

33 Day Consecration to Jesus Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary

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Day Ten (10)

The World's Disobedience

Saying "No"

Before God made the world, a rebellion had occurred in heaven. Lucifer, the great "light bearer," had led many angels to say "No." They would not serve God and they were punished forever. An angel never changes his mind. His first choice is his unchangeable decision. Lucifer became Satan, the obstacle, and under his influence mankind also said, "No God, I will not keep your law." As people continued to say "No" the results were disastrous. Cain killed Abel and the problem reached gigantic proportions. "The Lord saw how great was man's wickedness on earth. He regretted that He had made man" (Gen 6:5-6)

Noah Said Yes

Fortunately, someone said "yes", it was Noah and he found favor with the Lord. He built an ark and saved mankind. Centuries later, an angel came to the holiest woman in history and told Mary that she had found favor with the Lord. When Mary said her "yes" she said "let it be done according to God's word", and obedience was restored to the world. Her son, Jesus, always said yes, and He was "obedient, even to death on the cross" and God exalted Him.

Look Around Your World

The world today teaches the young disobedience in both direct, and indirect ways. The "me" and the "I" are what is most important, not anyone else. Being a "rebel", someone who doesn't follow the rules, is applauded and raised up as a "role model" of some kind, maybe even "worshipped" or "adored", like a new god. When you look at the story of the Prodigal Son, the world demands it's inheritance and has left the Father's house for self-adventure. Because the world believes it knows better, and can do great things without the Father's help. Now, for 33 days, Mother Mary invites and calls you to return. She helps you to remove that "selfish spirit" that enslaves you. She is teaching you to stop saying "no", and to embrace the true freedom found in saying "yes".

The Virtues

Vices can kill you. Virtues however, give life. Disobedience can lead to great harm for others, and for you, it leads to a destruction of your soul. There is only temporary happiness there for you, when you disobey. But like any "drug", the effect wears off soon and the search for the "new high" continues. Virtues can save a life. When you put aside your "self" and live for others, a new understanding of your purpose in this world is revealed. You are never lost, but remain in the light of Christ.

The Disobedience of St. Francis of Assisi

Francis did spend his youth living a life of extravagance and self pleasure. After war and spending time as a prisoner he was released, but returned to his usual ways. One day, after falling sick, he heard a heavenly voice saying "Serve the master, not other men." And the changing moment came when he gave alms to a poor leper and then kissed his hand. Ever slowly, Francis accepted God's call and left his old self, to become Christ's obedient follower.

St. Louis de Montfort writes:

1. The first step to acquiring obedience is a sincere desire for instruction.
2. Through disobedience, heaven was closed. No one could open it. Through disobedience, hell was opened, and no one could close it.

3. God's masterpiece, mankind, became the devil's slave. Millions had to suffer from one man's disobedience.
4. A thousand times happy is the man in whom obedience has its abode.
5. Nowhere is God so present as in the obedient Mary.

Enter into Daily Common Prayers

DAILY COMMON PRAYERS

***P*ayer for Practicing of Virtues**

My Dear Mother, pray for me. Many times in my life I have said no. I want my freedom to think for myself, do for myself, whenever and however I wish. Now, when I honestly and sincerely take the time to reflect, I feel ashamed. My no, has caused a great amount of suffering to others, knowingly and unknowingly. Change my heart dear Mother. Mold me, shape me, teach me, to say yes to the virtues. Pray that I may decrease, and Jesus increase in me. Amen.

***O*, Mary!**

O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.
Please spread the grace of the Flame of Love over all humanity! Amen.

***C*onsecration**

My Queen and my Mother, I give myself entirely to you, and to show my devotion I consecrate to you this day my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, my whole being without reserve. Always dear Mother, I am your own, keep me, guard me as your property and possession. Amen.

***C*ome Creator Holy Spirit**

Come Holy Spirit, Creator, come to me come, from Your bright Heavenly throne!

Come, take possession of my soul, and make it all Your own.

You who are called the Paraclete, best gift of God above, the living Spirit, the living fire, sweet unction and true love! You who are sevenfold in Your grace, finger of God's right hand, His promise, teaching little ones to speak and understand! O guide our minds with Your blessed light, with love our hearts enflame, and with Your strength, which never delays, confirm our mortal frame. Far from us drive our hellish foe, true peace unto us bring, and through all perils guide us safely, beneath Your Sacred Wing, through You may we the Father know, through You the eternal Son, and You the Spirit of them both, Three blessed, three in one.

All glory to the Father be, and to the risen Son the same to you, O Paraclete, while endless ages run. Amen.

***T*ransformation Into Christ**

It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.

O, my Jesus, may our feet journey together,

May our hands gather in unity,

May our hearts beat to the same rhythm,

May our souls be in harmony,

May our thoughts be in unison,

May our ears listen to the silence together,

May our glances melt in one another,

And may our lips beg our Heavenly Father together

To obtain mercy on souls.

Amen.