



An Act of Abandonment

Oh my God, I thank you and I praise
you for accomplishing your holy
and all-lovable will without any regard for mine.

With my whole heart,
in spite of my heart,
do I receive this cross I feared so much!

It is the cross of Your choice,
the cross of Your love.

I venerate it;
nor for anything in the world
would I wish that it had not come,
since You willed it.

I keep it with gratitude and with joy,
as I do everything that comes from Your hand;

and I shall strive to carry it without letting it drag,
with all the respect
and all the affection which Your works deserve.

Amen.