

FOR DELIVERANCE FROM FALSE DESIRES AND FEARS

Deliver me, O Jesus,
from desire to be esteemed,
from the desire to be loved,
from the desire to be honored,
from the desire to be praised,
from the desire to be preferred to others,
from the desire to be consulted,
from the desire to be approved,
and from the desire to be popular.

Deliver me, O Jesus,
from the fear of being humiliated,
from the fear of being despised,
from the fear of being rebuked,
from the fear of being slandered,
from the fear of being forgotten,
from the fear of being wronged,
from the fear of being treated unfairly,
and from the fear of being suspected.

And, dear Jesus, grant me the grace
to desire that others might be more loved than I,
that others might be more esteemed than I,
that in the opinion of the world, others may increase and I decrease,
that others might be chosen and I be set aside,
that others may be preferred to me in everything,
that others may become holier than I, provided that I, too,
become as holy as I can.