

# The Voice We Have Lost!

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The narrative of the Passion is filled with conflicting voices. There is the voice of betrayal in Judas, the voice of fear in Peter, the voice of injustice in Pilate, and the voice of the crowd crying for crucifixion.

These voices are not distant from our reality; they live on in today's world. We hear them in political manipulation, in economic

exploitation, in systems that favor the powerful while neglecting the vulnerable. Yet, amidst these voices, Christ introduces a radically different one: *"Father, forgive them."* This is the voice we have lost, the voice that does not perpetuate hatred but interrupts it with mercy. Hatred is answered with forgiveness, violence with surrender, and death with the promise of life.

The divine response, *"Father, forgive them,"* reveals that the true solution to the crises of the world, wars, injustice, and social fragmentation, cannot be found solely in external systems or policies. They require a deeper conversion, a shift from the language of domination to the language of love.

Only when the human heart is transformed can society begin to heal. It begins when individuals choose understanding over judgment, when families replace harsh words with compassion, when leaders pursue justice over personal gain, and when communities stand in solidarity with the suffering.

Ultimately, Holy Week invites us to recover **"the voice we have lost."** It calls us to listen again to the silent, yet powerful, language spoken on the Cross: *"Father, forgive them."* It reminds us that even in a world torn by conflict and uncertainty, love remains the only force capable of true transformation.

If humanity can rediscover this voice, and learn again to speak the language of love, then even the deepest wounds of our time may begin to heal, and the darkness of Good Friday may once again give way to the hope of Easter morning.



Peace,

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