

Consolation, I would tell you it with very good Heart, because you wish it: but what then? This will be when it shall please God; but I still complain of you, who will send me no word of What you Believe you can serve me in. Being free from studies, you have in fact more facility for conversing with God, and fewer distractions. God disposes everything for our good: I bless him for it with all my Heart, and pray him to Lead you to the point of perfection whither he calls you. I avow to you, for my part, that I have always found it difficult to Conceive how there happened to be persons in good religions who could not discover the Means to entertain themselves by prescribing to themselves some occupations, when religion Imposes none on them. I know not what opinions such persons have of Prayer, of the reading of the bible, of the holy Fathers, of the Lives of the Saints; and although they may answer that they take no pleasure in study, at least they would be ashamed to answer that they do not love prayer. And, even though they had aversion for it, they ought to apply themselves to it a little,—and, after a little time, a little more; and by so doing, I doubt not that they would come to find Contentment in it: *non habet amaritudinem Conversatio Illius*. As for you, my dearest brother, I account you very happy if God call You to This Intimate Communication With Him; and, if he Cast you into Perplexity of business, I beg you, take good Courage,—there is no office in religion to which God calls us, wherein we cannot and should not praise him. I hope that he will grant both of us the Grace thereto, and that he will place us where we ought to be; let us not trouble ourselves herein, whether you be