

# FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY

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# AT EASTER TIME

May you be blessed ....

May you be blessed with faith in the goodness of God

With appreciation for the beauty of the world ...

With hope in the renewal that comes in springtime

With courage to face change and growth with a high heart and steadfast perseverance

With all the good things . . .

health hope
peace of mind and heart
above all . . . with love.

Jean Kyler McManus

The staff of the Father Seelos Center wishes all of you a happy Easter!!

Josie Becker

# THE ATOM PRAYER (Father Grangell's Monthly Conference)

The virtue for the month of April: LOVE OF NEIGHBOR

Patron Saint: St. John, the Apostle, Evangelist

Text: This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. (St. John 15/12)

This is the month of LOVE OF OUR NEIGHBOR! Who is my neighbor? Everybody in the world, three billion people, each one of them. How can I love all of them? It's easy. Pray for them, for each one of them. We ordinarily think of CHARITY as helping the poor, the needy, the sick.

If you remember your catechism, there are Seven Corporal Works of Mercy, ALL CHARITY, and Seven Spiritual Works of Mercy, ALL CHARITY.

I think all you good Father Seelos-people who read the monthly conference are MGILY-people. Read Deuteronomy 6/4 to 10, the 5th Book of the Old Testament, see how God wants us never to get away from loving Him. Then read St. Paul's 1st Corinthians, all of Chapter 13. See how He wants us to love our neighbor. Read these texts often, talk about them, make them your favorites.

Tell God you want the three billion people living now and everybody who will live in the world till the end of time to love Him — this is a prayer of DESIRE.

Tell God you want to offer the greatest number of acts of love a creature mind can think of. This number is known by God only. It's finite, however. It takes one second to say "My God, I love You". It takes a few seconds to say the ATOM PRAYER. Memorize it, repeat it often during the day. In your charity you are praying for the three billion people in the world.

#### THE ATOM PRAYER

My God, I offer You as many acts of love as there are (1) ATOMS of creation (there is an actual number of them. God knows it); (2) As there are tiniest DROPS OF WATER (as tiny as steam, as the fog; there is an actual number of them); (3) As there are SQUARE INCHES of space; (4) As there are MOVEMENTS of animate and inanimate things (heartbeats and growing things). And I want the number multiplied by itself every second as light moves (light moves 186,000 miles a second), light is diffused, always moving. Good God, You know this number! You know the love of my heart for you!

Blessed Mother, love God for me and the three billion.

We used to sing this hymn:

: Oh wonderful that Thou shouldst let, so vile a heart as mine :
Love Thee with such a love as this :
And make so free with Thine. :
The craft of this wide world of ours :
Poor wisdom seems to me :
Oh, Jesus, Jesus, I have grown childish with love of Thee. :

## SPECIAL LETTERS

Port Arthur, Texas

"At the suggestion of a friend, I put my family needs under the intercession of Father Seelos. Our family was at war, now it is peaceful. Not ony that, we have received spiritual benefits, not to mention one of my sons came so near what could have been a fatal accident."

Mrs. I.P.

Meraux, La.

"After 10 nights praying the Father Seelos prayer for a favor, that is to rent or sell my house in Slidell, my prayers were answered. It is a warm feeling and I feel I'm close to him. I have told several people how he helped me."

S.B.

Luling, La.

"My grandson had a blood disease and had to go for tests. We were all so worried for the results. I want to thank Father Seelos for his intercession. My prayers were answered."

E.J.T.

Baton Rouge, La.

"My gratitude to Father Seelos for his intercession. Through my prayers to him, I was granted a favorable decision which had appeared hopeless."

M.L.B.

San Lorenzo, Calif.

"Because of a hip injury, I was in very much pain for years. I had a hip replacement in July, 1978. Through the intercession of Father Seelos, the operation was successful. I can walk again."

L.J.R.

North Augusta, S.C.

"My brother had a drinking problem, I prayed that he would stop. Thank God he has stopped drinking."

M.R.

Chalmette, La.

"Father Seelos has helped me in many ways. My mother had nerve trouble. She is fine now. He helped to make my marriage better and things are very good. My stepfather came home off the ship and had to be rushed to the hospital. Now he is doing fine."

Mrs. A.D.

Arabi, La.

"In October I discovered I had lost a large sum of money somewhere in the house. I began searching everywhere to no avail. I promised Father Seelos a donation if I would find it. I am happy to say last night I did."

W.A.K.

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### SPECIAL NOTES

We are in the midst of Lent — let's deny ourselves — some dessert, a condiment, your eyes, your thirst, a smoke, some sleep — and go to daily Holy Mass. The Mass is Calvary perpetuated.

My Easter gift to you will be a very special remembrance of you and all your family in my Easter Sunday Mass. Pray for me in yours. Thanks, God love you.

Thanks to the good God, the Post Office has not changed all zip mailing numbers from 5 to 7 digits. The change will hurt us greatly, because we will have to get at least 35,000 new plates. Think of that expensel We ask you to use the gold envelope to help build up a fund to meet it, if and when.

Father Seelos is a very popular man all over the U.S.A. (1) A man in Allentown, Pa. got a job in a foundry. His first work was a plaque with MGILY as the theme. (2) A young lady in Hoosick Falls, N.Y. is in a chair after an accident. She asks for prayers. (3) A lady, a great promoter of the cause of Father Seelos in Denver, Colo., moved to Phoeniz, Ariz., where her promotion continues. (4) A man found the pamphlet, Life of Father Seelos, in a Doctor's office in Ogden, Utah. He is spreading devotion to Father Seelos. There are interested groups of devotees of Father Seelos in Memphis, Tenn., LaGrange, Ga., West Patterson, N.J., Joliet, III., throughout Maryland and in Massachusetts by a high school boy, in all big cities of America and in every small town in Louisiana. Be a promoter of the cause of canonization of Father Seelos in your city, town and village, everywhere. We have a letter from Guam with no return address.

Here is another Act of love of God, involving the three billion people in the world. Think of all the Eucharistic Tabernacles in the world! Christ is abandoned in so many of them. Kneel at the Tabernacle of your church and pray: My God, I do not want you to be alone in anyone of these Tabernacles. I want to multiply everybody, each individual of the three billion, as many times as there are Tabernacles, and everybody to be in every Tabernacle and to pray ceaselessly: MY GOD, I LOVE YOU! (Love, affection, desires, imagination, wishes, need no physical space. They are spiritual.)

Often say to the Blessed Mother: I offer you as many act of love, of hope, thanks, fraternal charity, of petition, as there are atoms, as there are the ATOM PRAYER.

For Blessings of your sick with the Mission Crucifix of Father Seelos, please call Miss Addie Buhler. 895-6176.

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