



DAY THREE

January 18, 2016

Intercession

May those who long for a child of their own be filled with trust in God's loving plan.

Prayers

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

Reflection

It can be very difficult and painful when the Lord doesn't answer our prayers the way we hope. We may have many doubts and questions, wondering why we face the challenges that we do. Yet even though our suffering is often shrouded in a sense of mystery, we believe that the Lord loves us with great tenderness and compassion that is beyond our imagination. Knowing this, we can trust that "all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose" (Rom 8:28).

Acts of Reparation (choose one)

- Smile. Ask God today for the grace to be extra joyful, and share your love for Christ with those who need that encouragement the most today.
- Today, pray the Rosary, or even just a decade, for someone who has hurt or disappointed you, and ask for the grace to forgive that person.
- We can sometimes forget how blessed we are to have many of our daily comforts. Give up sleeping with your pillow tonight.

One Step Further

The article on infertility on the USCCB's For Your Marriage website (www.goo.gl/Jdmuy3),* addresses the topic sensitively and gives practical guidance for married couples who are walking on this road. Although geared to such couples, the article is also helpful for anyone to read, offering insight into the experience of infertility and giving awareness of the need for sensitivity in our relationships with those who may be affected.



*Full URL:

www.foryourmarriage.org/everymarriage/overcoming-obstacles/infertility/

Image: A mosaic of Our Lady of Guadalupe decorates a side altar in the Church of Santa Maria della Famiglia at the Vatican. Dec. 15. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

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