

# 33 Day Consecration to Jesus Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary

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## **Day Eleven (11)**

### **The World's Darkness**

#### **Clear images**

We easily understand darkness and light because we experience both everyday. Darkness represents the world rejecting Jesus. Light is an image of the disciple walking with him. On many occasions the gospels use these images.

#### **Judas' Night**

Having decided to betray Jesus, Judas left the Last Supper. The gospel says, "It was night," both in Jerusalem and Judas' heart. He had rejected Jesus because Judas loved darkness rather than the light. It is said that "a man who walks in darkness does not know where he's going". That describes Judas who is walking the fatal path of a betrayer.

#### **Mary Magdalene (From Darkness to Light)**

Mary Magdalene was in the deepest darkness entrapped by 7 demons, until Jesus cast them out, then brought her into the greatest light. On Easter Sunday while it was still dark Mary knew to go to the tomb. She met Jesus there and when he said, "Mary," she realized that He was risen. The woman of darkness was the first to see the risen Jesus, the light of the world. Most people think of themselves as "filled with light". However, nothing could be further from the truth. The saints always realized how much darkness surrounded them. They never trusted their own light. Without Mary our mother leading us to Jesus, we have only the world's darkness to guide us. It is always "still dark" until true devotion leads us to Jesus.

#### **Will you accept the light?**

Saint Augustine listened every Sunday to the preaching of Saint Ambrose but he admits, "I always said tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow." One day, his moment of light came. "I was in the garden and I heard a child's voice say, "Take and read. Take and read. I picked up the Bible and read, 'The night is far spent. The day is at hand. Let us throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.'" Augustine wept and accepted the light. This 33 days journey invites you to do the same - throw off darkness and be clothed in Mary's light.

#### **The Virtues**

Vices tend to show the darkness of our hearts. There is no self control (temperance), no prudence, no true piety, or real charity. There is only a deep emptiness that does not seem to end. On this day, dear child, you are asked to shed yourself of the dark vices that run deep within you. It will not be easy. But, you have a great aid, the Lady of Light, our heavenly Mother. As part of this 33 day journey, begin to rid yourself of this darkness, and let the warmth of true light from your Mother come in. Listen to Her carefully tell you, "do as my Son says. Let go of yourself, and follow Him."

#### **St. Louis de Montfort writes:**

1. What Angel or man can explain God's light? All are really blinded to this wisdom.
2. The Saints went into ecstasy, astonished by God's overwhelming light.
3. A thousand times happy is the man in whom God's light has its abode.

*Enter into Daily Common Prayers*

## DAILY COMMON PRAYERS

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

My Dear Mother, pray for me. Because, this darkness I'm stuck in won't let me go. I'm tired of wanting everything, and getting absolutely nothing. My mind is numb, and I don't know what to do. I hate to live like this. I need your help my dear Mother. Come, pull me out, and save me! Place me in the warmth of your light, and help me to leave all that is not of God. Place the fire of your Immaculate Heart within my heart, so that I may become my Lord's hands and feet, and serve those around me. Mold me into your Son's image, the perfect image of light and love. 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.