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**Thank You for Your Generosity
May God Bless You**

I asked my dear brothers and sisters if they wanted to receive the blessings of our Lord Jesus Christ, because I love all of them very much and I felt so much compassion to see them suffer, and I only wanted them to be happy.

I arrived at a house where an old lady was sitting and I asked her for a donation, but she told me that her family was not home. I felt a lot of compassion for her and I gave her a picture of our Lord Jesus Christ anyway, without asking her for anything, so that God would bless her. Then she told me that she was going to check if she had any money. She looked for her little purse, opened it, and gave me a little coin of one peso (5 cents).

As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. "Truly I tell you," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

I sat on a bench in the park to rest, and a disabled young man with a missing arm sat next to me. I told him that I was a servant of God and I asked him if he would like to give me a donation; but he told me, I do not know if it was out of embarrassment or he did not want to offend me, that he only had one coin. Then he reached into his pocket and he gave me the only coin that he had left, a little coin of one peso (5 cents), with great joy. I was truly surprised by his love and generosity.

Sadly, there were also some people who gave reluctantly. They gave very little of what was left over; they gave me less than what it cost me to print a picture of our Lord Jesus Christ. But I received their donations with great humility and gratitude, without complaining, because each one should give according to what he/she has decided in his/her heart, as our Father Saint Paul taught us, so that his/her generosity may be rewarded by the Lord with many blessings. "Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor 9: 6-7) I also blessed them, but it would have been better if they had not given anything, because God loves the ones who give with joyful heart.

Meanwhile the rich complained that the economy was bad or they did not have time to listen to me, and they did not want to give anything. Poor miserable souls who always live too preoccupied with money to remember God! Do not they know that they cannot buy the Lord's blessings with all the gold of the world? There are so many suffering souls who would give everything to be able to be with God, and they spurn His Blessed Mercy.

Thank You, Lord, for all Your love and Your mercy. Blessed are You forever.