

33 Day Consecration to Jesus Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary

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Day Seventeen (18)

Having Received Much

A very rich and famous father led his many children every night in saying the rosary and reading the scriptures. He also gave a little homily to his family that always had the same theme, "Much will be asked of the person who has received much."

Have you ever heard of the saying, "I'm a self-made man"? When you hear it, doesn't it sound foolish? Did we create ourselves or choose our parents? Did we just give ourselves a job and made money? Yes, it is foolish to have this mindset. Really, when you are blessed with so much in life, or you have received so much, then much will be asked of you.

King David's Gratitude

When the prophet Nathan told David that one of his descendants would be the Messiah, David realized how much he had received. He went straight to his chapel and prayed, "Who am I, Lord, and who are the members of my family, that you have brought me to this point?" (2 Sam 7:18). He was the greatest king in Israel, but he never forgot who put him on the throne and who would bless his descendants.

Reflect on this question, "To what point has God brought you?" See all of God's past blessings, even the sins that He has forgiven. Recall all the people who have blessed your life, all the mistakes that could have destroyed everything, and all the times God gave you a second chance. Having done that, you stand before a very special door. God has brought you to this consecration of your life to Jesus through Mary.

When his boat was filled to overflowing with fish, Peter did not exclaim, "I am a great fisherman." Instead, he said, "depart from me, O Lord. I am a sinful man" (Lk 5:8). See all of your blessings for what they are – God's gifts to a sinful person. By true self-knowledge we see that we are not great fishermen, but that it is really Jesus who was willing to be in our boat, to save us.

St. Katherine Drexel

St. Katherine was born into great wealth in Philadelphia. Each Sunday, when she went with her mother to distribute clothing to the poor, she saw the need for Catholic instruction among the African-American families. She went to Rome to ask Pope Leo XIII to send missionaries to America. He said, "you should start a congregation." She then gave up all of her wealth and founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament to care for the needs of African-Americans and Native-Americans.

The Virtues

You have so much, but yet there are times where you give very little. Why is that? Have you still not practiced letting go of your wants? Don't you know that you are destined for great things, not like the world shows, but how God envisions you. He sacrificed so much just for you. Now is the time to give much of yourself up, in your acts of virtue today. Be a convert, and walk the step of true devotion. Your eternal treasury in heaven can overflow with riches, but it all depends on you. Please, take Mother's hand, and give up yourself.

St. Louis de Montfort writes:

1. You have the pride of Lucifer by imagining that you are somebody (and accepting no help from others).
2. Our corrupt minds often take complacency in God's gifts. So, God often hides his true friends. The soul's real birthday is when Mary brings them forth to eternal life.
3. Mary alone found God's favor. First for herself, and then for everyone else

Enter into Daily Common Prayers

DAILY COMMON PRAYERS

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

My holy Mother, pray for me. I am blessed, in so many different ways. But yet, I waste my time and don't motivate myself. I am drawn to relaxing, to daydreaming, to my own self interests. I don't always notice what is around me, I don't notice how I can help relieve the burdens of others. I need to change myself. In my life, there is so much expected of me, and I need to act. If not for myself, then for the love and blessing of others. Change my heart oh dear Mother, make it like yours. Walk with me in this narrow path, and help me not to stumble. May all my acts of virtue bring peace to all who know me, and may it all give glory to your most beloved Son, Jesus, my Lord and my God. 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.