

Reflection for Wednesday Week 18, OT, year A 2020 Fr Euloge Kasine

Jeremiah 31: 1-7; Matthew 15: 21-28

Today I invite you to meditate with on Mother's love. A Canaanite woman shouted: "Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil." The mother cried aloud to the Lord that he may hear her prayer for her daughter.

For all the time that we failed to love in interceding for those who suffer, we confess and say: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Meditation: Mother's love

A love of a mother towards her children is always deep. A good mother, no-one will deny, always wants the best for her children. In the gospel, a Canaanite woman shouted asking Jesus to take pity on her. "Sir, Son of David," she said "take pity on me." In fact, the mother was suffering to see her daughter tormented by a devil.

The suffering and pain of the daughter were the suffering and pain of the mother. For me, this is a symbol of a true love. Only the one who has a mother's love can be able to put oneself in the shoes of the other and feel what is their feeling; feel what he or she is going through. Mother's love is like God's love which is a deep and an everlasting love. God, like a mother, said to his people Israel: I have loved you with an everlasting love.

In fact, God suffered whenever Israel was tortured and mistreated. And for the freedom and peace of Israel, God did not keep silent. He intervened to save and set Israel free and make people happy. "Shout with joy for Jacob!, said Yahweh, "Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout: "The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel!"

I am always impressed when I hear people say, I will do all that I can to help you fulfil your mission, or I will do my best to accompany you until you reach your goal. These are not mere statements but are what I call statements-engagements, that is, statements which show how one is determined to do and promote good. And these kinds of statements are made only by people who have a mother's love.

A mother's love consoles and gives gladness for grief.