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**Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque
Prayer to the Sacred Heart:**

Lord Jesus, let my heart never rest until it finds You, who are its Center, its Love, and its Happiness. By the wound in Your heart, pardon the sins that I have committed, whether out of malice or evil desires. Place my weak heart in your own Divine Heart, continually under Your protection and guidance, so that I may persevere in doing good and in fleeing evil until my last breath.

Amen.

Lectio Divina: The Pharisee and the Tax Collector (Luke 18:9-14)

Introduction

Brother Knights, the Lord sets before us a parable that unmask the heart. Grant us, O God, the grace to turn from self-reliance and contempt, to stand before you in truth, and to receive your mercy with humble trust. As Knights, true fraternity deepens when we stand together in shared humility before God and receive his mercy.

Meditation (Reading and Reflection)

The passage (Luke 18:9-14) will be read. As you reflect, attend to the word or phrase the Lord presses upon your heart.

Summary: Jesus contrasts a Pharisee who trusts in himself and a tax collector who asks for mercy. The humble man goes home justified.

Silently consider:

- "He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised others" (verse 9). Where do comparison and contempt show in me? When does my prayer or my thinking about good works become about me rather than about God and his mercy?
- "I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get" (verses 11 to 12). What posture of repentance is the Lord inviting? How does this shape my Confession and my daily examen?
- "standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast" (verse 13). Which single phrase from this Gospel most consoles or corrects me as a Knight?

(Silent reflection)

Contemplation

Choose a brief phrase from the Gospel, for example, "God, be merciful to me a sinner" or "went down to his house justified." Receive it, repeat it gently, and rest before the Lord, allowing him to shape your heart in humility and trust.

(Shared silence)

Call to Action (Prayer and Action)

How will this Word shape your actions this week?

- **Pray:** Ask for a humble and contrite heart. Make the tax collector's prayer your own: "God, be merciful to me a sinner!" Pray daily by name for those whom you are tempted to judge.
- **Act:** Serve quietly and let the Lord have the notice. Choose one act of service this week and keep it anonymous. When you find yourself judging another, stop and pray for that person, then ask for a humble heart.

A Moment of Grace

Jesus, our Mercy, free us from pride and the habit of comparison. Teach us to pray with honest hearts. Let us go home justified by your grace. Make us generous in charity, steadfast in unity, and joyful in fraternity. Amen.

Vivat Jesus.



Our Shared Lectio Divina Journey

“Be still, and know that I am God!” (Psalm 46:10)

Our reflection will be guided by three readings of the same sacred text, voiced by three volunteers. Each reading invites us to listen more deeply to the living Word of God. After each reading, we will pause for a brief period of silent reflection before any sharing. Sharing is optional; you may choose to pass if you wish.

After the First Reading: A Word or Phrase We will each share one word or a short phrase from the Scripture that stood out. There is no need to explain the choice. Let the text speak first. Listen for simple words that set the tone of prayer, perhaps words of challenge, comfort, or calling.

After the Second Reading: A Personal Connection We will reflect on how that word or phrase meets our life right now. What memory, challenge, or encouragement does this bring to mind? Where is the Lord inviting you to a change of heart, a deeper trust, or a new perspective? How does this message speak to you, personally and as a Knight?

After the Third Reading: A Call to Action We will listen for an invitation from the Lord. What is he calling me, or us as a council, to do, strengthen, or change this week? Consider a simple, concrete step that flows from your prayer. This might be a specific action, a word of kindness, or a brief prayer to carry into the day.

May this time of prayerful listening draw us closer to Christ and to one another, renewing us for our shared mission.

✠ Lectio Divina ✠

"The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector"

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke 18,9-14.

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised others:

“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.’

But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

As We Depart

Lord Jesus,

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Merciful Savior, we thank you for the Word we have pondered.

As we depart, free us from trusting in ourselves and from despising others; as Knights, strengthen us for quiet works of mercy in Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

Give us humble hearts that pray, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner," and teach us to stand in truth before the Father.

Let your grace send us down to our homes justified, and make our lives a witness that those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Amen.

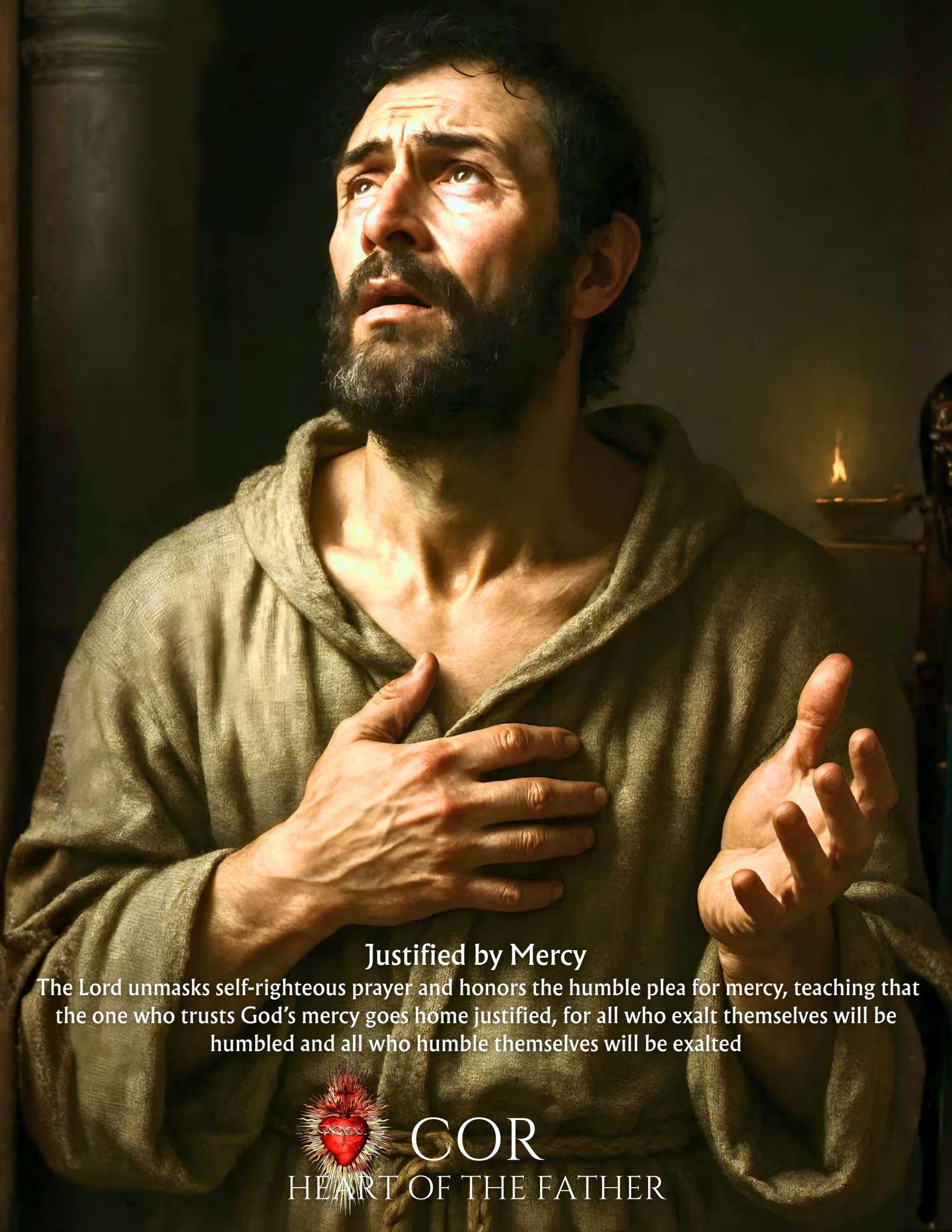


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St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. Guard us from pride, self-reliance, and contempt. Teach us the humble prayer, God, be merciful to me, a sinner. Strengthen the Knights of Columbus in Charity, Truth, Unity, and Fraternity. May God rebuke the enemy, we humbly pray, and do you, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Through your intercession, protect our families, parishes, and councils, and keep us ready to show mercy and walk humbly with our God.

Vivat Jesus. Amen.



Justified by Mercy

The Lord unmasks self-righteous prayer and honors the humble plea for mercy, teaching that the one who trusts God's mercy goes home justified, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled and all who humble themselves will be exalted



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