33 Day Consecration to Jesus Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary

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Day Twenty Four (24)

Mary Our Intercessor (Cana)

Jesus was just beginning His ministry when He and His disciples attended this wedding at Cana, nine miles north of Nazareth. As the wine ran out, Mary(always in the background) emerged center stage and presented the problem to Jesus. "They have no wine" (Jn 2:3). Jesus called her "woman," a very special title that He used again later from the cross. Mary's importance is shown by her presence in the events that begin and end Jesus's public life. At Cana, Jesus seemed to deny her request. "My hour has not yet come," meaning the hour when He would save the world. The difficulty is this: if Jesus worked this miracle as a public display of His power, the Father's timetable would have been changed and the whole pattern of His ministry shifted.

Mary Believes

Mary didn't argue or plead. She knew that Jesus would answer her petition. She instructed the waiters, "Do whatever He tells you." Mary believed Jesus would find a solution. He had the waiters get six large jars filled with water. Jesus changed the water into wine and told them to go quietly to the headwaiter. In this way, He helped the couple and still remained hidden. God gives Mary everything she asks for, even when the time does not seem right.

Rebecca and Jacob

St.Louis cherishes the story of Rebecca gaining Issac's blessing for Jacob, whom she loved so much. The story is not a mother choosing one son (Jacob) over his brother (Esau), but of one son choosing to be devoted to his mother and the other neglecting her.

St. Louis explains the story this way, "When Rebecca overheard Issac telling Esau to prepare a meal before receiving the blessing, Rebecca used a holy and mysterious ruse. She prepared the meal for Jacob to present. She clothed him in Esau's finest garments and covered his arms with animal skins. The smell of the garments and the hairy arms would make the blind Issac give the blessing to Jacob, who totally trusted his mother.

Jacob is a symbol of all the souls who love Mary. Although unworthy, they are clothed in Jesus' merits because they trust Mary and follow her directions perfectly. By True Devotion, you will be a Jacob and Mary will gain every blessing for you.

The Virtues

Listen to Mother, she is always right. On this 33 day journey, it's vital to be open to the promptings of Mother. She is always speaking to you. Always looking out for your betterment, especially as you journey with Her. Keep practicing to block out the noise of the world. Pray to resist the temptations of your old ways. And see the miracles that can happen when you devote yourself to Mother's teachings. Dear disciple of Christ, and devotee of our Lady, stay faithful, and don't stop living out the virtues.

St. Louis de Montfort writes:

- 1. God willed to begin and to end his greatest works through Mary.
- 2. The world was unworthy to receive His Son directly, so the Father gave Jesus to the world through Mary.
- 3. At Cana, God began His miracles through Mary. Through her, He continues doing them until the end of time.
- 4. God receives Mary's prayers as commands because He never denies them.
- 5. Mary is God's treasurer, the distributor of His graces.

DAILY COMMON PRAYERS

${m P}$ rayer for Practicing of Virtues

My dear Mother, pray for me. I know you constantly request of me my heart, mind, and soul. There are times where your promptings are ignored by me. They are replaced instead with my own wants and needs. You're only seeking what is best for me, and you still hold me close to your heart. My sweet Mother, forgive me for not turning to see you, or to listen to you this day. Pray that I might not run from your side again into the worldly pleasures, which have caused me, and you, such pain. Ask for the extra special graces from God to be showered on me, that I might have the courage to stay strong and faithful. I need you, my dear Mother. Teach me and guide 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.

${\it T}$ 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.