

At the End of the Day, the Day Ends!

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October comes with a unique kind of silence. The leaves begin to fall, the days grow shorter, and nature seems to whisper a truth we often forget: nothing in this world lasts forever. Morning becomes evening, beginnings become endings, and every journey eventually reaches its destination. At the end of the day, the day ends.

As the Salvatorians around the world celebrate the solemnity of Mary Mother of the Savior (*Mater Salvatoris*), we are invited not only to honor Mary, but also to ask ourselves a deeper question: *"What am I doing with the day God has given me?"*

Every day is a gift, but every day is also a gift we spend. We spend our time working, praying, serving, planning, and sometimes simply trying to survive. We can become so concerned about tomorrow that we fail to live today. Yet, time never waits for us. The clock moves quietly, the sun sets, and suddenly the day is gone.

Mary teaches us another way. She did not know everything that awaited her, but she knew how to say yes to God: *"Let it be done to me according to your word."* She welcomed Jesus, carried Him, gave Him to the world, and remained faithful even at the foot of the Cross. Her greatness was not found in fame, power, or possessions, but in faithful love.

One day, our earthly day will also end. Our titles, achievements, possessions, and certificates will remain behind. What will remain before God? Whom did I love? Whom did I serve? Whom did I forgive? Whom did I encourage? Whom did I bring closer to the Savior?

This is the heart of *Mater Salvatoris* and of our Salvatorian vocation: to make the Savior known and loved by all ways and means.

So, do not postpone love, do not postpone forgiveness, and do not postpone prayer. Live today, serve today, and love today. Because at the end of the day, the day ends.

Mater Salvatoris, ora pro nobis.

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