

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

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## Day Four (4)

### The World's Lust

Two Old Testament stories provide examples of lust and purity.

#### A Story of Lust

One time, when the army went out to fight, King David stayed in Jerusalem. From his roof, he saw a beautiful woman, her name was Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah, his general's armor bearer. David had everything, including his own wife. However, he lusted for this beautiful woman and had later committed a grave sin with her. Due to this lust, David had to have her husband killed. With that action, the sword became embedded in David's family. His lust ruined everything (2 Samuel, verse 11).

#### A Story of Purity

Most know of the story of Joseph being sold into exile in Egypt by his brothers. Few know that when he arrived, he was purchased by Potiphar, the Pharaoh's chief steward and became the head of his household staff. Potiphar trusted Joseph fully. Unfortunately, his wife lusted for Joseph who was "strikingly handsome". When she tried to tempt him, he said "You are his wife. How could I commit such a great wrong and be condemned before God?" This act of purity prepared him for his greatness over all of Egypt. He was imprisoned, but when Pharaoh saw his great gift of prophecy, he made him "in charge of all Egypt".

### Mary's Teaching

The world exalts lust. It teaches the young that it's "ok" and "normal if you feel like it, so act on it". It's made it socially acceptable and that there is no harm. This self pleasure has become the false god. Mary is quite different. When the angel told Mary that she was invited to be the mother of God, she innocently asked how it was to be possible, for she did not know any man. She prized her purity. Only as the angel explained that the Holy Spirit would overshadow her would she conceive the child. Her reply was "Let it be done unto me."

### The Virtues

A virtue is a firm attitude to do what is right, and the direct opposite is a vice. A vice is a habit to do what is wrong. There are many vices within us, deeply rooted and hard to pull out. Only with God's grace can we make a firm amendment to "up root" those vices. Let us offer up works related to the Cardinal Virtues of prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance to live a moral, pure, & self disciplined lifestyle. Let Mother guide us, as she leads us to the Father's glory.

### St. Louis de Montfort writes:

1. No creature, however pure, enters in the sanctuary of Mary except by great privilege.
2. Persevering in sanctity is extremely difficult because the world's corruption smears religious hearts.
3. True Devotion is constant, giving the person courage to fight the world's opinions, the desires of the flesh, and the devil's temptations.
4. I prefer Mary's immaculate road, which is without sin, darkness, or shadows.
5. Pure water poured into an impure container suffers contamination. Therefore, we need Mary.

*Enter into Daily Common Prayers*

# DAILY COMMON PRAYERS

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

Dear Mother, pray for me. My vices chain me down, and shame me so much, that I hide my face from you. Please, oh Mother, shine your light of purity on me. Help me to see what I do wrong and why. Teach me to know and do what is good, the virtue of prudence. Teach me to have moral courage, and strong self control, the virtues of fortitude and temperance. And teach me that when I fail, how I can make up for it, so that I live the virtue of justice. In all my trials and successes, may I lift them up to your holy hands, and be purified. 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.