



Resignation to the Will of God in Death - A sure means of salvation.

From the writings of St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church: “Many people are tormented at death with the remembrance of their sins, and seeing that they have done no penance, are tempted to despair.” He tells us that there is a perfect remedy – namely, “to accept death and unite your death with that of Jesus Christ. And I do not at all doubt that he who has grieved for having offended God and accepts death willingly in satisfaction for his sins will immediately obtain pardon.”

From the book, *Preparation for Death* by St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church: “To accept death in order that the will of God may be fulfilled, merits for us a reward similar to that of the martyrs, because they accepted death to please God. He who dies in union with the will of God makes a holy death; and the more closely he is united to it, the more holy death he dies. The Venerable Blosius declares that an act of perfect conformity to the will of God at the hour of death not only delivers us from Hell, but also from Purgatory.

Prayer of Resignation in Death -

“My most sweet Jesus, I accept the death Thou has destined for me; with all the pains that may accompany it; I unite it to Thy death, I offer it to Thee. Thou hast died for love of me; I will die for love of Thee and to please Thee.”

It is recommended that you say this prayer daily as we do not know the day of our death, and what a blessing it would be to have said it on our last day. You are urged to share this prayer for the greater honor and glory of Our Dear Lord and for the salvation of souls.

“Time spent in honor of God and the salvation of souls is never badly spent.”

St. Joseph, patron of a happy death, pray for us!