

# Saint Veronica Giuliani

Part 2

1660-1727

PURGATORY

Still in her *Diary* we find this other episode: “On that said morning, after having received Communion, it seemed to me that God made me understand that the mentioned soul was in Purgatory and with great suffering. Immediately a very dark and frightful place was shown to me; I understood that the soul was there. I came back to my senses with great fear and I thought that it was Hell, not Purgatory. I helped myself with prayer as much as I could.

In another rapture that place was again shown to me and I thought to see, in the midst, something like a frightening animal. It lasted for just a short time; and then it disappeared completely. I understood that it was the same soul, shown to me in that form. I came back to my senses with such a great fear and trembling, that it lasted me for a long time. There remained in me a great compassion for the souls of Purgatory. I did not recount all I had seen; I doubted that it was something diabolic.

The next night, I had that vision for two or three times; and it seemed to me that the mentioned soul was telling me: ‘These are not diabolical things; it is true that I suffer; and, if you would perceive my suffering, you would die of pain.’ It seemed to me that the voice came out from that place; I saw something like a shadow in flames disappear there; and I

came back to my senses. For several days I had the same vision; and it was always confirmed to me that it was the same soul.

One night, among others, that place was shown to me with more clarity. It was represented to me as such a terrible and very tormenting place, that I thought it was Hell. I cannot explain it in writing; it was something that brought me great fear and fright. I thought I saw various kinds of tormenting manners; and they were tormenting many souls, all at the same time. I seemed to see, floating on air, many of them attached to something, but I didn't understand what it was. One, among the others, had more pain; and this one I thought was the mentioned soul. God made me realize that He wanted me to understand completely the torments the soul suffered and why she suffered them; that would be a grace for me because I had to amend many things; also it would serve to instruct the others; and I had to recount everything to my confessor so that he would benefit himself or the souls that he has under his direction. These things were confirmed to me at various times, in prayer along with showing me that place and the torments there. All this made me offer prayers to God with great care for all the souls of Purgatory, especially for this one, in case she still needed help.”

