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Jesus said Nicodemus: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God." (John 3: 16-21)

St. Augustine once said: "God who created you without you will not save you without you." For this reason, Jesus's sacrifice on the cross, although potentially destined for all peoples, will be effective for many, but not for everyone. Therefore, it is necessary to adhere faithfully to God's Will in order to be saved. May our unbelief, ill-will and hardness of heart not render the sacrifice of the Son useless for us.