

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

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## Day Twenty (20)

### Getting to know Mary

We get to know someone by hearing their words and watching them in action. Because Mary's words and actions are carefully recorded in the gospel stories, we will begin each teaching with those familiar stories.

### Mary Hears God's Call by Faith

Two gospel writers, Matthew and Luke, record the story of Mary and Joseph before the birth of Jesus. Mary lives in a small town in northern Israel called Nazareth and is engaged to Joseph. It sounds like a normal situation. However, even though she was "engaged to be married," she was intent to live as a virgin. She asked the angel, "how can I bear a child, when I do not know man?" How did this situation come about?

### Mary Listened to God

Mary did not learn to be virgin from her culture. Jewish people wanted women to have children. Having many descendants was the promise made to Abraham and not being able to have children was seen as a shame. For a woman to deliberately choose virginity was unheard of in Israel. Mary got this idea from God. She listened to His call. Right from the beginning, she was different. Mary knew God's special call only because she believed.

### Mary Believed God's Word

The angel told Mary that she would have a son. Even though Mary asked "how can this be?" the angel explained "the Holy Spirit would come upon her and God's power would overshadow her" (Lk 1:35). It sounded impossible and Mary knew it. To help Mary believe, the angel recounted God's miracle. Elizabeth, who was sterile in her old age, had conceived. "Nothing is impossible with God," said the angel.

### Your Moment of Faith

God has a plan for you and He wants you to see His plan. If you are absorbed in the world, you will see only your worldly call. If you practice really devotion you will find God's call. Right now, God is leading you to a special call. He is awakening you.

### The Virtues

Do you listen very well? Did you just say "yes, of course"? Then what were you told to do this morning by your parents? Oh you forgot?! Well then, that just shows how much you listen, right? And how much have you been listening to Mother on this journey? If the honest answer is "not so much", then you better start today to listen. The real truth is the world doesn't care about you. But your Mother does, and she is asking you over and over "come my dear child, take my hand and walk with me". Why do you hesitate? Don't you know that greatness is awaiting you? Not the fake kind the world gives, but the real and true greatness you were meant to have. So, why are you resisting? Get up. Go, take Her hand, and live a life of virtue.

### St. Louis de Montfort writes:

1. Inspired by the Spirit I confide to you, O, chosen soul, a secret that I have never read in a book.
2. I have never discovered a devotion like the one I will reveal.
3. We become like God by consecrating ourselves to Mary.
4. To serve God is the highest employment on earth.

*Enter into Daily Common Prayers*

## DAILY COMMON PRAYERS

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

My holy Mother, pray for me. I hear your voice many times during the days and weeks, and at times I fail to react to it, or even give it a moment's thought. I'm so lost in my own world. A world which is filled with self-enjoyment and singular devotion, only to myself. You are trying so much to mold me, just like your Son. But I still don't listen, or pay enough attention. I need that extra "push" from God, and from You, my dear mother. Please pray for me that I might offer up this weakness I have. Help me to overcome it, and live as you want me to live. Totally devoted to God, and totally devoted to a life of virtue. 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.