

*My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.*

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Dearest,

One of the most difficult and painful experiences it is to feel often misunderstood by others. Apart from the fact that we also do not understand well enough ourselves, in relationships with others, though, it always appears to be a barrier almost insurmountable.

A barrier sometimes intentional, sometimes built consciously, sometimes created to defend us, but often, even when you would like to eliminate it, you just do not succeed.

It is the barrier which prevents us from entering into full communion with neighbours, which prevents us from being perfectly known by others; this happens even in the deepest relationships of love, friendship, between parents and children, between husband and wife...

There are moments when one feels misunderstood or not understood.

You feel that there is no bad faith, but just an objective limit: the other is made in such a way that he just cannot understand some things.

Each of us, being limited, cannot exceed his limits, even if he wanted; so he cannot know who is close to his side, even the person who loves.

Well, today Jesus tells us: *I know my sheep!*

**Jesus is the only man who knows perfectly, along with God, our personal situation.**

He is the only one who knows exactly all the folds of our existence, all the darkest depths, the difficulties, the limits, but He also knows all remedies!

This is awesome! He knows all remedies.

And He knows exactly what is necessary for us to overcome our difficulties, to heal our psychological diseases, in a few words to go beyond our limit.

Faith is also this serene, full certainty, this serene and confident surrender that becomes a rest in the knowledge of God.

**So, dear, today I invite you to turn to God with this expression:**

**Lord, I know You know, I know that You perfectly know me, I know that You know how to pull me out of my plight; I know that You can, You want and You know...**

**And, then, I trust in You, I seek refuge in You, I want to rest in You.**

**Please, Lord, help me to accept your healing, help me to accept your guide, help me to accept your consolation, help me to accept the trial, the struggles, the hardships, in short everything You know is necessary for my salvation.**

**Thank you Lord Jesus, praise and glory to Thee!**