

54 days to change the world. Day 24.

Today is the twenty-fourth day of this novena. We will be praying the Glorious Mysteries in a spirit of petition.

Our culture tends to champion radical individualism. We applaud those who “make it on their own” and those who fill up our screens with their big personalities. However, sainthood requires humility. It requires the recognition that you are wholly dependent on the Father, that you cannot make it on your own. Rather than dishearten you, this recognition should fill you with great encouragement: the Creator of the universe will give you the strength necessary to do His Will.

Although humility can be hard, we have been given great examples in the lives of the saints. In our modern age of reality TV stars and self-help gurus, Saint Mother Teresa was a radiant example of the power of humility. Relying wholly on the Father, Mother Teresa set out to do small things with a great love and her love changed the lives of thousands and inspired millions more.

It is no surprise that St. Mother Teresa looked to the Blessed Mother for inspiration and intercession. Our Blessed Mother, strong in her silence and powerful in her humility, gave her fiat to God and allowed herself to be “the Handmaid of the Lord.” Today as you pray your daily Rosary, ask St. Mother Teresa and Our Lady for the humility and strength to do God’s will!

Here are some powerful words written by St. Mother Teresa for your reflection:

“The Magnificat is Our Lady’s Prayer of thanks. She can help us to love Jesus best; she is the one who can show us the shortest way to Jesus. Mary was the one whose intercession led Jesus to work the first miracle. ‘They have no wine,’ she said to Jesus. ‘Do whatever he tells you,’ she said to the servants. We take the part of the servants. Let us go to her with great love and trust...”