



FEAST OF ST. LOUISE DE MARILLAC

MARCH 15, 2010

Canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1934

Made Patroness of Social Workers by Pope John XXIII in 1960

“Above all, be very gentle and courteous toward your poor.” (*Writings pp. 320-321*)

Song Reflection (*All I Do Today, Jan Novotka*)

May all I do today be for the healing of the whole.

May all I do today mend our broken world.

May all I do today bring blessing on the earth.

May all I do today be for the good of all.

All I do today.

Reading:

Yes, I know what plans I have in mind for you, Yahweh declares, plans for peace, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. When you call to me and come and pray to me, I shall listen to you. When you search for me, you will find me; when you search wholeheartedly for me, I shall let you find me. (*Jeremiah 29:11-14*)

Reflection Question: **What keeps me going?**

“I must have great trust in God and believe that His grace will be sufficient to enable me to fulfill his holy will, however difficult it may appear to be.” (*Writings p. 176*)

*Happy is she who lives intentionally and recognizes God's presence in her life,
for she lives in hope.*

“Do not be upset if things are not as you would want them to be for a long time to come...do the little you can very peacefully and calmly so as to allow room for the guidance of God in your lives. Do not worry about the rest.” (*Writings pp. 614-615*)

*Happy is she who greets the world with joy, laughter and anticipation,
for she has courage.*

“Teach your heart humility by saying to it, “Let us accomplish well what we are permitted to do...and let us rest assured that our God will be pleased with us.” (*Writings p. 481*)

*Happy is she who gently speaks the truth and lives humbly,
for she is familiar with integrity.*

“It is not enough to visit the poor and to provide for their needs. One's heart must be totally purged of all self interest.” (*Writings p. 260*)

*Happy is she who listens and hears, and extends her hands and heart,
for she understands charity.*

Closing Prayer:

“May my life be solely for Jesus and my neighbor so that, by means of this unifying love, I may love all that Jesus loves.” (*Writings p. 786*)

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