



## Daily Prayer - Jesus my Patient

Dearest Lord, may I see you today and every day in the person of your sick, and, while caring for them, help me to always know that I am caring for you.

Help me to see you behind the disguise of the difficult patient, the irritable, the exacting, the unreasonable, may I still recognize you, and say:

'Jesus, my patient, how sweet it is to serve you.'

Lord, give me this seeing faith, then my work will always be for you. Help me to always find joy in holding the hand, listening to the cry, and honoring all those who sufferer.

O beloved sick, how doubly dear you are to me as you personify Christ; and what a privilege it is to be allowed to tend you.

Sweetest Lord, make me appreciative of the dignity of my high vocation, and its many responsibilities. Never permit me to disgrace it by giving way to coldness, unkindness, or impatience.

And O God, while you are Jesus, my patient, please also be patient with me Jesus, bearing with my faults, looking only to my intention, which is to love and serve you in the person of each of your sick.

Lord, increase my faith; bless my efforts and work, now and for evermore.  
Amen.

St. Teresa of Calcutta

