



Picture of Father Joseph Kentenich painted by James Tormey in 1956. He belonged to the Pioneer Couples Group in Madison and personally knew Father Kentenich.

Accept, O Lord, My Entire Freedom

Accept, O Lord, my entire freedom,
my memory, my understanding, my entire will and
my whole heart.

You have given everything to me;
I give everything back to you without reserve,
do with it what you will.
Give me but one thing:
your grace, your love, your fruitfulness.

Your grace, that I may joyfully submit to
your wish and will.

Your love, that I may always believe,
know, and sometimes even feel
that I am the apple of your eye.

Your fruitfulness, that in you and Our Lady,
I may become genuinely fruitful for our common task.
Then I am more than rich,
and will want nothing more. Amen.

(Written by Father Joseph Kentenich when imprisoned in Koblenz, Germany in a letter dated October 28, 1941)