

Prayer of forgiveness

ARTURO MARTINI, Forgiveness (1925-26)

O Lord, remember
not only the men and women of good will,
but also those of ill will.
But do not remember
all the suffering they have inflicted on us;
remember the fruits we have bought,
thanks to this suffering:
our comradeship, our loyalty,
our humility, our courage,
our generosity, the greatness of heart
which has grown out of all this,
and when they come to judgement
let all the fruits
which we have borne
be their forgiveness!

*Prayer
written by an unknown
prisoner
in Ravensbruck concentration camp
and left by the body
of a dead child.*