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

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# **D**ay Thirty One (31) Jesus Brings God's Mercy

### **God's Compassion**

A little verse of the bible is often overlooked. After Adam and Eve sinned and lost their privilege of the Garden of Eden, they needed clothes, so "The Lord God made leather garments for the man and his wife" (Gen 3:21). The always thoughtful God provided just what they needed.

Jesus showed the same compassion. When He was criticized for being compassionate to sinners, Jesus quoted Hosea, the prophet, "It is mercy I desire, not sacrifice" (Mt 9:13 and 12:7).

#### **One Condition**

To receive His mercy, Jesus asks only that you act mercifully towards others. To emphasize this needed condition, He told the parable of the owner who forgave a gigantic debt of his servant. However, the servant refused to forgive someone who owed him a very small debt. On hearing this, the owner withdrew his mercy.

We are frail. We make mistakes. We even fall back into the same sins. We all need mercy. What can we do? Show mercy to everyone and seek God's mercy. Jesus promised, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall see God."

## **Divine Mercy - St. Faustina**

For many years, Jesus appeared to St. Faustina and commissioned her as His "Secretary of Mercy." He said "Speak to the world about my great and unfathomable mercy." She often saw Jesus who asked her to make a portrait so everyone could see His heart with two rays, red and white, coming forth. These represented Baptism and Eucharist.

Jesus said to Faustina, "I perform works of mercy in every soul. The greater the sinner, the greater right he has to my mercy", and "Let the greatest sinner trust in Me. I cannot punish even the greatest sinner if he appeals to my compassion." Reading Faustina's diary shows you that we must see everything in the light of God's mercy.

### **The Virtues**

We need lots of mercy and we need to give it too. We receive mercy when we ask of it from Jesus. But just as we read, Jesus asks only that we act mercifully towards others. It can be hard, especially with certain people. They make it so difficult for us to grant them mercy. But take a moment to think, what if you are that same type of person, someone who is difficult to get along with. Someone who can't adjust, or who can't stop thinking only about themselves. Giving mercy, and receiving mercy starts with you. During this journey, if you haven't been merciful, or not allowed others to give it, then you must start today. Don't let this 33 day journey be in vain or fruitless. Be merciful, as your heavenly Father is merciful to you.

#### St. Louis de Montfort writes:

- 1. Earth cannot make us happy. This stormy sea has no perfect calm.
- 2. Continue to say the Hail Mary until she places you in heavenly glory.
- 3. Let no one presume God's mercy, who offends God's Mother.
- 4. Entrust everything to Mary. Her womb is the abode of holy souls and the place of the greatest saints.
- 5. Why is Jesus loved so little? Because His mercy is too unknown.
- 6. Within Mary, God's infinite mercy was released in a full flood.

## **DAILY COMMON PRAYERS**

# $m{P}$ rayer for Practicing of Virtues

My loving Mother, pray for me. Mercy is something I struggle with to give to others. I try very hard to practice it, but still there are times when I'm only thinking about myself, and what my hurts are, and who has caused them. I don't think much about how I have hurt others. My Mother, in this journey you have tried to teach me to be patient, and then give mercy. You have shown me how beautiful your Son's heart is. I wish to be like your Son, full of patience, and mercy. Teach me more, oh my dear Mother. And pray that I might have the grace and strength each day to be mercy itself, to everyone I meet. 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.

## Consecration

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.

# Come 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.