

Learning How to Embrace the Cross

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Reflective Questions

“I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us,”
Rm. 8:18.

1. Father Ricardo says that God doesn't will anyone to suffer, but that the human family invited suffering into the world through sin. How might knowing that suffering is the result of sin change the way you view your suffering?
2. Every sin that a person commits introduces disorder into their relationship with God, with themselves, with others, and with creation. When have you witnessed this in your own life?
3. God the Father accepts our suffering as He does the suffering of Jesus. When we offer our suffering in union with Christ's, it acquires value in the mission of saving souls. What sufferings can you offer in union with Jesus' suffering?
4. The devil can try to tell us lies in times of suffering, such as that God has let us down or is not with us in our suffering. How can you work on remembering that God is with you when you're suffering?