

Seeds of Hope, Stories for Lent #25 – *A Mother’s Love*

Is there any love greater than a mother’s love? My friend, Fr Jim Willig, realized when he was at his parents’ convalescing after his cancer surgery, how much, how great, was his mother’s love.

Of course, his fathers’ love inspired him as well, for he was especially good at doing the little favors for him. But his mom was especially good at just sitting at his side, praying for him and encouraging him.

In fact, he and his mother had a little signal worked out. If the door was closed, she knew he was wanting his privacy. But if he left the door open, that was his invitation for her to come, if she cared to come, and just sit with him and pray with him.

Those who suffer know sometimes the hardest part of suffering is the loneliness, especially during the night. Fr Jim’s mother knew this. So if she saw the door open, she would always come to him. And there she would sit with him and pray with him.

He told me he felt such tremendous strength and consolation in her prayer, so much so that he felt she was suffering right along with him.

We all have such a mother in our Mother Mary in heaven. All we have to do is leave that door open, for she desperately wants to come in and be with us, especially when we are suffering or hurting.

If we pray the Rosary daily, she will come to us. This is one very beautiful way to open the doors of our hearts to our Mother Mary. I promise you, as she promises us, that she will be with us and she will pray that we receive the consolation, encouragement, and spiritual strength that we so need.

What a difference this kind of prayer makes! Ask our Mother Mary to come into your life, to bring you closer to her Son. She is our best companion and surest guide on our journey to Jesus.

All you need to do is leave the door to your heart open.

Amen? Amen!

For Further Reflection...

***1. Was there ever a time when you felt you shut the door of communication on someone?
When was this and how did you feel?***

2. Who in your life do you leave the door open to when you want to talk? What is special about them?

“Seeing his mother with the disciple whom he loved, Jesus said to his mother, “Woman, there is your son.” In turn, he said to the disciple, “There is your mother.” John 19:26-27