

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

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## Day Sixteen (16)

### I Have Sinned

The prodigal son was greedy give me my inheritance. He was also self-reliant, he set off for distant country. He soon became poor and needy. This experience caused him to reflect and he came to his senses. And it also led him to the perfect conclusion - "I shall get up and go back to my father". He also knew what to say, "father I have sinned against heaven and against you." As children we were taught to begin our confession by saying bless me father for I have sinned. We all sin but we don't admit it. We turn the spotlight on everybody else's faults and keep the light away from our own hearts.

While Jesus was teaching in the temple a crowd brought a woman caught in adultery. She was alone in the spotlight. Jesus turned that light around by saying whoever is without sin cast the first stone. Of course, no one qualified and her accusers walked away.

### The Spotlight

Jesus is the spotlight truth. Through true and real devotion, we allow Him to shine in our hearts, knowing that His light will reveal our sins. Our sins are real. We committed them and we do not need to hide them. They are infections causing emotional and spiritual fevers. So, we have to remove them for our spiritual health.

### Isaiah's Experience

When God called Isaiah to be his prophet, he lifted him up to heaven. Isaiah realized where he was and whom he was seeing. He cried out, "Woe is me, I am a man of unclean lips. yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts." God provided the solution. The Angel purified his lips with fire from the altar.

God has provided this fire for you also. "Go, show yourselves to the priest," Jesus said to the leper. During these 33 days make a good confession. You might want to tell the priest that you are preparing for your Marian Consecration, and would like to make a sincere confession. Mary will guide his words, while the Holy Spirit moves you to speak out your failures.

### St. Charles de Foucauld

Charles led a wild life in the French Foreign Legion. When he returned to France he lived with a devout cousin. One day he accompanied her to church, and there he saw a priest hearing confessions. He really wanted to discuss something else, but the priest got him to confess. Afterwards he said "if God forgave me all my sins, I should love him with my whole heart". From that point forward, he said yes.

### The Virtues

It's easy to say, "yeah I'm a sinner". But do you really admit it? Do you feel any shame in that? If you really and honestly do, then why do you keep sinning? Making this 33 day journey is about realizing where our faults and failures are. But we can't just stop there by recognizing them. We must change! We must convert our lives into something better, not the same usual excuses. Our Mother is pointing out all these faults, and she is saying "dear child, why do you resist? Please let go of your pride." Let us listen to Her, and walk away from our sins.

### St. Louis de Montfort writes:

1. The cross is a fire that purifies the iron of the soul's rust.
2. Very frequently, God even allows his Saints to have humiliating faults.
3. God allows humiliations, faults, and temptations. He often leaves his friends in darkness and perplexity.
4. Whatever crosses that God sends to you, they are exceedingly light when compared to your sins.

5. Some people pose as Christians but do little to please God or to atone for their sins.

*Enter into Daily Common Prayers*

## DAILY COMMON PRAYERS

### **P**rayer for Practicing of Virtues

My loving Mother, pray for me. I need the Lord's healing. My sins still keep me from truly being free. I am still ashamed of the things I do, and the things I fail to do. I sit here, and just wallow in my sorry misery. Help me to get up, and walk. You show me that your Son is waiting for me. With His arms wide open, willing to embrace me, and welcome me home. Give me assurance Mother, that my acts of virtue today will be my joy on the day of judgement. On that day, I wish to be happy, I wish to be at peace. Help me up Mother, and carry me this day. 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.