



*Blessed are you....*

*“Renew frequently your determination to be a saint” Mother Eliswa.*

A person who was inspired by the Sermon on the Mount was Dr. Tom Dooley. After graduating from medical school, Dooley enlisted in the Navy as a doctor.

The big day of his life came one hot July afternoon off the coast of Vietnam.

That’s when his ship rescued 1000 refugees who were drifting helplessly in an open boat. Many of the refugees were diseased and sick. Dooley had to tackle single-handedly, the job of giving medical aid to these people. It was backbreaking, but he discovered what a little medicine could do for sick people like this. He said: “Hours later, I stopped a moment to straighten my shoulders and made another discovery – the biggest of my life. I was happy [treating these people] ... happier than I had ever been before”. Dooley’s experience that hot July afternoon changed his life forever.

*“Request the prayers and help of holy people whom you come in contact with. Above all take recourse of our Blessed Mother Mary and the Saints” Mother Eliswa.*

God’s chosen ones in heaven are an enormous crowd, countless in number (Rev 7/9). Notable among them are Apostles, prophets, martyrs, pastors, confessors and virgins. They come from all parts of the world. The ideal of sanctity is not reserved for a few but meant for all without exception.

We rejoice today in the eternal blessedness of all the saints and seek their intercession. As we look forward to the beatification of Mother Eliswa let us gaze into the most fulfilling experience of her life in which lies her blessedness according to the “Sermon on the Mount”.

**Blessed are the poor in spirit** – It was her spiritual impoverishment and utter need for God that led her to seek Him with her whole heart, mind, soul and strength. In her dependent attitude, she realized her nothingness before God. This acknowledgment is the foundation which opened the door to receive God's grace and the gift of eternal life.

**Blessed are those who mourn** - True blessing came in the life of Mother Eliswa from seeking salvation for all. This is a spiritual sorrow that led her to experience God’s comfort and develop a deeper relationship with Him.

**Blessed are the meek** – Mother Eliswa knew the significance of being humble and gentle and she was rewarded. It contrasts with worldly ideas of strength, defining meekness not as weakness but as a disciplined, God-centered life style. She went against the values of the world and dependent on God.

**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst** – Mother Eliswa didn’t go after personal gain but a deep, intense longing for God's will and a desire to be in right relationship with Him. Her spiritual craving was very well manifested during those 14 years spend in self-made cell. It was certainly a driving force, an intense and sometimes painful passion for God’s way of life that indicates her spiritual health. God did fulfill his promise by leading her to a deep, soul-level salvation.

**Blessed are the merciful** – She was compassionate to the suffering humanity and forgave those who offended her. For Mother Eliswa it was not to earn salvation for herself, but rather an expression of her heart that has already received His infinite mercy. She understood her call to refrain from demanding what is her own.

May be also discover our fulfillment and seek the path that leads us to the blessedness.

*Happy Feast of all Saints!*

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