

Question: Luisa prayed for the vanquishing of the sin of pride. Jesus was pleased and said it would be good to repeat this intention. Can we pray for the vanquishing of all sin and vices in the Holy Divine Will?

Answer: The passage you refer to is from Sept. 5, 1901 where Luisa asks Jesus reveals to Luisa,

“When you humble yourself and consider yourself unworthy of suffering... you repair for the sins of pride that are committed in the world.” To this Luisa replied, “Ah, Lord, for as many drops of Blood You shed, thorns You suffered and wounds You endured, I intend to give You as much glory as all creatures should have given You had the sin of pride not existed, and I beseech You for as many graces as there are souls for this sin [of pride] to be vanquished.’ While saying this, I saw that Jesus contained the whole world within Himself, like a machine containing objects within itself. All creatures moved within Him, and Jesus moved toward them, it seemed as if He were receiving the glory of my intention in such a way that souls were returning to Him in order to receive the good I had implored on their behalf. I remained astonished, and He, seeing my astonishment, said: ‘All this seems surprising, doesn’t it? What you have done seems trivial, and yet, it is not so. How much good would be done by repeating this intention, but is not.’ Having said this, He disappeared.”

In answer to your question, it is a wholesome practice for all to repeat this intention of Luisa which, Jesus assured her, will accomplish so much good, as it will help eradicate in others the sin of pride. Let us bear in mind that this will take time to accomplish through prayers and sacrifices, as it evident in Oct. 21, 1899 where Jesus reveals to Luisa,

*“Are you not content with the fact that people are spared in part? Do you think that Corato is the best, and the least in offending Me? Is the fact that I spared it compared to other towns, something trivial? So, be happy and calm, and, as I go about chastising the people you are to accompany Me with your sighs and sufferings, **praying that these very chastisements may lead to the people’s conversion.**”*

In addition to the sin of pride, the same intention may also be applied to all sins and vices. For in our prayers for souls to God to whom nothing is impossible, we ought not pray like a piker, but with faith, courage, humility and confidence, knowing that what we ask He will grant according to his good Will and the disposition of others.

This is evident on June 8, 1899 where Luisa requested from Jesus the conversion of those living in her day throughout the whole world. Luisa relates,

“My adorable Jesus still continues to make Himself seen with complete kindness and sweetness. This morning, while together with Him, He again repeated: ‘Tell me, what is it you desire?’ Immediately I said, ‘Jesus, my dear, what I would really desire is for the whole world to convert’ (a request way out of proportion!). Nonetheless, my loving Jesus said to me: ‘I

would grant your request if all had the good will to be saved. Indeed to show you that I would gladly grant all that you have requested, let us go together among the world, and all of those whom we will find with the good will to be saved, as evil as they may be, I will give to you.'

So we went out among the people to see who had the good will to be saved, but to our greatest displeasure we found a number so very scarce that it is sorrowful just to think about it. In this number, so very scarce, there was my confessor, the majority of priests and part of the faithful, but not everyone from Corato."