33 Day Consecration to Jesus Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary

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Day Thirty Two (32) Jesus Persevered to the Cross

The world despises death because it ends earthly existence. However, everyone must surrender to death's power. At some point, the body, despite medical science, will simply not live on. The music stops. The merry-go-round is over. Everyone must get off.

For Jesus and His followers, death is a very special moment, the goal of the Christian life. Death is the finish line. The difficult race is over. The victory won. Eternal life beings. Jesus persevered until his death and He wants you to do the same.

The Confused Apostles

While Jesus was attracting the multitudes and working miracles, the apostles misunderstood everything. Constantly, Jesus said, "The Son of Man must be crucified and rise on the third day" (Mt 16:21). The apostles were caught up in the excitement of the crowds and could not grasp His words. Finally, Jesus went to Jerusalem, even though He knew He would die there. "It is impossible that a prophet should die outside of Jerusalem" (Lk 13:33).

Jesus persevered to His death on the cross and told His disciples, "The one who perseveres to the end will be saved." (Mk 13:13).

Your Own Perseverance

When you were baptized, Jesus gave you the Holy Spirit. That Spirit makes you God's child and an heir to heaven by giving you the state of grace, the Holy Spirit's presence within you.

He remains in you unless you commit a serious sin, a mortal sin that kills your divine life. However, the power of your baptism is so strong that you can easily be restored to grace. You tell God you are sorry. You also go to confession and receive absolution. Grace is restored, hopefully forever.

The road to heaven is difficult. Persevering to the end is not easy. Fortunately, Jesus has given you the Holy Spirit. During your final day of preparation, you will focus on Jesus' gift of the Holy Spirit.

The Virtues

To win the race you must stay with it till the end. If you give up, then it's all over. There's no chance for victory at all. Giving up is easy. In this 33 day journey, how many times have you given up? Too many? If so, then you need to get up and run, because there is still time. Yes, you still have time to make this journey count for something. It's a race to live yourself behind, and reach His heart, to become one with it. Hurry up, Mother is calling you. Please go, run and be with Her. Offer up your daily work into Her hands. Live a victorious life in virtues.

St. Louis de Montfort writes:

- 1. You pass through earth like a visitor. Heaven is your homeland.
- 2. The one who does not act like a stranger in this world, will not rejoice like a citizen in heaven.
- 3. If you faithfully say the Rosary until death, I assure you that "You shall receive a crown of unfading glory" (1 Pt 3:4)
- 4. If you are in a state of sin, say Hail to Mary, the sinless one, and Mary will deliver you from sin.
- 5. If you have lost the state of grace, say to Mary, "You are full of grace."

DAILY COMMON PRAYERS

$m{P}$ rayer for Practicing of Virtues

My loving Mother, pray for me. I wish to preserve in this race to the end. But I find myself, many a time, slowing down. Wanting to do other things aside from living the virtues. Distractions still creep back in, and boredom is always by my side. Help me to stay in prayer, in living out my acts of virtue, each and every day, for your sake. Mother, you have been with me this whole time, and you have been ever so patient. Keep me motivated in this race till I reach my goal, of your Son's most precious heart. 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.

Transformation 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.