



The Saints will not have anything to fear, but the irreligious will seek to avenge themselves on those who cause their sufferings. Should this preview intimidate us or weaken in our hearts sentiments of Christian generosity? A gaze upon St. Philomena: her sacrifice, martyrdom and triumph; the power in which God clothes her before our eyes, the glory which comes to those who are generous with God: these are so many voices which cry out to the faint-hearted: **COURAGE! FEAR NOT!** If they even kill your body, what harm can they do to your soul? If they exile you from the earth, can they close Heaven's door to you? Laugh at their efforts. Sacrifice all, rather than let yourself be sullied by their maxims and example. **Abandon to them your goods, your dignity, your reputation, even your family and your life. God and your soul are preferred to all that.**

The more you will have suffered, the greater will be your measure of eternal happiness. The more you are emptied of self, the more your heart will swim deliciously in the ocean of Divine Love. **Oh, ravishing Generosity, what wealth you promise me!**

If God takes from you all that you own, open up your will, and give it fully to Him. **Come, O my God, strip me of all, in order to rejoice in Thy promises! I obey Thee with the fullness of my heart.**

To the instruction of St. Philomena, there must be added encouragement. We will cast a passing glance on the action of Divine Providence. The impiety of our day, sterile by itself, has the unique fruit of rejuvenating the blasphemies of ancient times. The servile echo of modern philosophy has been repeated with a thousand mouths, has been retold in millions of pamphlets to the ends of the earth. It comes to say with proud emphasis: **There is only one God in the sky, one master on earth and THAT IS ME!**

To recognize the existence of God and deny His effective providence is, of all follies, the most evident. It is sufficient to see the miracles which are worked among us to attest to the care, not only ordinary but also extraordinary, of Divine Providence in regard to His creatures.

These miracles are worked by invoking the Saints and, in particular, the Blessed Virgin Mary. They take place in all parts of the world. They are numerous, evident and palpable. Those who do not believe them close their eyes and ears so as not to see them. And, this is what is occurring in our day. This is what makes us cry out:

**TURN YOUR EYES FROM THE FLESH, WHERE SITS GODLESSNESS. LOOK TO YOUR MOTHER, MOST VIGILANT AND TENDER.**

In Mary, you will find the Providence of this Good God whom you serve! She has done and is still doing great things through the intervention of Saint Philomena.