

DAY 7: LOVE IN RETURN FOR LOVE

As our pilgrimage in the footsteps of St. John of the Cross draws to a close, with heavy hearts, we packed up our belongings in the morning, saddened by the thought of leaving behind these sacred sites and precious memories that have enriched our souls over the past days.

Gathering one last time, we joined together for Mass at the hotel, and then indulged in a hearty buffet breakfast.

During our bus ride to the airport, Susan shared with us a profound reflection on the theme of "return," drawing inspiration from the timeless wisdom of St. John of the Cross's "Sayings of Light and Love." As we journeyed homeward, Susan guided us in contemplating the significance of returning to our daily lives with a renewed sense of purpose and clarity.

Just as St. John of the Cross sought divine illumination amidst the challenges of his own journey, so too are we called to return to our ordinary lives with hearts ablaze with the fire of divine love. Through Susan's words, we were reminded that our pilgrimage does not end with our physically returning home, but rather, it marks the beginning of a new chapter in our spiritual journey, where the lessons learned, and insights gained will continue to shape and inspire us in the days and weeks to come.

Some of us departed from Madrid Airport and thus had to bid farewell to the beloved companions who have become like family to us. As we exchanged hugs and heartfelt goodbyes, we carried with us the bonds of friendship and the shared experiences that will forever bind us together in spirit.



Though our journey may be coming to an end, we know that the spirit of St. John of the Cross will continue to inspire and guide us in our daily lives, reminding us to seek the divine light amidst the darkness, and to journey ever closer to the heart of God.

TO LOVE IS TO BE
TRANSFORMED INTO WHAT
WE LOVE...



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INTO GOD