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

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# $\boldsymbol{D}$ ay Twenty One (21)

After being conceived, Jesus wanted to begin his work immediately. So, his mother undertook the 90-miles journey "to the hill country of Judea." Then came the great surprise.

As soon as Mary greeted Elizabeth, John the Baptist leaped in his mother's womb. He pointed out to Elizabeth that Mary was "the mother of the Lord." Look at this cycle of events. Mary listened to God and visited Elizabeth. Elizabeth heard Mary's greetings and was filled with the Spirit. Jesus sanctified both John and Elizabeth. By telling his mother, John the Baptist began his mission of preparing the way for Jesus. God had this planned from the beginning. He wanted people like Mary, Elizabeth, and John to be his helpers.

#### Not a Perfect World

God deliberately created an imperfect world, one that will always need a lot of work. In the garden, God gave Adam a task of "tilling the soil". He told Adam and Eve "to multiply and fill the earth." God shares His work with us. God needs you. You are important. You are the perfect person put in just the right place to fulfill a task that only you can do. God's call is serious and we only get one lifetime to respond.

### A True Story

It was a big house and the father had a lot of painting to do, but he always had his 8-year-old son wield the paintbrush. Being just an 8-year-old, the boy was not really good at this task. The father always had to finish up and paint over again.

During their time together, the father would often say, "did I ever tell you that you are a good boy." "Yes dad," he would reply. "Well," said the father, "I am going to tell you again. You are a good boy." God could do much better without us but He wants us to help Him paint the world so He can tell us how good we are.

#### St. Francis Xavier

As we heard before Francis was an intelligent student who saw himself as a brilliant professor at the University of Paris. When St. Ignatius came to the University, he began drawing Francis in God's light. Later, as a missionary to India, Francis wrote to Ignatius, "What a waste of time to be a professor when thousands of souls are now hearing God's word in India."

#### The Virtues

Your journey in these 33 days is very important. Not just for yourself, but for those around you as well. You are counted on, you are looked at with hope. Many are putting faith in you. Why, what's the big deal you might ask? You are, just like St. John the Baptist, just like Elizabeth, and Mother Mary, an important part of God's plan. Without you joining in, others can not receive God's blessing, or His mercy. These things, you can provide to the world. But it can only happen if you cooperate with God and His plans for you. On this journey, you must work with Mom, and let her guide you on this virtuous path.

### St. Louis de Montfort writes:

- 1. I will be brief because neither of us has much time to do God's work.
- 2. Right now, our loving Savior has His eyes upon you.
- 3. Could the Lord of heaven and earth possibly need man's help?
- 4. Mary found God's plan for herself and for everyone else.
- 5. Mary was created only for God and she leads every soul into God's will.

### DAILY COMMON PRAYERS

## $m{P}$ rayer for Practicing of Virtues

My holy Mother, pray for me. You call me to do the work of God each and every moment of my day. I find it hard at times to keep hearing and following your voice. My wants and needs overtake my thoughts, my mind, my heart. This world around me is pulling me, very hard at times, back into habits which only keep me from living the life you want for me. Pray Mom, pray. My heavenly Abba, He wants me to be with Him. He needs me to live out the glorious plan He has laid out for me. My path must be true, only to His will, and not my own. Pray my dear Mother, that I follow His path, for His glory. Now and always, 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.

### Consecration

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.

# Come 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.

### $m{T}$ 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.