

At Prayer with Saint Therese Couderc

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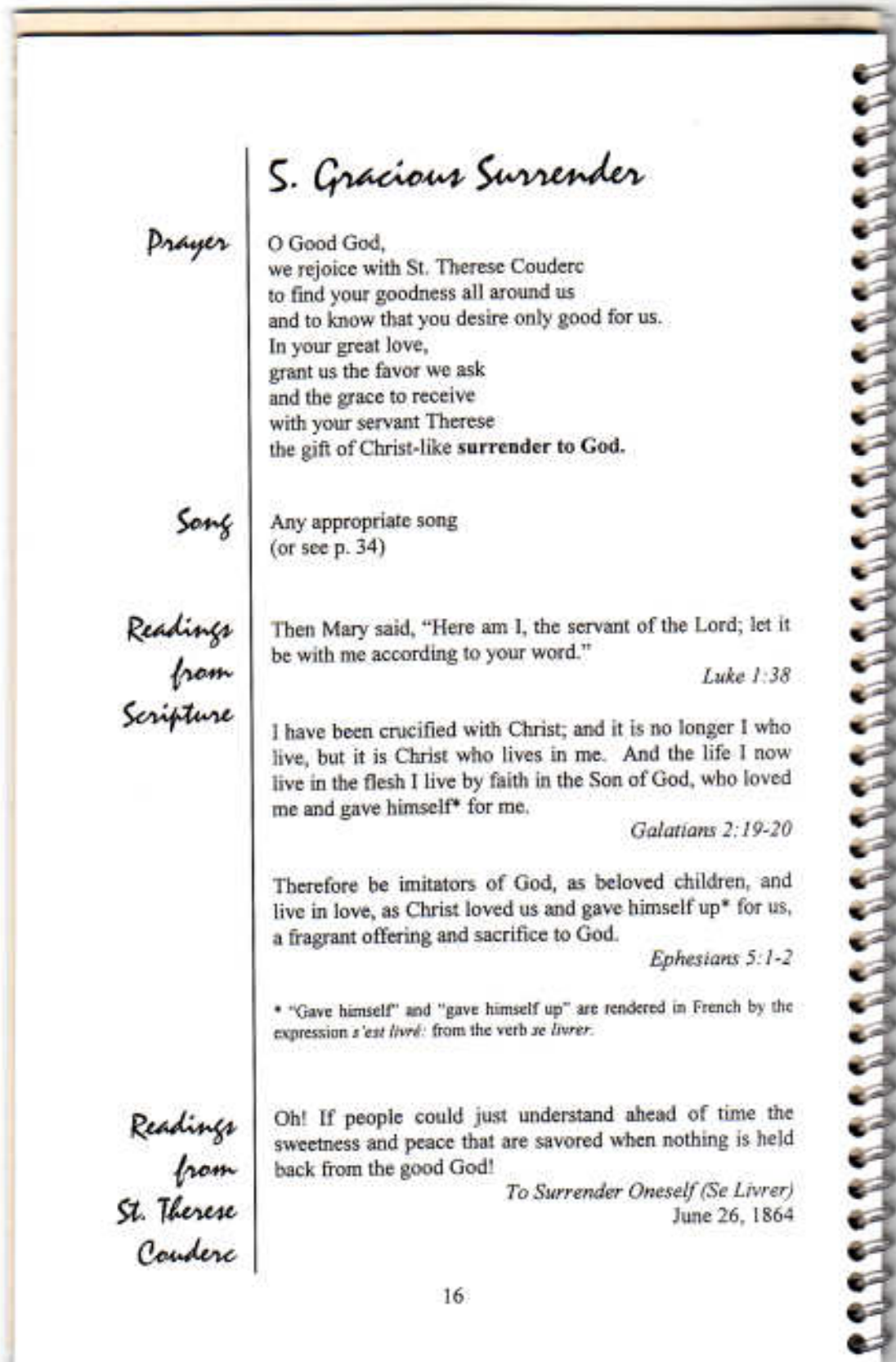
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5. Gracious Surrender

Prayer

O Good God,
we rejoice with St. Therese Couderc
to find your goodness all around us
and to know that you desire only good for us.
In your great love,
grant us the favor we ask
and the grace to receive
with your servant Therese
the gift of Christ-like **surrender to God**.

Song

Any appropriate song
(or see p. 34)

Readings from Scripture

Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it
be with me according to your word."
Luke 1:38

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who
live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now
live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved
me and gave himself* for me.
Galatians 2:19-20

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and
live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up* for us,
a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:1-2

* "Gave himself" and "gave himself up" are rendered in French by the
expression *s'est livré*: from the verb *se livrer*.

Readings from St. Therese Couderc

Oh! If people could just understand ahead of time the
sweetness and peace that are savored when nothing is held
back from the good God!
To Surrender Oneself (Se Livrer)
June 26, 1864

Not my will be done, but [God's]. That is my favorite prayer which I mean to pray every day as long as there is breath left in me, because it is the one which gives me and leaves me with the greatest peace of soul.

Letter to Mother Marie Aimée Lautier

October 16, 1881

Surrender myself, that is all I did during this retreat — the good God did all the rest.

Letter to Mother de Laroche-négly

February 13, 1864

I abandon myself sincerely to God's will and good pleasure, and when I have *sincerely* made this act of abandonment, I am calm and I experience a great peace.

Letter to Mother de Laroche-négly

November 25, 1875

*(Antiphon sung at beginning and end,
or after each petition)*

Petitions

With gentle movement

My God, I wish to -
be en-tire-ly Thine! My
God, I wish to be en-tire-ly Thine!

*Text: St. Therese Couderc
Melody: Ross Hoover, rc*

O God of peace, I desire to taste the peace of surrender to you,

—teach me the simplicity of being entirely yours.

O God of goodness, I am afraid to stop clinging to my own ways,

—teach me that there is nothing to fear in your desires for me.

*Closing
Prayers*

O God of wisdom, not my will, but yours be done,
—for you can do in me far more than I can ever
imagine.

Our Father . . .
Hail Mary . . .
Glory . . .