

"Sacrifice in Service"

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God's Greatest Commandment: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." (Matthew 22:37).

The best way to show our love for God is to serve Him with all our heart, mind, and soul. Let us serve Him with a perfect heart, a willing mind, and everything that we have.

We can serve the Lord through the Lord's Flock Community. We join the different activities with a happy heart and gladness. We come before God with singing during Praise and Worship gatherings. We also thank the Lord for the many blessings we are receiving.

Our Lord Jesus Christ has given us an example of His sacrificial love. He commands us to imitate His sacrificial love.

"Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life?" (Matthew 16:24-26).

To be saved and to enter the kingdom of God, we all need to sacrifice. We should do everything in order to gain eternal life.

Sacrifice is giving up something for God. St. Paul and Blessed Mother Theresa of Calcutta are examples of people who made great sacrifices for God. Like them, we should not expect anything in return when we sacrifice for the Lord.

God wants only one thing from us – and that is everything! We should not give God less than the best – but only the best! We should always consider Him priority no. 1. We should give Him even what is most precious to us in order to prove how much we love God. Sacrifice it all in the altar of God!

We are all sinners but this should not be a hindrance for us to serve the Lord. If we ask for His forgiveness, He will forgive us and give us the grace to change. The Lord wants us to feel His love and power.

The proof of our love of our Lord is tested on how much is our willingness to sacrifice for Him. Let us love Jesus with our sacrificial love and please His Father!