

# ***Forerunners for Christ Los Angeles***

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**February 1, 2023 – God’s Creative Power For Today – Erlinda Cruz**

## ***Laying Down Our Lives for Love***

Focus: LAYING DOWN OUR LIVES FOR LOVE as we come closer to go to the Philippines to release a louder and more piercing cry of the bride in the end times. Let us be intentional in laying down our lives for love for the bride in the Philippines.

Laying down our time to pray, our resources, really loving His bride, denying self, taking up our cross. We have not been this way as forerunners we will lay down our own desires for His desires to manifest in His bride.

Let today’s fasting make a mark for us. Let us declare and decree that the Lord is our shepherd. We shall NOT LACK ANYTHING for this mission. We will lay our funds as seed for the prospect of revival in this land. Jesus sees us as His bride preparing His bride in this land.

So,

- Jesus identified laying down one’s life for another as the greatest expression of love (John 15:13).
  - “This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends. You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.”  
John 15:12-14
- Jesus’ love for us was manifested by laying down His life for us on the cross to satisfy God’s justice (Romans 3:26) to demonstrate that He desired that His Bride be with Him forever (John 17:24) and to model the extravagant love that the Church would display for Him and for others at times throughout church history, even in a profound and unprecedented way in the final years of this age.
  - “God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that... Christ died for us.”  
Romans 5:8
- The end-time Church will love extravagantly as Jesus did. The most extravagant kind of love is described in 15:13. The most convincing evidence of love is that love makes sacrifices for others. The issue of bloodshed magnifies the reality of love to others and awakens heroic love in many.
  - “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you... By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”  
John 13:34-35

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- All will know: The people displaying heroic love will clearly be identified as Jesus’ disciples. That does not mean that all who witness it will become born again, but they will recognize that the signature trademark of believers in the end time is to walk in extravagant, heroic love.
- Jesus’ prophetic prayer gives us the assurance of the love and unity of the end-time Church.
  - “And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one... that the world may know that You have sent Me...”  
John 17:22-23
  - “And I heard a sound like the roar of a great multitude, like the rushing of many waters, and like a mighty rumbling of thunder, crying out: “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him the glory. For the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His bride has made herself ready. She was given clothing of fine linen, bright and pure.” For the fine linen she wears is the righteous acts of the saints.”  
Revelation 19:6-8 BSB