

33 Day Consecration to Jesus Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary

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Day Five (5)

The World's Hatred

Although Jesus never harmed anyone, He had many enemies. When He went to Nazareth to preach in His hometown synagogue, the crowd grew angry and tried to kill Him. "They rose up and led Him to the edge of a hill intending to hurl Him down, but He passed through their midst" (Lk 4:30). The world sees anger as a normal response. If someone hurts you, you strike back. However, Jesus teaches, "forgive your enemies. Pray for those who hurt you."

A Constant Problem

It is inevitable that people hurt us, sometimes with the best intentions. Others hurt us deliberately. How do we respond? We remember. We store up the hurt. We nourish it. We feel justified. We cannot get it out of our mind. Sometimes we retaliate.

The Reign of Christ

Jesus taught the best reason for forgiveness, "if you forgive others their faults, the heavenly Father will forgive yours" (Mt 6:14). That is a pretty good deal, considering how much we have hurt God. On the cross, Jesus said, "Father forgive them" (Lk 23:34).

Our Lady

Mary was in the synagogue at Nazareth when they tried to kill Jesus. She was also at Calvary when the soldiers nailed Jesus to the cross. She heard the cruel remarks and the laughter, "If he is the Messiah, let him come down." Experiencing all this, she forgave. In our hearts and daily prayers, we must offer up all our hurts to Mary, especially as we journey in these 33 days.

The Virtues

Living out the Cardinal Virtues teaches us daily the good habits we need to develop and the bad habits we need to remove. During these days take the time to connect the virtues to the Commandments. Examine them closely with each other and ask yourself what needs to be refined, developed, or removed in your daily virtuous living. Remember, whatever you do, offer it up to our Mother's hands.

St. Louis de Montfort

He was a priest for 16 years (1700-1716). He toured France preaching and made many enemies because he stressed the tender love of Jesus and Mary. He was, literally, thrown out of many towns and not allowed to enter others. He just forgave and moved on.

St. Louis de Montfort writes:

1. Our barefoot and bloodied Christ leads a valiant group up a narrow road. Only a handful follows Him.
2. If you are resolved to become friends of God, resolve to drink the cup that Jesus drank.
3. As members of Christ, you must expect sufferings.
4. Christ the King looks with pleasure upon the person who struggles with the world and with his own temptations.

Enter into Daily Common Prayers

DAILY COMMON PRAYERS

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

Dear Mother, pray for me. Forgiveness is sometimes a difficult process for me, as well as practicing my virtues daily. I need extra grace, please give that to me. Again, help me to discipline myself and do what is right for others, and for myself. Guide me through each Commandment to live virtuously. Into your holy hands, my Mother, I offer all my situations. 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.