

Walking with GOD in The Deserts of our Lives

with Saint Sharbel Makhluf

A Contemplation

Saint Sharbel Makhluf, a Lebanese hermit Priest of The Maronite Order, lived a life of simple piety, humble adoration and contented quietness, by which he obtained The Peace of GOD. In the desert times and places of our lives, may we receive The same Grace bestowed on St. Sharbel, by which The Lord may also lift us up and give us His Peace. AMEN. ¹

SIRACH 3:17-20

¹⁷ ...conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts.

¹⁸ Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find mercy in the sight of GOD.

²⁰ For great is the power of The Lord; by the humble He is glorified. ²

I PETER 5:6-7

⁶ So humble yourselves under the mighty hand of GOD, that He may exalt you in due time.

⁷ Cast all your worries upon Him because He cares for you. ³

MATTHEW 5:3

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is The Kingdom of Heaven. ⁴

A Prayer

"O GOD, Who called the Priest Saint Sharbel Makhluf to the solitary combat of the desert and imbued him with all manner of devotion, grant us, we pray, that, being made imitators of The Lord's Passion, we may merit to be co-heirs of His Kingdom." With JESUS CHRIST, "Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of The HOLY SPIRIT, one GOD, for ever and ever! AMEN. ⁵

¹ "Saint Sharbel Makhluf (1828-1898). Feast Day Friday, July 24th." Monastery of Saint Maron - Sanctuary of Saint Charbel, Annaya, Lebanon. 2015.

<http://www.saintcharbel-annaya.com/home.php?lgid=0>

² New American Bible Revised Edition, SIRACH 3:17-20. Or see King James Version Bible with Apocrypha, ECCLESIASTICUS 3:17-20.

³ New America Bible Revised Edition, I PETER 5:6-7.

⁴ New American Bible Revised Edition, MATTHEW 5:3.

⁵ Collect for "Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest. Optional Memorial July 24th." Women for Faith and Family. St. Louis, MO. 1999-2005. <https://www.wf-f.org/StSharbel.html>