

Words for Pope Shenouda III

I am your father and teacher.

All of you my children listen to my commandments.

I ask you my beloved children; preserve and look after the faith of the Holy Trinity.

I ask you my beloved children; love one another with a true love.

I ask you my beloved children, do good with all humanity.

I ask you my beloved children; do not let the world deceive you.

I ask you my beloved children; do not fall short in the service of the Lord.

I pray for you my beloved children; pray without ceasing fervently.

I pray for you my beloved children; preserve your tongues from causing any division.

I pray for you my beloved children; preserve the Holy Baptism that was granted to you.

I pray for you my beloved children; preserve your body pure for the Lord.

I pray for you my beloved children; do not ever let your lamp weaken without light.

I pray for you my beloved children; preserve the commandments that God gave to you.

I pray for you my beloved children, that the fear of God be within you.

God is witness, my beloved children, that I did not keep any of God's words away from you

...that I never ever slept my children, and be blamed by any one of you...that

If you preserve and keep what I have said to you, you will crush the head of the serpent.

If you preserve and keep what I have said to you, you will eat of the goodness of the earth.

If you preserve and keep what I have said to you, the shining Cherubim will guard you.

If you preserve and keep what I have said to you, you will never lack of the Heavenly gifts.

I ask of you my beloved children, to ask of Christ for my soul, that it may have comfort before him, and do not count my short falls, unknowingly and unwillingly.

I ask for your love and I plead to your reverence, to absolve me each and every one of you.

And now, I am far from you and left you, and I cannot see your faces. And now I ask of you all, that you exhaust yourselves in prayers for me, remembrance in the Holy Liturgies, that my Master may accept me to Him, and forgive me.

And I ask Christ, the Great Shepherds of Shepherds that He may elect for you a righteous shepherd according to His Will and heart, that he may shepherd you and your matters and watch for the salvation of your souls.