

When I pour out my soul in feelings of gratitude before the Lord, when I put before my eyes all the happy circumstances, all the extraordinary graces obtained up to this day to carry out the project conceived, I get lost in them. And I remain afraid of the faithfulness that I require to correspond faithfully to so many worthy favors.

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