

33 Day Consecration to Jesus Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary

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Day Six (6)

The World's Lies

In the early church, some disciples sold their property and gave the money to the apostles for the poor. This generosity was not demanded. It was a disciple's free choice. A man named Ananias and his wife Sapphira sold their property. They retained some of the money and gave the rest to Peter. However, they lied and said that this was the whole amount.

In speaking to Ananias, Peter said, "You have not lied to human beings but to God." Ananias dropped dead, and later his wife lied, the same thing happened to her. We do not know all the facts but this event deeply impressed a love for truth in the early church.

Our Actions

We are never allowed to lie yet we do so often. We use words for our selfish benefit. Telling the truth always is quite difficult. Only slowly can we bend our minds and feelings to be totally honest.

Jesus and Truth

On the night before He died, Jesus stood on trial before the Jewish leaders. They could convict Him of no crime because their witnesses did not agree. The high priest directly asked Jesus, "Are you the Messiah, the son of the Blessed One?" All Jesus needed to do was to be silent, and He would have been set free. But He used the moment to testify to the truth, He said "I am". The next day, Pilate also wanted to release Jesus. When Jesus said, "I have come to testify to the truth," Pilate walked away asking, "What is the truth?"

Using your tongue for Truth

St. James writes, "If anyone does not sin with the tongue, he is a perfect man." He uses two clear examples. To guide a horse, we put a bridle in his mouth. Also, a small rudder gives direction to a gigantic ship. He concludes, "The tongue is a small member of the body but it has great power" (James 3:1-5)

The Virtues

As we read before, vices are the opposite of virtues. Vices do us no good, they only harm us and others around us. Indeed, our tongue is a powerful weapon, one that cuts down people around us without us lifting a finger. As we continue to examine ourselves comparatively against the Commandments and Virtues let us strive to rid ourselves of this most destructive weapon. Let our tongues praise God and our virtues speak truth.

St. Louis de Montfort writes:

1. The world uses the sayings of Jesus to endorse the world's wisdom.
2. Truth is the Word of God throughout time and eternity. He never stops speaking.
3. Happy the person to whom the Holy Spirit reveals the truth of Mary.
4. Mary is like Noah's Ark, bringing her followers safely through the flood waters of sin that ruins many.
5. Mary sends angels as messengers.

Enter into Daily Common Prayers

DAILY COMMON PRAYERS

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

Dear Holy Mother, pray for me. Sainthood is my ultimate calling, but I fail to realize that many times. My vices still hold me, and I struggle to remove them. Grant me the extra grace to free myself from them. Teach me by the Cardinal Virtues how to speak the truth, even if I must suffer for it. Your beloved Son is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Help me, my Mother, to walk in His footsteps. 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.