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*"Habéis oído que antes se dijo: 'Ojo por ojo y diente por diente.' Pero yo os digo: No resistáis a quien os haga algún daño. Al contrario, si alguien te pega en la mejilla derecha, ofrécele también la otra. Si alguien te demanda y te quiere quitar la túnica, déjale también la capa. Y si alguien te obliga a llevar carga una milla, ve con él dos Al que te pida algo, dáselo; y no le vuelvas la espalda a quien te pida prestado". (Mt 5, 38-42)*

### **Lectio: ¿Qué dice el texto bíblico en sí mismo?**

But I say this to you: offer no resistance to the wicked. Give to anyone who asks you, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away. Do not give back evil for evil received. "But I say to you do not offer resistance to the wicked".

### **Meditatio: ¿Qué nos dice el texto bíblico a nosotros?**

This Gospel is a reminder of our constant call to love one another. The Lord Jesus is calling us to live a generous life – As Sisters Hospitallers, it is our responsibility to Give, Share and Lend Generously. When somebody is looking for help, do we pass by on the other side, like the priest in the parable of the Good Samaritan or we stop to help? The Lord is asking us not to take revenge or retaliate evil with evil.



Again, the Gospel reminds us that, the life and teachings of Jesus reveal that the Spirit of the law, which is love, should be our Christian compass. Whatever we do as children of God, we must allow the spirit of the law to lead us and not the letter of the law. The Lord Jesus Christ has fulfilled this law by the perfect sacrifice of His life on the cross. Jesus died not for just but for sinners. In similar way, we must love our enemies and pray for those who treat us badly. "Give to anyone who asks you", like our Holy Father Pope Francis calls on us not to ignore anybody begging on the street, and says the way one reaches out to the person looking for help must be done "by looking at them in the eyes and touching their hands". We should try to live this perfect love of God in our communities, place of work, and anyone we come in contact with.

**Oratio: ¿Qué decimos nosotros al Señor como respuesta a su Palabra?**

Lord Jesus I thank you for your inspiring and challenging words presented to us this day, telling us that evil is overcome, and the evildoer's life changes, when we resist evil not with the same arms of the evildoer but by believing in the power of love and of goodness. Grant us Lord the courage to draw deeply on our reserves and to depend on you. Help us, Lord, with your bountiful grace and strength to act in unexpected and life-giving ways. Lord your word says the radical nature of the teaching of Jesus compels us to engage in a positive manner with all those we encounter. Fill our hearts, we pray, with the grace of your Holy Spirit, love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, and self-control. Teach us to love those who hate us; to pray for those who despitefully use us; that we may be the children of your love.

**Contemplatio: ¿Qué conversión de la mente, del corazón y de la vida nos pide el Señor?**

As Hospitallers the good attitude and actions we can put in order to living the hospitaller charity, is try to be faithful to live the teachings



of Jesus and also emulate his compassion, love, mercy forgiveness among ourselves, the co-workers and the people we serve. Like St., Paul wrote in his Letter to the Romans: "Never pay back evil with evil; let your concern be, to do good to all men. And not allow ourselves to be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good" (Rm 12, 17.21). To be able to have this attitude is necessary to have much faith in the possibility to recover that the human being has. Let us have that compassionate heart to care for the others despite their actions. And this will sum up the language of perfection, maturity, and fulfilment in life. I believe that when we are in touch with our own selves and recognize the forgiveness of God in our lives, and then we can do nothing other than allow God's grace in us to flow uninterruptedly to others.

To live and share the Charism of hospitality we need to pay attention to these beautiful words of our Lord, but I say this to you: offer no resistance to the wicked. Give to anyone who asks you, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away. Do not give back evil for evil received.

*Lord, give us strength this day to respond to your call to love one another. Give us courage to turn the other cheek and to pray for our enemies instead of seeking evil against them. Father, give us the spirit of readiness to walk the extra mile and turn the other cheek. May the Lord fill us with His peace Amen.*

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