

33 Day Consecration to Jesus Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary

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Day Three (3)

Understanding the World's Spirit

We talk of a "family spirit", a "school spirit", or a "spirit of the nation." This "spirit" determines the way things get done, how people relate and what gets accomplished. Really, the spirit of the world is always changing. Unfortunately, the American world has become a gigantic enemy of the gospel, filled with "distractions", that totally invade our lives. This makes it even more difficult for us to empty ourselves of the world's culture because it is so powerful and so pervasive.

More Pervasive

Decades ago, the world consisted of the family, the neighborhood, the school and the church, which was all easy to manage and control. Now, the world has tons of social media apps with mixed messages, streaming services with any and all forms of entertainment, and of course the big World Wide Web, also known as the Internet.

Is it a problem?

Some people don't think that the world is a problem. However, examine your thoughts and feelings. Aren't you always caught up in what you just read, or heard, or saw? Don't thousands of images & messages flow through your mind? Most are worldly images/messages, not devout ones. True Devotion places Mary's flame in your heart. However, if all your windows are open to the world's wind, you won't have any flame left. So, get down to the serious work of emptying yourself of the world's spirit. As soon as Mary finds even any part of you emptied of the world, she fills you with heavenly fire.

The Virtues

On this third day, continue to reflect on the message on how the world's spirit has shaped you. Too much information, too many distractions tempt you away from even personal prayer time. God has become a lesser priority because everything else is more important. During these 33 days you must remove the "distractions" from your life that keep you from fully living the gospel and practicing the virtues.

Saints – St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226)

As Francis experienced Jesus' Kingdom, he knew he had to leave his world of Assisi, where he had been the center of young people's gatherings, to live quietly outside the city. One rainy night, he slipped back in and looked through the window of a friend's house, where the usual party was being held. At that moment, Francis made his decision. He left the city, returned to his solitude and set aside the world of parties that he enjoyed so much.

St. Louis de Montfort writes:

1. Fulfill your spiritual duties and you will find criticism and persecution without your seeking.
2. Through Adam's sin and our own sins, everything becomes debased, even the powers of our soul.
3. You have the complacency or self-satisfaction of Lucifer by imagining that you are somebody
4. God is like a King, observing you from afar. You are His soldier. So fight for Him in battle!

Enter into Daily Common Prayers

DAILY COMMON PRAYERS

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

Dear Mother, pray for me. Pray that my faith does not stay stagnant, my hope does not dry up, and my charity does not cease. Lead me in the path of sainthood, and help my every doubt as I work through my salvation. Let all my actions be offered completely and sincerely into your hands. 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.