

33 Day Consecration to Jesus Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary

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Day Twenty Three (23)

Mary, Obedient to God's Law (Presenting Jesus in the Temple)

In these infancy stories, God often guided Mary and Joseph through angels who delivered his messages. In this story, God used their obedience. As Jewish parents, they had to go to the temple to present their first-born son. God used Simeon, a lay person, who was "holy, devout and the Holy Spirit was upon him." The Spirit spoke often to Simeon, promising him that he would live to see the Messiah. One day, the Spirit said, "Simeon, go to the temple today."

When the parents brought in Jesus, Simeon was well prepared to give his message. He prophesied that Jesus would be "a light of revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of Israel" (Lk 2:31-32). Unfortunately, he had another message. "This child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel." To Mary, he said, "And your own heart, a sword will pierce."

How did all this happen? How did Simeon, Mary, Joseph and Jesus all end up in the right place at the right time? The Holy Spirit was able to lead Simeon to the temple at the right time because the parents were obedient.

Obedience of the two Saint Theresa's

St. Teresa of Avila always taught the importance of obedience to priest confessors even though they gave her many problems. Some gave harmful advice. Some made disturbing comments. Some gave useless directions. Some were excellent. She obeyed them all. When the priest said something different than what Jesus told her, she still obeyed the priest until Jesus changed the priest's mind. She is the saint of obedience.

Centuries later, The Little Flower followed this path of obedience. One time, the superior gave an order. Six months later, she found St. Therese still carrying out the command after the Superior had long since forgotten she had given it.

Revolt Against the Commandments and the Church

Throughout the world, a great rebellion is taking place. Even Catholics are disobeying God's law and the Church's teachings. Wherever Mary appears and whenever people listen to her teachings, they become obedient again. Mary removes every spirit of rebellion and helps her followers to obey God and His Church.

The Virtues

For you, is obedience at times a problem? Do you feel upset and/or angry when told by others, especially your parents, to do something? Then take a step back and think. Is the problem with them, or could it be with you? This journey is again not a simple "retreat" like many others in the past. This is your own personal journey, walking with Mother Mary, to discover what keeps you from real holiness, from the real path to sainthood. Obedience is one of the first steps to acknowledging I need help, that I need guidance. Mother is there for you, to show you what a real role model in obedience is all about. Please follow Her advise.

St. Louis de Montfort writes:

1. Only those who obey Mary will be honored by God's blessings.
2. Mary is alert for opportunities to make her children happy. She arranges everything for them, keeping away all evil.
3. How can any child obedient to Mary go astray from eternal life?
4. Mary will send millions of angels to keep her least worthy child from disobeying God.

Enter into Daily Common Prayers

DAILY COMMON PRAYERS

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

My dear Mother, pray for me. Living a life of obedience is not easy for me. I still want to make my own decisions at any time I wish. To obey others, especially my elders, is a hard task for me. I know that through this journey obedience is one of my weaknesses. You call me, oh dear Mother, to be obedient in all ways. I especially need grace to follow through on my responsibilities at home and to everyone else around me. Teach me the right path of obedience, which points only to your beloved Son. Help me to see obedience not as a burden. But rather as a daily habit, which only will help me to grow in my faith, and in virtuous living. 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.