

**LET US PRAY TOGETHER  
IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SERVANT OF GOD  
LUISA PICCARRETA**

**Initial song**

**1st STOP: VIA MURGE N. 10 (Actually Via Castel del Monte)  
(Place in which Luisa Piccarreta was born)**

**Let 1:** Luisa Piccarreta was born in Corato on April 23, 1865 in the morning, to Vito Nicola and Rosa Tarantini. It was Easter Sunday: the Dominica in Albis, today the Feast of Divine Mercy. The girl is born upside down (feet first), but without her mother experiencing exceptional pain in labor. This fact becomes like a refrain in Luisa's life and at times, Luisa herself makes jokes about it, using it to explain her life conditions: "I was born upside down! It is fair that my life be contrary to the life of other creatures".

**Let 2:** Man occupies a unique place in creation: he is "in the image of God". Of all visible creatures only man is "able to know and love his creator". He is "the only creature on earth that God has willed for its own sake", and he alone is called to share, by knowledge and love, in God's own life. It was for this end that he was created, and this is the fundamental reason for his dignity... Being in the image of God the human individual possesses the dignity of a person, who is not just something, but someone. He is capable of self-knowledge, of self-possession and of freely giving himself and entering into communion with other persons. And he is called by grace to a covenant with his Creator, to offer him a response of faith and love that no other creature can give in his stead. God created everything for man, but man in turn was created to serve and love God and to offer all creation back to him...(Catechism of the Catholic Church 355-358)

**Let 3:** Love is what has impelled God to create us. His Most Holy Will has infused the life in us, giving us the divine image and likeness. Let us elevate our thanks to the Lord for having created and loved us with an immense and gratuitous love, and let us ask Him that we may receive again today his regenerating breath in order to love and adore Him with that perfection and sanctity with which the first Father Adam loved and adored Him.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory to the Father

**Petition**

O Supreme Will, come to reign upon the earth! Invest all generations! Win And conquer all. Amen!

**2snd STOP: CHIESA SANTA MARIA MAGGIORE  
(Place in which Luisa Piccarreta was baptized, on april 23, 1865)**

**Let 1:** When Jesus "came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opened and the Spirit descending upon him like a dove" (Mk 1:10). The Holy Spirit, who had worked from the beginning of creation and had led Moses and the people in the desert, now descends in fullness upon Jesus to give him the power to accomplish his mission in the world. The Spirit

is the creator of Jesus' baptism and also of our baptism. He opens the eyes of our hearts to the truth, to the whole truth. He propels our life along the path of charity. He is the gift that the Father has given to each one of us on the day of our baptism. He, the Spirit, transmits the tenderness of divine forgiveness to us. And it is again he, the Holy Spirit, who makes the revelatory Word of the Father resonate: "You are my Son" (cf. v. 11). (Pope Francis - Angelus, January 7, 2018)

**Let 2:** Luisa, on this evening of 157 years ago, was baptized in the Mother Church. Baptism is the Sacrament which has made Luisa, and makes us, children of God. On November 5, 1925 Jesus tells Luisa: "The Sacraments were instituted in order to continue my Life on earth in the midst of my children. But, alas!, how many sorrows. This is why I feel the necessity of your little love. It may be small, but my Will will make it great. My love does not tolerate for one who must live in my Will not to associate herself with my sorrows, and not to give Me her little requital of love for all that I have done and that I suffer. Therefore, my daughter, see how my love moans in the Sacraments. If I see a newborn being baptized, I cry with sorrow, because, while through Baptism I restore his innocence, I find my child again, I give back to him the rights over Creation which he had lost, I smile at him with love and satisfaction, I make the enemy flee from him, that he may no longer have any right over him, I entrust him to the Angels, and all of Heaven makes feast for him – soon my smile turns into sorrow, the feast into mourning. I see that the one who is baptized will be an enemy of mine, a new Adam, and maybe even a lost soul".

**Let 3:** Let us pray to the Lord, so that He would always make us understand in what great Mystery he makes us take part, to live it always the best possible way, and also through our testimony of faith, help the world to be open to God.

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Amen!

**3rd STOP: Torre Disperata**

"Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit." (Jeremiah 17;7)

Let 1: Mulberry Tree at Torre Disperata

Luisa used to hide in its trunk when she was little in order to pray, unnoticed. Nicola Piccarreta, Luisa's father, was a worker on a farm that belonged to the Mastrorilli family. Luisa spent many years of her childhood and adolescence on that farm in the Murge plateau, in a neighborhood called Torre Disperata, 27 kilometers from Corato. In front of the old house on that farm, this impressive, centuries-old mulberry tree still stands, with the great hollow in its trunk where Luisa used to hide when she was little in order to pray, far from prying eyes.

Let 2: This morning my adorable Jesus made Himself seen in my interior, and He seemed to have a

tree planted in His Heart, and so rooted into It, that its roots arose from the center of His Heart. In sum, it seemed to be born together with It, with the same nature. I was amazed at seeing its beauty, strikingness and height, which seemed to touch the heavens; and its branches extended out to the farthest ends of the world. Now, on seeing me so amazed, blessed Jesus told me: “My daughter, this Tree was conceived together with Me, in the center of my Heart, and from that moment I felt in my inmost Heart all the good and the evil that man would do with this Tree of Redemption, called ‘Tree of Life’. In fact, all those souls who remain united to this Tree will receive the life of grace in time, and when the Tree has raised them well, It will administer to them the life of glory in eternity. Yet, what is not my sorrow? Even though they cannot root out the Tree, nor can they touch the trunk, many try to cut some branches so that souls may not receive life, and to take away from Me all the glory and the pleasure that this Tree of Life would have produced for Me.” While saying this, He disappeared. (Vol. 4 - 11/5/02)

Let 3: Jesus, I place in your Heart the ‘I love You’ of all; upon your lips I impress my kiss in order to seal the kiss of all generations; with my arms I clasp You, to clasp You with the arms of all, to bring You the glory of all the works of creatures.

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#### **4th STOP: VIA LUISA PICCARRETA**

(Place where Luisa lived most of her life)

**Let1:** In the General Audience of February 1, 2012, Pope Benedict XVI puts in evidence the aspect of the obedience to the Will of God, saying that: “every day in the prayer of the Our Father we ask the Lord: “thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven” (Mt 6:10). In other words we recognize that there is a will of God with us and for us, a will of God for our life that must become every day, increasingly, the reference of our willing and of our being; we recognize moreover that “heaven” is where God’s will is done and where the “earth” becomes “heaven”, a place where love, goodness, truth and divine beauty are present, only if, on earth, God’s will is done. In Jesus’ prayer to the Father on that terrible and marvellous night in Gethsemane, the “earth” became “heaven”; the “earth” of his human will, shaken by fear and anguish, was taken up by his divine will in such a way that God’s will was done on earth. And this is also important in our own prayers: we must learn to entrust ourselves more to divine Providence, to ask God for the strength to come out of ourselves to renew our “yes” to him, to say to him “thy will be done”, so as to conform our will to his”.

**Let 2:** Jesus reveals to the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta that obedience was everything for Him: obedience made Him be born, obedience made Him die; obedience made Him conquer death, defeat hell, release man from his chains, open heaven and as victorious King, take possession of his Kingdom, not only for Him but for all the children who would profit from his Redemption. (from vol #2, September 1, 1899).

The most disgusting and most painful obedience for the Servant of God started on February 28, 1899, date in which her confessor Don Gennaro De Gennaro forced her to write everything that would happen between her and Jesus. Only in the Eucharist, that she received daily during Holy Mass, which was celebrated in her room, would she find all the strength for fulfilling her state of victim and of secretary of the Divine Will.

**Let 3:** Like Luisa, we want to ask our Lord to conform us to Him, always carrying out all our acts

in the Divine Will; to Him, our strong and steady thanks for “the holy obedience” of Luisa, because thanks to it, we have the possibility to know and live in the Divine Will.

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**5th STOP: THE INSTITUTE OF THE DAUGHTERS OF DIVINE ZEAL**  
**(Place where Luisa Piccarreta lived for 10 years)**

**Let 1:** Today I will speak to you about the Eucharist. The Eucharist is at the heart of “Christian initiation”, together with Baptism and Confirmation, and it constitutes the source of the Church’s life itself. From this Sacrament of love, in fact, flows every authentic journey of faith, of communion and of witness....

Jesus’ gesture at the Last Supper is the ultimate thanksgiving to the Father for his love, for his mercy. “Thanksgiving” in Greek is expressed as “eucharist”. And that is why the Sacrament is called the Eucharist: it is the supreme thanksgiving to the Father, who so loved us that he gave us his Son out of love. This is why the term Eucharist includes the whole of that act, which is the act of God and man together, the act of Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

The Eucharist is the summit of God’s saving action: the Lord Jesus, by becoming bread broken for us, pours upon us all of his mercy and his love, so as to renew our hearts, our lives and our way of relating with him and with the brethren. we don’t ever thank Lord enough for the gift he has given us in the Eucharist! It is a very great gift and that is why it is so important to go to Mass on Sunday. Go to Mass not just to pray, but to receive Communion, the bread that is the Body of Jesus Christ who saves us, forgives us, unites us to the Father. It is a beautiful thing to do! And we go to Mass every Sunday because that is the day of the resurrection of the Lord. That is why Sunday is so important to us. And in this Eucharist we feel this belonging to the Church, to the People of God, to the Body of God, to Jesus Christ. We will never completely grasp the value and the richness of it. Let us ask him then that this Sacrament continue to keep his presence alive in the Church and to shape our community in charity and communion, according to the Father's heart. (Pope Francis - General Audience - February 5, 2014)

**Let 2:** here in Corato a House has been founded, which was wanted and started by the venerable memory of father canonical Annibale Maria di Francia, and which his children, faithful to the will of their founder, have executed and given the name of House of the Divine Will, as the venerable father wanted. And he wanted me to enter this House; and on the first day of its opening, by their goodness, his sons and daughter, the reverend mothers, came to take me and brought me into a room which is such that, as the door of this room is opened, I can see the Tabernacle, I can listen to Holy Mass, I am just under the gazes of my Jesus in the Sacrament. Oh! how happy I feel...

So, as this House was about to be opened, one could see people, nuns, little girls - people coming and going, all in motion. I felt all impressed, and my sweet Jesus, moving in my interior, told me: “My daughter, this group of people whom you see all in motion for the opening of the House of my Divine Will is symbolic of that group of people when I wanted to be born in Bethlehem, and the shepherds were coming and going, to visit Me, a little Baby. This pointed out to all the certainty of my birth. In the same way, this group of people, all in motion, points out the rebirth of the Kingdom of my Divine Will. Look at how all of Heaven echoes my birth, when the Angels, celebrating it, announced Me to the shepherds,

and putting them in motion, made them keep coming to Me, and I recognized in them the first fruits of the Kingdom of my Redemption. So now, in this group of people, of little girls and nuns, I recognize the beginning of the Kingdom of my Divine Will. Oh! how my Heart exults and rejoices, and all of Heaven makes feast. Just as the Angels celebrated my birth, so do they celebrate the beginning of the rebirth of my Fiat in the midst of creatures. (From the Diary of the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta - October 7, 1928)

**Let 3:** Luisa always wanted to love you with all of herself following Your Will, oh Jesus also teaches us to walk, moving our little steps always being next to You.

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**6th STOP: VIA MADDALENA N.20  
(Place where Luisa died, March 4, 1947)**

**Let 1:** At the evening of life, we shall be judged on our love.

The Christian who unites his own death to that of Jesus views it as a step towards him and an entrance into everlasting life... Those who die in God's grace and friendship and are perfectly purified live for ever with Christ. They are like God for ever, for they "see him as he is," face to face. To live in heaven is "to be with Christ." The elect live "in Christ," but they retain, or rather find, their true identity, their own name.

For life is to be with Christ; where Christ is, there is life, there is the kingdom. By his death and Resurrection, Jesus Christ has "opened" heaven to us. The life of the blessed consists in the full and perfect possession of the fruits of the redemption accomplished by Christ. He makes partners in his heavenly glorification those who have believed in him and remained faithful to his will. Heaven is the blessed community of all who are perfectly incorporated into Christ. In the glory of heaven the blessed continue joyfully to fulfill God's will in relation to other men and to all creation. Already they reign with Christ; with him "they shall reign for ever and ever." (Cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church 1020-1029)

**Let 2:** On June 29, 1925 Luisa wrote: "I was feeling oppressed, and a thought wanted to disturb the serenity of my mind: 'And if you found yourself at the point of death, and doubts and fears came to you about the way you conducted yourself during your life, to the point of making you doubt about your salvation – what would you do?' And Jesus said: Even more, I want to tell you something very consoling for you, and of great glory for Me. It will happen with you, at your dying in time, just as it happened with Me at my death. In life, I operated, I prayed, I preached, I instituted Sacraments, I suffered unheard-of pains, and even death itself; but I can say that my Humanity saw almost nothing, compared to the great good It had done, nor did the very Sacraments have life as long as I remained on earth. As soon as I died, my death put a seal upon all my works, my words, my pains, the Sacraments; and the fruit of my death confirmed everything I did, and made my works, my pains, my words, my Sacraments which I instituted, as well as the continuation of their life until the consummation of the centuries, rise again to life. So, my death put all my works in motion, and made them rise again to perennial life. All this was right; in fact, since my Humanity contained the Eternal Word and a Will which has no beginning and no end, and which is not subject to dying, nothing was to perish of all that It did - not even a single word, but everything was to have continuation until the end of the centuries, in order to pass into Heaven to beatify all the Blessed eternally. The same will happen with you: my Will which

lives in you, speaks to you, makes you operate and suffer, will let nothing perish, not even a single word, of the so many truths I have manifested to you about my Will; It will put everything in motion, It will make everything rise again. Your death will be the confirmation of everything I have told you; and since, in the living in my Will, everything that the soul does, suffers, prays and says, contains an act of Divine Will, all this will not be subject to dying, but will remain in the world, like many lives - all in the act of giving life to creatures. Therefore, your death will tear the veils which cover all the truths I have spoken to you; and they will rise again like many suns, such as to dispel all the doubts and difficulties with which they seemed to be covered in life. So, as long as you live in this low world, you will see little or nothing in others, of all the great of all the great good which my Will wants to do through you. But after your death, it will have its full effect.”

**Let 3:** Lord, through the example of the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta, may all humanity know the road to the triumph of the life that is in Jesus, the Son of God made man for our redemption and sanctification. Death is not the last word; the last word is the Resurrection that Jesus guarantees the world, to all those who believe in Him: ”It is my Father's will that whoever sees the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and that I should raise him up on the last day” (Jn 6,40).

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**7th STOP: CHURCH SANTA MARIA GRECA  
(Place where Luisa Piccarreta is buried)**

**Let 1:** "New heavens and a new earth."

At the end of time, the Kingdom of God will come in its fullness.

The Church will receive her perfection only in the glory of heaven, when will come the time of the renewal of all things. At that time, together with the human race, the universe itself, which is so closely related to man and which attains its destiny through him, will be perfectly re-established in Christ.

Sacred Scripture calls this mysterious renewal, which will transform humanity and the world, "new heavens and a new earth." It will be the definitive realization of God's plan to bring under a single head "all things in [Christ], things in heaven and things on earth." In this new universe, the heavenly Jerusalem, God will have his dwelling among men. "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away." The beatific vision, in which God opens himself, will be the ever-flowing well-spring of happiness, peace, and mutual communion. (Cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church n. 1042-1045)

**Let 2:** *From the letter written by don Benedetto Calvi, the last confessor of Luisa, to an acquaintance emigrant in America, after the death of Luisa.* «Luisa is not with us anymore ... she is in heaven in the immense light of the Divine Will, glorious and triumphant in the glory of the saints. I have assisted her until the last moment ... she has died in my arms while I was murmuring my last but useless absolution!!!! She died as saints die, in one last act in the Divine Will. “A Saint has died”! We have lost our Luisa ... We have acquired a protectress in Paradise. United in life in the Divine Will, united forever, I hope this from God’s mercy, in the glory of the Divine Will. These are the last words of Luisa that she directed to me one hour before dying. Words that I define as “The spiritual Testament of Luisa and her great and comforting promise”: “Now I die with greater contentment, because

the Divine Will has consoled me more than usual with your presence in these last few moments of my life. “Now I see a long, beautiful and spacious road, all illuminated by an infinite number of resplendent suns – Oh, yes, I recognize them! They are the suns of my acts done in the Divine Will! This is the road that I must now take; it is the road that the Divine Will has prepared for me. It is the road of my victory. It is the road of my glory, which will unite me with the immense happiness of the Divine Will. “It is my road; it is the road that I will keep reserved for you, dear Father. It is the road that I will keep reserved for all the souls who will ever want to live in the Divine Will.”»

**Let 3:** Lord, may every man, under the example of the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta, know and live the Will of God every day in all the actions and situations that appear until the last instant of each one’s life, to be able to reach an always greater intimacy with Him, to be able to love and realize His Project of living His Will on earth as it is in heaven.

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**Prayer to the Most Holy Trinity for the Glorification  
of the Servant of God, Luisa Piccarreta**

Oh Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
we praise and thank You for the gift of holiness  
You granted to Your faithful servant Luisa Piccarreta.  
She lived, dear Father, in Your Divine Will and became,  
under the influence of the Holy Spirit, similar to Your Son,  
who died on the cross due to His obedience.  
She was a victim and a host welcome to You, thus contributing  
to the Redemption of mankind.  
Her virtues of obedience, humility, love of Christ  
and to the Church urge us to ask You for the gift  
of her glorification on earth, so that Your glory may shine,  
and Your kingdom of truth, justice and love may spread  
all over the world in the particular charisma of:  
“Fiat voluntas tua sicut in coelo et in terra.”  
We appeal to her merits to obtain from You, Holy Trinity,  
the particular grace for which we pray to You in Your Divine Will.  
Amen.

**Final song**