

33 Day Consecration to Jesus Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary

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Day Twenty Two (22)

Bad News

The news was not too good. Joseph had to go to Bethlehem just when Mary was about to deliver her child. Mary undertook another 90 mile journey, this time filled with greater difficulties. The search for a room was fruitless until a kind person gave them lodging with the animals. No complaints came from the mother, for she had a divine child and loving husband, chosen by God, who always provided.

The Messengers

Suddenly, shepherds went to the manger, telling of angel choirs and heavenly messages about a Savior, a Messiah and their Lord. Mary took it all in, deeply grateful to the shepherds for coming and telling her. Later, three wise men arrived from afar with their gifts. They talked about their journey guided by a star. Again, Mary was grateful and took it all in.

The Flight

Then came the big problems. One night, Joseph awakened Mary, "we are leaving for Egypt. An angel told me that Herod is seeking to kill Jesus." She believed her husband, packed quickly and went down to Egypt, where the Israelites had spent 400 years in slavery. Because the angel never said how long the exile would last, Mary and Joseph patiently waited for the angel to come again, many years later, to tell them to return.

Mary accepted all these events, patiently waiting to see what God willed. She accepted everything. Years later, she had to bury Jesus. No complaints. No protests. From birth to death, she was the patient mother.

The Patience of Blessed John the XXIII (23rd)

Early in his priesthood, Bishop Angelo Roncalli was sent from Rome to Bulgaria as Papal Nuncio. He was given his mission and was told that he would quickly return. When the mission was accomplished, he was not recalled. Years passed. He was sent to Greece, to Turkey, and then to Paris. Patiently, he accepted these decisions, always wondering what had happened. In truth, he had been exiled from Rome, but God brought him back as the pope. God always asks us to be patient until He works things out.

The Virtues

Patience is a virtue. We know it. But in times of great stress or tension, we throw patience away. In times of anger, patience gets beaten down. When plans change suddenly, or they don't go the way we hoped, patience must be taken in, and brought into ourselves. Every small step we take, we must do in patience. Every critique of our behavior, or action, we must take in with patience. Every prayer we say, or read, or cry, we must do it with patience. The world will not give it to us, we must acquire it, by God's grace, and then put it into action. We must live it today. Learn from Mother. She lived it daily. Again, learn from Her, and walk with Her.

St. Louis de Montfort writes:

1. The Father willed that Mary would work no striking miracle in her lifetime, even though she had tremendous powers.
2. Although the saints said many eloquent things, even they did not understand her virtues.
3. Jesus is Mary's first born. We, as God's adopted children, are Mary's second-born.
4. Sinners care little about Mary but saints rely on Mary's tenderness as Jesus did, resting on her immaculate heart.

Enter into Daily Common Prayers

DAILY COMMON PRAYERS

Prayer for Practicing of Virtues

My dear Mother, pray for me. I have some good days, I have some bad days. I find my journey to be hard at times, and easy sometimes. There is still this feeling, this thought “am I really making any progress on this journey?” I feel as though, I try, but why is it still hard to achieve certain virtues? I reach one, I fail another. I gain two steps, fall back three the next day. I know the evil one keeps pestering me, annoying me, pulling me down over my setbacks. Help me to take in all my successes, and failures. Teach me again, to offer up all to your hands. You are my good and humble teacher. My Mother, full of patience, and tenderness. Show me the little ways that I can grow, both in daily actions, and daily prayer. Help me to accept myself. Help me to accept all with great patience. Good and dear Mother, teacher of holiness, pray for me. 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.

Transformation 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.