

33 Day Consecration to Jesus Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary

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Day Twenty Eight (28)

Jesus has Many Friends

The saying goes, "You know a person by his friends." Read the gospels. Jesus has lots of friends even though He asks many sacrifices, like leaving their possessions behind. His friends included sisters named Martha and Mary. The woman caught in sin, Mary Magdalene. And some holy women of Galilee. He has apostles and disciples who are very loyal, except for one. His friends lent Him a donkey for Palm Sunday and an upper room for the Last Supper. The apostles ran away but they felt bad because Jesus was their friend.

After the Last Supper, Jesus said, "I do not call you servants. I call you friends." What a great favor! Jesus owns everything and you own nothing. Yet, He makes you His friend. The most surprising moment came after Jesus had risen from the dead. Although enjoying eternal glory, He wants Peter's friendship. Three times, Jesus asks, "do you love me?" Jesus wants friends. He especially wants you as His friend.

The Problem of Loneliness

God saw the problem, "it is not good for man to be alone" (Gen 1:18). God had a plan. He made Adam realise he was lonely. He showed Adam all the animals and Adam realized "none proved to be a suitable partner". When Adam saw Eve, he knew he had a lifelong friend. We all need friends, and even Jesus needed them. The saints revealed this mystery. Jesus' heart is broken when He is not our best friend.

What is Friendship?

Every person has inner walls that keep other people outside. Through friendship, a person takes down the walls and allows someone to enter into their life.

Jesus wants to be your friend but you have walls that keep Jesus out of your life. Through True Devotion, the walls come down - we call this surrender - and Jesus comes in.

St. Theresa of Avila said to her nuns, "Jesus has so few friends these days. At least let us be good ones."

The Virtues

Friends are good to have, but not all of them are good to be with, or learn from. Look closely. Have you ever noticed you take on certain points of view just like them, or speak like them, or even try to dress like them? See the power of influence they have on you? And have you examined where they are leading you? Does it conflict with what you're doing now, on this journey? Think. Is it worth keeping them as friends if they keep you from making this journey? Will they guide you to the light of God, or just make you another person who's lost? Hey, time is running out. Stop beating around the bush and pick a side please. Virtuous friends bring real meaning to everyone's life.

St. Louis de Montfort writes:

1. You are chosen from thousands to be Jesus' friend. You must live in pure faith and love for Jesus.
2. Nothing is so necessary, so useful and so glorious as being a friend of Jesus.
3. If you are resolved to become friends of Jesus, resolve to drink from the cup that Jesus drank.
4. If you are not among Jesus' friends, you are among the lost.

Enter into Daily Common Prayers

DAILY COMMON PRAYERS

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

My holy Mother, pray for me. Your friendship is important to me, but I still fail to keep up with this relationship in my daily living. I find myself always chasing after other friendships, ones which only benefit me or give me pleasure. Especially in this journey, I'm coming to realize, my friendship with you is greatly needed and must be strengthened. Without your guidance and prayers I will not be able to complete this walk. My dear Mother, pray for that grace I need to stay with you. Help me to forget myself and all my desires. Attach me to yourself, and show me the beauty of a true friendship with your beloved Son, my Lord and Savior, Jesus. 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.