

Day 9 — The Last Letter

Text from the Bible

Acts 27:25

+In the name of the Father

Preparatory prayer

God, our father,
you gave Father Richard Henkes the strength
to resist the evil,
to speak for love and truth
and to follow Jesus Christ on his way of the cross
until death.
His devotion for others
give us hope and strength
for our faith journey today.
We ask you, Father, in the Holy Spirit
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Text from Fr. Henkes

From a letter to his sister written on February 4, 1945:

Dear sister!

... One thinks of how this will end up here.

We can do nothing, we can only rely on the Lord God. So far, everything went well, so the end will be good.

Greetings to all at home, especially to mother. She should not worry. I think about you every day.

If you are in contact with Paula, best wishes to her.

Warm regards to you all,

Your Richard

Silence for reflection and for personal intercessions

Our Father...

Hail Mary...

Glory be...