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Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.

Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring.

O Eternal God, receive the sacrifice of my life in this Mystical Body of Holy Church. I have naught to give save what Thou hast given me.

It is not the hour to seek one's self for one's self, nor to flee pains in order to possess consolations; nay, it is the hour to lose one's self.

O unfathomable depth! O Deity eternal! O deep ocean! What more could You give me than to give me Yourself?

The blood of Christ reveals God's gracious will, which neither wants nor seeks anything but that we be made holy. Whatever he gives or permits is given out of love so that we may be made holy in him. This is how the truth is fulfilled.

I turn me and lean against the most Holy Cross of Christ Crucified, and there I will fasten me.

What hast Thou taught me, O Love Uncreated? Thou hast taught me that I should bear patiently like a lamb, not only harsh words, but even blows harsh and hard, and injury and loss.

Through charity to God we conceive virtues, and through charity toward our neighbors, they are brought to the birth.

O eternal Trinity, You are a deep sea in which the more I seek the more I find, and the more I find, the more I seek to know You.

Truly this light is a sea which feeds the soul until it is all immersed in You, O peaceful Sea, eternal Trinity!

Clothe me, O eternal Trinity, clothe me with Yourself, so that I may pass this mortal life in true obedience and in the light of the most holy faith with which You have inebriated my soul.

Father, I am hungry; for the love of God give this soul her food, her Lord in the Eucharist,

Arise, my soul, and follow your Redeemer, for no one can go to the Father but by Him. O sweet Christ, Christ-Love, You are the way, and the door through which we must enter in order to reach the Father.

Charity, the mother of patience, has given her as a sister to obedience, and so closely united them together that one can not be lost without the other. Either thou hast both or thou hast neither.