaviour. When He was on the Cross, enduring the excruciating pains of the Crucifixion, the desertion of most of His Apostles at a time when He needed them the most, and faced with the mocking taunts of onlookers to come down from the Cross to prove Himself, Jesus calmly responded by saying: *"Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing"* (cf. Luke 23:34). In such a moment of need and pain, Jesus forgets Himself and garners all His remaining energy to ask His Heavenly Father for forgiveness of our sins. Thus, through the power of the graces He merited for us, we are empowered to do likewise, to rise above all our human frailty.

## Conversation with Jesus

Precious Lord, my eternal identity as a child of God is God's priceless gift to me which I must cherish and preserve through a life of grace on earth. Selflessness will reveal my true self and the original nature God has created in me, His child with the glory and freedom that comes with it. Instill in my soul kindness, patience and perseverance. Open the eyes of my heart to the plight of others around me, and help me never to tire of doing whatever is necessary to address their needs. Help me refrain from making uncharitable judgement but to have the wisdom to know everyone has strengths and weaknesses, and that grace from God is needed to overcome the weaknesses and reveal the strengths. Purify my heart and help me recognize You in others even in those that hurt me. Help me remember that whatever I do to others I do it to You. Thus, help me forget myself so that I may walk joyfully in Your footsteps to my glorious, eternal inheritance. Mary, Mother of Salvation, pray for me. Thank You, Jesus. Praise You, Jesus.