

With st. Peter or With st. John,—*quid ad te?* Suffice it for us that He is the one who will so bestow us. Concerning the request which the holy Ghost made for you on the day of Your profession, I thank his divine Goodness for the Fact that he Confirms you in the hope of seeing it one day fulfilled; and I pray him with all my Heart that he fulfill it when it shall be to his glory. Let us both go, my dear brother, to Martyrdom; *eamus et nos et moriamur Cum illo*. Alas, It is in his goodness and Mercy that we put our entire Confidence. As for seeing you once again, This would be a very special Consolation to me: but I pray God that he do in the matter what is for his glory. Let us try, at all events, whenever we Remember each other, to direct and fix our gaze upon Jesus Christ; And in him we shall find all our Consolation, strength, and Virtue. If I had respect mainly to my own Interest, I would desire that your Reverend Father Provincial would send You often, to accompany Preachers; so that, not depending on a sacristan, you might give me more share in your holy Sacrifices. I thank You very much for having done so. As you request of me, let us Continue to pray for the poor prodigal Child; it is True that he arouses in me exceeding great Compassion. He sends me word that he has been much Consoled by my letters, and that he has read and reread them, in order to maintain himself longer in the thoughts of my good Instructions, and to open the door of his Heart to God,—that he fancied that God spoke to his Soul through my lips. He offers me his service to send me Whatever I shall ask of him; “I am wholly yours,” he says, “and Whatever I possess (which I ought not to possess).”