

Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi

1566-1607

HELL

The famous mystic, Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, had an intellectual vision on the condemnation of a soul to Hell, on account of the contempt he expressed towards the indulgences of the Church.

“On the Thursday following the 22nd of the said month of December 1594, at approximately the 24th hour (Midnight), her mind was enraptured in ecstasy and she was shown by the Lord a soul who in that moment passed from this life and was condemned to eternal punishments; but she did not know who the soul was, nor from which province or city, but she knew well that it was a man of low social class who had led a wicked and very shameful life, and among other things he did not care about the treasures of the Church, disparaging the indulgences and other gifts and graces that the Church grants to her faithful.

And she understood that the Lord gave her that vision in order to awaken us and ignite in us zeal and desire for the salvation of souls, since, He told her, if we could comprehend what it is that entails the damnation of a soul we would forget to take care of the necessities of our body.

But the Lord was lamenting (as He did with other Saints) that He did not have someone who would beg and urge Him to have mercy on His creatures, (and He saw this blessed creature) because the iniquities of the blasphemous are many more than the prayers and merits of the just, and God was almost forced by those very iniquities to pour out His wrath, but instead He sought that there would be in us the zeal and the longing for the souls, thus to elicit His mercy.

Understood by this blessed soul, Mary Magdalene, was that the creature who harbors this zeal and desire for the salvation of souls, and helps them as much as it is possible for her, is so grateful to God that He believes that she would be able to do for Him what Saint Augustine longed to do for Him when speaking for himself he said to Him:

‘If you, my God, were Augustine, and I was God, I would want to become Augustine so that you would become God? And she understood other things on this subject that I leave out for brevity.’

