

**Let us begin praying to the Mother of Divine Trust in Our Eucharistic Lord:
O Mary Conceived W/o Original Sin, Pray for us Sinners who have recourse to Thee.**

Our Lord begins this day desiring to work a miracle. He wants to multiply fishes and loaves. He wants to provide for the needs of a people who are weary and tired and who don't feel like they can go on. He wants to give a people who are far away from their homeland, who are lost in a desert, who are stuck in a difficult place, who work hard and don't feel like they can go on.

Do you see that these people in the Gospel are like us? Aren't you tired & weary? Don't you often feel like this life is hard to take another step? aren't many of us at a distance from our family, far from our birthplace? Don't we feel that we are in a desert. Even if our surroundings are green and fertile, Oregon is often a spiritual desert. there are no beautiful churches like home. there are no beautiful fiestas like at home. we don't have great celebrations and cultural events like at home. We don't have many great martyrs and saints here like we do back home. The politics of this place are anti-catholic. they don't even pretend to have a devotion to God. Here those who are on the Left openly Mock the Niño Jesús y Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. We are in a spiritual desert.

Yes, we as a people work hard and we don't always feel like our contribution is appreciated or valued. Do you feel like this often? Is this where you are at? A lot of you are nodding in agreement. This is where we are all at.

Our Jesus wants to work a miracle to sustain you; to nourish you; to give you strength; to remind you that your little effort is good and usable. Remember the Scriptures don't tell us about what happened thousands of years ago. NO! The Scriptures tell us about what God is doing for us right now; today; in this moment; before our eyes; in our hearts; in the particular situation that we are in today. All Jesus is asking us to do is to trust him. to put our trust in him. to offer him our five loaves; to surrender to him the two smelly fish that we have. It's not much. it won't go very far. We have failed so many times before. but that's all we have.

Yes, if we keep these gifts to ourselves... they will remain small and little and insignificant. If we keep what little we have to take care of us and our family, we will scrape out a living; we might be able to make things work a little bit. But this selfishness will not permit God to do something great. This selfishness is not a Hispanic value. No! This is an Anglo - a Protestant - an American Value. It is not a value of our Culture. It is not a value of Our Catholic Faith. We give to God & God provides. We share with our neighbor because even in our poverty, we take care of our brothers.

Remember all the beautiful Churches back home. Remember how great; remember how marvelous they were. Remember how beautiful the statues were. Remember the paintings, the windows, the walls, the beautiful altars, the great sanctuaries. Even in the little towns often the most beautiful churches existed. Look it up

online after Mass. Show your children and grandchildren after Mass what they looked like back home.

Who paid for all of this? Who made them so beautiful over the years? The rich people? NO, They made big donations, but it was the poor laborers who trusted in God. It was those who struggled who contributed. It was those who were poor in money but rich in faith and trust in God who made these places so beautiful.

So the Message of today is trust; trust in God; trust that he can provide; trust that God wants to provide; trust that God will provide; trust that this is the only reason that Jesus became incarnate in the womb of our blessed mother Mary; trust that the reason God allowed this new world to be discovered by Columbus; that the reason God permitted a Conquistador like Hernan Cortez to conquer Mexico and end the child sacrifice of the Aztecs; trust that the only reason all of this happened was so that Our Lady could find a culture across many large oceans to show that she is our mother. She did all of this so that she could appear to a poor man, a hard working man, a man who had a sick uncle, a man who was afraid that his people would be destroyed, a man who didn't see how anything was going to proceed; He didn't see how things could get better.

But Mary did... Mary said I choose you... She said you just give me your poverty... just give me your weakness... just give me your sorrow... just give me your fears... just give me your inability... just let me use your tilma, let me use your little, brown, Indian feet, let me use your weak voice. It will be enough. trust me. I will arrange all the flowers. I will cure your uncle – he won't die. I will do a miracle. You can't even imagine what I will do. trust me. Am I not here, who am your mother?

This is what God does for us in the Eucharist. He really does. It is simple bread and wine. The priest offers it to God at Mass. God makes it into a bread that sustains us for eternal life. There is one bread. But when it is transformed everyone has a taste of God that fills us up spiritually to make it through all our struggles. He takes that little bit of effort, that little bit of trust, that little bit we have and are willing to share with Jesus. And he provides for everybody. And there's even enough to take home more than was there. God works miracles when we trust him and are generous with him.

What do you need to trust Jesus with today? Is it your finances? Are you tithing? Are you giving ten-percent to God? Are you even giving five-percent to the Church? or are you stealing from God?

Do you need to trust God with your time? Are you doing unnecessary work on Sundays? Do you miss Sunday Masses? Do you refuse to go to Mass in another language? Do you make excuses? Remember God only asks for Mass on Sunday – one and a half hours on Sunday – if you do not do this little sacrifice on one specific day of the week, how can you be ready for an eternity with God? As you live, so will you die. 2x. Make every sacrifice to make it to Mass. God will provide. Trust him.

Do you need to trust God with your relationships? Are you cohabiting? are you living in sin? Are you pretending that you are married and having relations? Are you raising children without being married by the Church?

I must be truthful with you... you know this is mortal sin. you know if you die in mortal sin, that you will go to Hell. If you don't fix this situation in your marriage, you will go to hell. This is very serious. Please, you are my people. We don't know each other, but I love you. I do not want you to go to Hell. Let us help you get married. We don't

need a fiesta. We can do that in heaven forever. Fix your marriages in the Church now or you will not go to heaven. You will be eternally separated from Jesus.

Are you refusing to baptize your children right after birth? Remember the Church says this must happen in the first few weeks of life – 40 days at the maximum. If you delay this unnecessarily this is mortal sin. Jesus says baptism is necessary for salvation. You are preventing these babies and children from going to heaven. Baptize them immediately. Don't wait for the Godparents to make it from Mexico. Don't wait for a party. Baptize them immediately. We can have parties anytime. Trust God. Do what God asks.

I tell you these things because I do love you. We are family. I want you to be in heaven. Jesus will take care of us. This is why Jesus gives us the Eucharist. He blesses our little effort... He blesses the little that we give him. And God does a miracle with it all. God will provide if you trust him my beloved ones. Trust him. Trust Our Lady of Guadeloupe.

Let's end with a prayer of Confidence to Our Lord and Lady. Whatever the things that you need more trust in God for, put this intention in the prayer. They will take care of you, but we need to act. Let us pray:

Most holy Jesus, Our Lady of Guadeloupe - My Mother - I place myself in your heavenly care. Be with me, especially in life's troubles and difficulties. Intercede before God for me, so that I may confidently know that I do not face my problems alone.

I join my prayers to your perfect intercession as I ask God to give me consolation in times of sorrow, courage when I am afraid, and healing from all the wounds that afflict me... especially these weaknesses that I have ____ (name them). Obtain for me from God, Most High, the grace to accept whatever is God's holy will for me and my loved ones. Strengthen my faith so that I will never despair, but always have hope in God's healing presence and power in my life. Amen.