

33 Day Consecration to Jesus Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary

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Day Seventeen (17)

I Need Help

As a child grows in strength, he becomes independent. He leaves home to go to school; he matures into adolescents and experiences physical growth and strength. Wanting to find his own way, he rebels against parental authority. Knowing more than his parents, he feels no need of advice. He builds his own world, until it comes crashing down. When that happens, in the moment of truth, the person admits, "I need help."

An alcoholic, dealing with the overwhelming power of addiction, must come to realize, "I am an alcoholic." Otherwise, he will never recover. How great is that moment when anyone realizes "I need God's help?" That moment came for the Venerable Matt Talbot when he was thrown out of a pub in Ireland because he had no money to buy a drink. What a moment of grace! Lying on the ground, he needed help and knew where to find it. He went to confession and showed up early every morning for Mass.

Despair Because of Helplessness

Many arrive at this moment of needing help but they have little faith and no relationship with God. That moment leads to despair because they do not know where to turn. When did that moment of helplessness happen to you? Where did you turn? Suddenly (or slowly) you came to the point where you knew that Mary could help you. "I'll look in this Marian Consecration," you decided. Keep on learning about yourself and Mother Mary. For each of your questions, Mary has the answer.

St. Peter

Peter always thought he was strong. Supposedly, he was even ready to die for Jesus. First, he ran away in the garden. Then, he denied Christ in the courtyard around the fire. Finally, he wept. (Legend has it that Peter had marks on his face from his lifelong weeping). Having wept, he could be restored. Our helplessness opens the door to God's power. Try it with a sincere heart, and you can be amazed.

St. Jerome Emiliani (1481 – 1537)

As an army commander, Jerome was stubborn, proud, and led a sinful life. Fortunately, he was captured and chained in a dungeon. Knowing his need for help, Jerome turned to God. By a miracle, he was able to escape and went immediately to a church and vowed his life to Our Lady. He founded orphanages and formed a religious congregation to undertake that work.

The Virtues

The more we practice the virtues, the more we help ourselves. The more we forget ourselves, and put others as the main priority, the more we become a saint. Right now, if you haven't asked for God's help, then please do. Mother has been telling you constantly, "do what He tells you". Her Son, our most beloved Lord, is willing to reach out and pull you up from your hopelessness, but you must be the one to grab His hand. Listen to Mom, and stop looking for your own solutions to your problems. Our real hope is in the Lord! Go and trust.

St. Louis de Montfort writes:

1. Even the most spiritual Christians do not understand the help, which Mary offers her children.
2. Mary gives God's help to whomever she wills and as much as she wills.
3. Mary leads her stumbling children through the narrow door and gives them a heavenly crown.
4. Knowing that she is the safest and easiest road to Jesus, her children give themselves to Mary without reserve
5. At all times, the child flees to Mary without any fear of annoying her or of displeasing her.

Enter into Daily Common Prayers

DAILY COMMON PRAYERS

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

My dear Mother, pray for me. Your help during this journey is something I need much of. I'm not always faithful to do my virtues. I slip back into my vices so easily at times. The evil one still lurks close by, the temptations are strong. I fear at times why I keep trying, and why I still fail. Help me to remember to still hope. Hope in your Son, who is mercy and truth. Keep the disappointments far from me, and help me to see my little blessings, my acts of virtue, which I offer up to you, for the glory of God. Be patient with me dear Mother as I walk this path. Keep me close, keep me near your immaculate heart. Don't ever let go of me, I need you. 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.