Passionate About His Passion:
Meditations on the Holy Great Fast 2

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LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE
Positive Attitude

It can revive your spirit
It can turn laziness to enthusiasm
And it can change sadness to cheerfulness
Therefore, get to know your spirit
And do not wait until She loses her sparkle
Instead, cheer your spirit
Free yourself from anything that can damage her
And teach her to believe in the impossible
Admiration

I am looking at the flower with admiration
And wondering about God’s amazing details
in each petal and its intricate colors
He put lots of work and details in a flower
that doesn't even last
God always reminds us to look beyond our
daily life
To stop to admire His work in the many
things around us
Things He created for our us to enjoy
Lord Teach Me

Lord, teach me to speak through my heart not my lips

For when I speak through my heart
I will begin to have a true conversation with You

And I will be a tool to lead others to You
Look at Me

My beauty is obvious to the naked eye
My grace and posture are magnificent
But what you cannot see is my inner-self
   It is very well hidden from all of you
Only God and I can discuss it privately
   For He will not expose it to anyone
Unless He sees that exposing it will benefit me
What a Beautiful Thing

To be loved by someone
To be cherished and adored
No matter what the world thinks of you
No matter how hard your day is
Be very sure you are loved and adored
by Him
Thank You Lord
**Love**

We all are in need for love
So many of us settle for any kind of love
Do not settle, but search for and find the source of love
And know and believe that you are not anyone
You are the son and the daughter of the mighty God
Give yourself to Him
And in return, He will grant you love and joy, hope and peace
All of it will come from within you
And no one can take that away from you
Grateful

For the way You love me
For the way You guide me
For the road You are taking me on
For Your touches and Your mercies
For all the times You have listened to my complaints
For all the times You opened doors for me
For being here beside me
Thank You Lord
You are the best!
Fragile

Butterfly, how beautiful you are
How fragile we are too, but we ignore the truth
We think we will live forever
We hold onto our beauty, talents, and wealth
Do not be a fool for the time will come
For we are here for a short period of time
Like the beautiful butterfly
That flaps her wings from flower to flower
Working hard to show her beauty and talents
And suddenly she is no more
Wake up to reality and humble yourself
Praise the Lord for He is the everlasting one
OVERCOMING TEMPTATION
The storm

When the storm comes rushing your way
When you feel alone and don't know what to do
When your life is in disarray or you become confused

Look up
All you need to do is ask
Ask for help for guidance or for peace
The word of God will come rushing to you
To give you courage, wisdom, and peace
Your heart will be filled with joy
And nothing will trouble you in the middle of the storm
The Door Is Open

I can go out easily
But I am not sure what I want to do
I need to leave my comfort zone
I want to explore other possibilities
Where can I go to get wisdom
How can I go from here?
God, please guide me
So I can walk toward You
Please help me not lose focus on the way
For You are first in my life
And I long to come to You at the end of my journey
I Am

I am like a beautiful caged bird
I am trapped inside myself
Longing to be out like others
I am not sure what to do
I must pray for wisdom
I must pray for strength
I must never lose hope
For You are my God
You will do the best for me
You will free me from my bondage
And will save my soul
Little Bird 1

Why are you standing among the spikes and thorns?
Little bird
Can you not realize the danger you put yourself in?
Little bird
Look around you and quickly fly away before you get hurt and are unable to fly again.
Little bird
Life is a gift from God to us to do good for ourselves and for others’
And God and will restore our souls
And guide us back to Him
**Creation**

All the creation tells us about God’s work in it
How He created it by the word of His mouth
All the creation is happy to grow and multiply

The plants and animals of the earth
The fish in the sea and the birds and stars in the sky

Oh man, can you see the work of God in them?
Can you feel the greatness of the Creator?
Open your eyes and give thanks to the Lord who loves you and is waiting for you to join Him for eternity
REPENTANCE
Coming Back to You

I traveled on my own for so long
I felt lost and distressed
My soul was searching and searching
My body became weak
No one to turn to
No one to rely on
I was very tired and afraid
How can I come back to You?
With my weakness, my shame, and my doubt
Thinking and hoping ...
Hoping that You may free me again
That You may comfort my soul
That You may give me hope
So, I can reach others and lead them to You
And I may become someone You proudly call
Yours
I Love You God
Little Bird 2

Little bird

Where is your home?

I see you flying back and forth without a purpose

I see you wasting your days which will not come back again

I see you getting closer to the dust and ashes you lay

Little bird

Wake up before it is too late

When crying and wailing will not be heard

When regrets will not bring back anything

Little bird, find a purpose for your life

Little bird, look up and seek God’s help

Little bird, your Heavenly Father is waiting for you

Repent and humble yourself before it’s too late
Pray

Ask God to enlarge your heart
Ask Him to protect you from the enemies
Ask Him to reveal to you His purpose for your life
Ask Him to pour on you His Holy Spirit
Ask Him to grant you knowledge and understanding of His words
And when you lose all your courage…
To recognize that God is greater than you
that He is working everything out for you
And to remember that God is just a prayer away
You Are the One for Me

Once, I was a man with no purpose seeking many earthly pleasures to satisfy my soul.
I believed that everything was under control.
But my hunger was still growing in my soul.
For I did not realize that I was deaf and blind.

Until You opened my eyes and let me see
Your purpose for me.
And let me hear the truth that was there for me.

I realized I was living a lie.
For I was never satisfied with the work of my hands.
For You are the source of my being.
And nothing else matters other than being with You.

So help me to humble myself and change my attitude.
Give me strength to serve you, O Lord.
And to carry my cross all my life along with
You so I can be the son You intended me to be
Near Your Heart

Where can I be without Your love for me?
Loving You is what I desire
I love the way You love me
I feel Your presence in every step I take
I hear You whisper to me, you are a child of Mine

When sadness covers me, I see You rushing to comfort me
I love You Lord more than my heart can bear
It comforts me that You can see what is there
And how my soul is dependent on You
I miss You although You are here near me
And tears can barely comfort me
Near Your heart is where I always want to be
And You are the only one who can grant this wish to me
ENLIGHTENMENT
Change Yourself

What a wonderful thing to be able to change yourself from being self-centered to someone who cares about others instead.

God longs that we learn that the secret of happiness is in caring about others.

He demonstrated that on the cross to teach us about sacrificial love.
Dear God

Thank You so much for all you do for all of us every second and every time we call on you!

Please open our eyes today to all the wonderful possibilities and blessings You have in store for us

And Help us to have a better relationship with You
Genuine Love

Love is a wonderful thing
It brings out many emotions and feelings
But
Genuine love is not just any love
It comes only from God
God makes our love
Stronger and deeper to live forever
God puts the seed of love deep in our heart
To bring out springs of love
To allow us to treasure one another
And
to help our souls become one
And
To bind us together with Him
So
God teach us how to cherish each other with
Respect and understanding,
And

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Allows us
To share good times together
To store memories in our hearts
To be filled with joy and peace
To help us walk side by side with love and confidence
That will bring us close to God's heart
What a Wonderful Feeling

The feeling of being in Your hands
What a wonderful feeling knowing You are cleansing me from shame and sin
What a wonderful feeling knowing You are recreating me to be in Your likeness
What a wonderful feeling knowing You are saving me from the evil one
What a wonderful feeling knowing You are inviting me to your kingdom
How wonderful is Your great love for me
Thank You Lord
I am a Christian

I am in this world for a short time
I am only passing through
This world is not my home
Like the baby in his mother's womb
He is there for a short time too
So God can perfect his body
to begin his life on earth
I am here for a short time
So God can perfect my soul
To join the Lord in heaven
And I can be with Him forever and ever
**The Lord is My Shepherd**

Lord, there is nothing about You that I do not want

Lord, there is nothing about You that I do not need

Lord, You are everything to me

You are my provider

You are my protector

You are my king

Lord, I pray You make me just like You
Troubles

Although the troubles of life are many
And sometimes they are impossible too
My Lord creates a path in the sea for me
And He leads me out of troubles to where I can be with Him
Young Lad

Although I am a young lad
I am searching for Your footsteps, O Lord to follow them
to where I can be in Your likeness
Show me O Lord where to go
Lead me O Lord to know Your will for me
So I can be one with You for the rest of my days
WITNESS

It was a dark night
It was a gloomy and silent night
Sadness came over the place
Passover would not be the same again
The disciples were hiding
They were scared and unsure
The tomb was shut up with a large stone
No one could imagine or dream
The work of God that surpasses all minds
In the blink of an eye the darkness became light
Sadness and confusion became blessings
What a wonderful day! the day You were raised from the dead
When You changed death to life
When You gave us salvation and life with You
Glory be to You O Lord
Lord

You carried so much on Your shoulders
All our sins, our iniquities and our ignorance
You did not even open Your mouth to complain or to blame
But instead, You asked the Father to grant us forgiveness
Lord thank You for Your love, humbleness, kindness, and forgiveness
Lord thank You for Your gift of grace that we do not deserve
**I love You Lord**

Lord, You are always there for me
No matter how, where, when, and who I am
Your arms shelter me from everything
You fill my heart with hope so I can try again
You give me hope, You will always be there for me
And You will see me through the troubles in my heart
And will help me understand
That You are the only one I need
Prayers

It is not about the words I say
It is about what I truly feel inside
Prayers remind me to be thankful
Prayers make God see my tears
Prayers bring me closer to God
Prayers remind me of all His great work in me
Prayers protect me from doubts
Prayers feed my soul and mind
Prayers remind me of the Lord’s presence
Prayers awakens my faith
Prayers allow me to hear the one I love
Prayers put my feet on the right track
Prayers cover me on the day I am in distress
And most of all
Prayers make my spirit grow
Thank you Lord for allowing me to pray to You
God’s Love Endures Forever

When you put your foot in the water,
He will part the sea for you
If you can not climb the wall, He will bring it
down for you
When you stretch your hand, He will pull you
up
When you call on him, He will answer you
When you cry, He will comfort you
When you are in trouble, He will save you
What a wonderful friend He is
HEALING
Faith versus Fear

I see Satan out to get me
He is watching all my moves
He is trying to fill my mind with doubts
And to let me know there is no way out
He is trying to put fear in my heart
And to take my faith away
But lord
You have taught me no matter what happens
to me
You are right here with me
To lead me to You
To free my soul from bondage
To clean all my sins
To illuminate the way to You
Lord
Let me humble myself
fill my life with faith
And then
Fear, doubt, and anxiety
   Will disappear
Standing at The Door

In my ignorance, I stood at the door of the church and felt that I will not be satisfied. Then I said, "The church will not fill me, the teaching is weak, the servants are stumbling, the rituals are boring, the liturgy is too long, the prayers are too difficult and are useless!"

Then the Lord called me saying, "Enter into the deep. Why are you standing at the door? You are still outside the church and you have not tasted its beauty. Go deeper to be filled with the Spirit."

Then I drew close to the altar and saw the heavens open.

And I saw Christ standing as a priest and a sacrifice.

He said, “Focus your eyes on Me and you will not see your brothers’ weaknesses.”

When I saw my father the priest preaching, I
heard the Holy Spirit teaching me deep meanings from simple words
I saw the Lord assisting the weaknesses of His servants
I felt the spirit of the rites and how wonderful it was to those who understood it
I experienced the holy liturgy as the Lord’s living scripture
I understood the beauty of Agpya prayers of psalms and litanies
Then I asked myself, why did I spend my whole life standing at the door of the church?
A prayer for healing

O Lord

Great suffering is surrounding me
My needs are multiplying right in front of me
I am afraid of what I see

My dear Lord
I need Your Loving arms to surround me
And to ease the pain inside me

Oh Lord
Grant me Your grace
So, I can gain courage
And wisdom to calm the storm inside of me

O Lord
Lead me to a place of healing
For forever I am Yours
A Girl Asked
Lord, why do you care about me who am a loser?
I do not have anything good or anything at all to offer You!
The Lord answered her and said, “It is enough to see your love for Me,
And your desire to spend time with Me delights My heart.”
That is all that God wants from His children
He desires their companionship on earth and in heaven
God does not want us to preach by words,
But rather by our works,
our attitude and our relationship with Him
God is not looking for saints!
He is looking for a life of repentance and a life of prayers coming from the heart of hearts
Be Yourself

Who am I in Christ?

I am seeking man’s approval instead of seeking the approval of Christ

I am hiding and not allowing people to discover the real me

I am losing myself and my identity

Pray and ask the Lord to help you to be one with Him and to be able to reveal your true self
JESUS REIGNS OVER MY HEART
God's tender mercy

The sky is showering me with kisses
They are comforting my achy heart
Teaching me that God has never forgotten me
Although, sometimes, it is not the choice I want,
But God’s choices and times are always right
So, I say goodbye to sadness
And hello to an unknown future
For I am trusting the Lord to lead me to the best life for me
And to salvation with Him
My Father

My Father’s love never fails to comfort me
He is always there for me
He is always there to shower me with His love
To comfort me when I am lost and confused
To hold my hand when I am drowning in sorrow
My Father’s love never fails to comfort me
He is always there for me
To touch my heart when it is full of pain
To wipe my tears when I can no longer
To grant me a smile in the middle of my distress
My Father’s love never fails to comfort me
He is always there for me
To whisper in my ear whenever I need a kind word
To open my eyes when I no longer can see
To turn my loss to a blessing for me
My Father’s love never fails to comfort me
He is always there for me
The Love of God

When God came to the world Satan was puzzled by him
For He was born in a manager not in a mansion
He lived in suffering not in luxury
He came to serve not to be served
Satan will never understand and will never comprehend
Why God loves us so much
Why He needs us to be His
Why He carried our sins
Why He was ready to accept the blame
He does not know that this was God’s will and plan all along
To save the world
His destiny had been planned a long time ago
It did not begin when He was born but long
before the world came to exist
God promised to save His children for His
love is greater than anyone can imagine
Satan asked the question
Are they worth any of this?
God’s answer was “yes!”
Because He is the one capable who of making
us worthy
So, never despair and never fear
God is always near to carry you through your
life’s journey
Rejoice and be glad
Reminder

God gives us many talents and many blessings
And in return, He expects us to be active and receptive to Him
He does not want His children to be passive or lazy in their relationship with Him
Life is very short even if, sometimes, it seems too long
Therefore, we should remind ourselves that every day might be our last
Every day we must do the best we can to make it a blessed day
Regardless of our pain and disappointments Knowing that we cause God the same pain and disappointment when we don't follow His plan for us or when we go astray.
Therefore, we must forgive others
And give thanks to the Lord God for His mercy on us
You Are the One I Love

Lord
You put a seed of love in my heart a long time ago
You allowed it to grow little by little in me
Until it multiplied
And filled my heart with love for everyone around me
Lord I was blind to see that you are the source
of everything good in me
Until You opened my eyes
And let me see
That Your love for me was always there
Carrying me through my life
So I came running to You my Lord
For I finally realized
That what I was looking for
is the only one I love

God’s Present

Each day we wake up again in the morning
is a beautiful present
we do not know what it will be
It can be something we have been waiting for
or something unexpected
It can be a memory from the past
It can be a hope for a wonderful future
It can be a word of encouragement
It can be something we do not want
It can be something we do not appreciate
It can be something to bring tears to our eyes
It can be something that will bring sorrow to our heart
But whatever this present might be
We have to accept it
We have to give thanks for it
Because God knows what is best for us
God knows all of our needs
So, do not be discouraged
Maybe someday you will find
The present your heart desires
Amazing Love

Through the cross

Your message became so clear

God is very near

God’s amazing love was revealed

When He gave us His only Son

To suffer in our place

Through the cross

You taught me

What I should do to be like You

To carry others’ burden

To learn to scarify

To do God’s will

To pray for others

To forgive others

Through the cross

You died for me to set my soul free

To give me life with You
Until I am united in heaven with You

_The Journey of the Cross_

They heard about His amazing power
Raising the dead, calming the storm, and
opening the eyes of the blind
Everyone cheered and marveled
He must be the one we were waiting for
He’s going to be our king
He came to save us
Finally, they would be free
They would have power
They would not be defeated
But this was not God’s plan
No one understands
No one comprehends
God wants all His people back
And He will do what it takes
But He had a journey to make
No matter what anyone says
On the cross He will go
He will die to let us know
How much He loves us
Your Cross

My eyes were drawn to Your cross
My body became still, and my thoughts
carried me away …
I saw You alone in the garden
You were weeping, begging, and full of
sorrow
No one was awake to comfort you
I saw
God had a plan for You to fulfill
He never meant for You to stay
Your journey had to start for everyone to see
Your gift of salvation
No one was aware of what would happen
How much suffering You will endure
A carpenter made a heavy cross for You
To left on the day
Satan stirred everyone’s wrath against You
No friends around to comfort You
Everyone ran for their life
Too many false accusations against You
Carrying Your cross all alone despite Your
many wounds and great pain
Going up the narrow and dusty road like a
lamb waiting to be slaughtered
Your wounded body was bleeding while you
prayed in silence for all to be finished
My eyes grew full of tears
To thank You lord for what You had endured
to save a sinner like me
Mary What Did You Feel

Mary what did you feel
When the angel announced to you
That you are the one and
Christ will be your son
and your life will never be the same?

Mary what did you feel
When you touched Him with your own hands,
carried Him in your arms and
when you hugged Him for the first time?

Mary what did you feel
When He looked at you with His eyes,
when He gave you a smile and
when He spoke His first word?

Mary what did you feel
when you knew you are the one who needed
Him,
the one who longed for Him and

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the one who are cared for by Him?
I wonder!
What did the angels do?
Did they look with surprise?
Did they have many questions to ask?
Did they Marvel with joy?
I wonder!
Did the angels know
the kind of life that He will lead?
Did they know of the suffering awaiting Him?
of the tremendous pain He will go through.
Mary what did you feel
When you no longer held Him in your arms?
When you saw Him suffering and in agony?
When everyone doubted Him
Mary
Your silence is amazing
But
I saw your heart broken in pieces
I saw your tears gushing from your heart
I saw you trembling with sorrow
Mary
How did you keep all of your suffering inside?
How did you give and never receive?
How did you handle looking at His falling body?
Mary
Thank you for all what you taught us
Thank you for your love and compassion for us
Thank you for being you
Suffering

Suffering makes life hard to handle
Through my tears and my fears my hope
disappears
When it gets to be unbearable for me
I look at Your cross
I survive through feeling Your pain
Suffering is not something far from You
You suffered since the day you were born
You never once complained
Through your pain You made everyone
happy
The blind, the lame and the leper rejoiced
You carried the sin of the world by Yourself
When You were sorrowful no one heard You
complaining
Beaten, wounded, and hated by all
I see thorns pressing and tearing Your skin
I see nails hammered through Your hands and feet
I see a spear shooting deep into Your side
I see great suffering in Your heart
How much pain can You bear?
But You never gave up hope
For
God the Father is always there for You
Carrying You all the way through
So
I should never give in or despair
For
You will never let go of my hand
Suddenly, someone will come through
To make my heart full of peace
And my soul will rejoice and be pleased
Thank You Lord