

33 Day Consecration to Jesus Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary

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Day Twenty Five (25)

Mary, The Suffering Mother

Matthew writes, "Jesus left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum" (Mt 4:13). After that, Capernaum (on the shore of the Sea of Galilee) became Jesus' headquarters. Why did this happen? One day, after His fame had grown, Jesus returned to Nazareth. For some reason, Jesus' hometown people resented Him. They grew angry and tried to kill Him by throwing Him off the precipice. "But Jesus passed through their midst and went away" (Lk 4:30).

Mary must have been there because she always attended the Sabbath synagogue service. She heard the remarks "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" and "Where did He get this wisdom?" Her heart was broken. Her neighbors were yelling at Jesus. Then, the unthinkable, they tried to kill Him.

Jesus left Nazareth but Mary stayed. She lived every day with the same neighbors, always forgiving them for what they did. Years later, Mary went to Jerusalem for the Passover. She learned that the leaders had imprisoned Jesus. Suddenly, she was there among another angry crowd. This time, they shouted, "crucify him, crucify him!" She patiently forgave them also.

The Cross

There is a hymn you might have heard before, "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?". Mary was there. When Jesus saw His mother and the Beloved Disciple at His cross, He said, "Woman, behold your son." The word "woman" brought back the happy memories of the couple at Cana whom Jesus had helped. Then, came all the other memories, beginning with Simeon's prophecy of a sword piercing her heart. For 33 years, she had been with Jesus in all His suffering.

Another Jewish Mother

About 200 years before Jesus, a Jewish mother lost seven sons in a religious persecution of the Jews. She encouraged all of them to stand firm in their religious beliefs. She was asked to persuade her youngest son to save his life. Speaking in her native tongue she said, "Son, I carried you for nine months and nursed you for three years. Do not be afraid of the executioner but accept death that I might receive you again on the day of God's mercy." (2 Mc C7)

The Virtues

Vices hurt, but virtues can bring healing. Vices give no meaning to life, while virtues show the real value of life. Why live in the emptiness of vices? Why not try to live in the true peace of virtues? Is it not interesting enough for you, not cool, or hip? Not trendy or stylish enough? Perhaps, it is that you just don't care? And this, is why your Mother suffers. You bring Her to tears. All because you don't care. It's the truth. Don't hide from it, or make excuses. Please, live a life that is virtuous. Do it today, and stop the suffering of vices.

St. Louis de Montfort writes:

1. Jesus wanted Mary at the cross. With her consent, He was immolated to the Father.
2. Through Mary, the Holy Spirit now brings forth new children of Christ's Mystical Body.
3. As Christ was born in her, so every chosen soul must be born in her.
4. The world's salvation was begun by Mary and will be completed by her.
5. Mary's faithful servants get more crosses but they carry them more easily.
6. No one can carry a heavy cross joyfully without tender devotion to Our Lady.

Enter into Daily Common Prayers

DAILY COMMON PRAYERS

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

My Mother, pray for me. I cause you much pain, through my selfishness and insensitive attitude towards you. Truly, many times you have saved me from dark temptations and serious pains. But yet, I still forsake you, and run towards that which attracts me. The darkness which the world shows me, it's alluring, and captivates me. It's a strong force that drags me. At times, I willingly go to it. But I am left broken and bitter, with no sense or purpose, due to the darkness. My Mother, you suffer so much when I leave your side, and journey to my vices. Help me, and guide me. Pray that I might resist all the calls my name from the dark. Shine your light of redemption on me. I greatly need that mercy. Oh Mother, pray for me. Hold me tightly, and keep me from running away from you. 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.