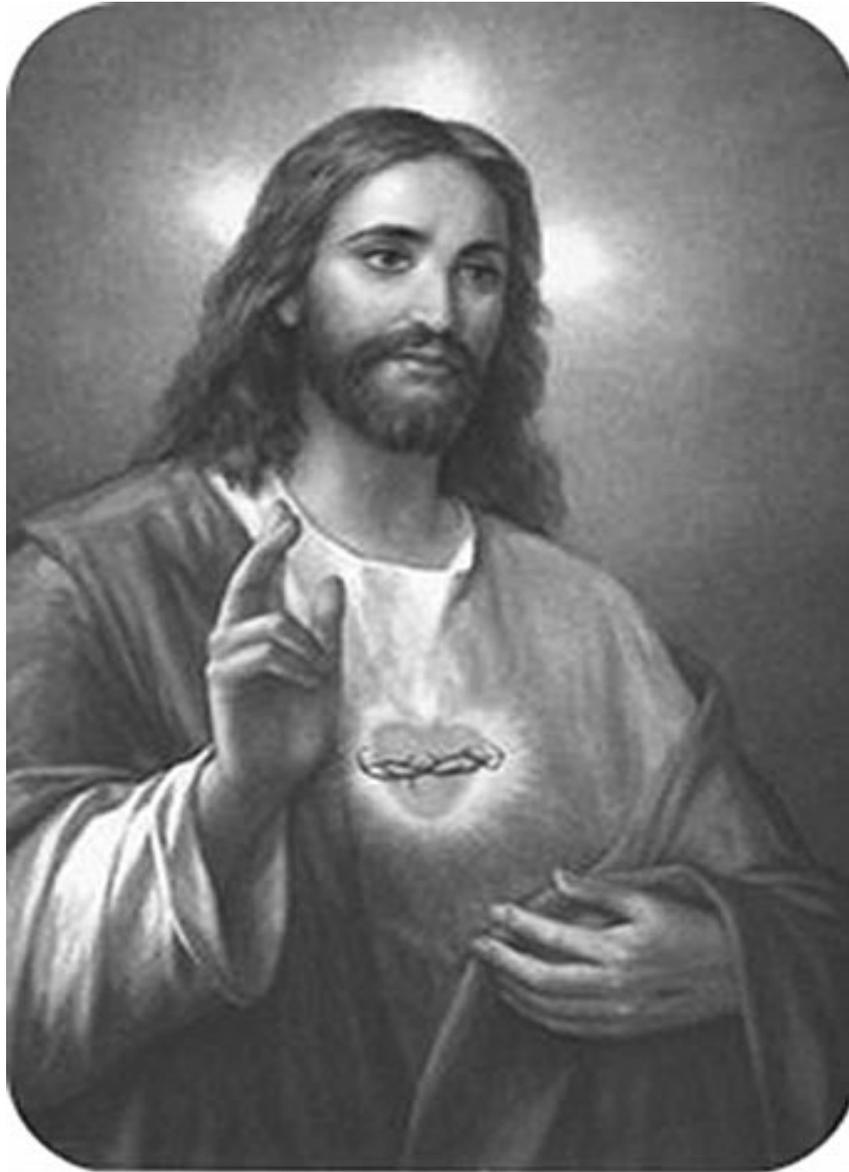


# Sacred Heart



# Holy Hour

# Welcome to the Night Adorers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

We have put together a pack to help you pray the Holy Hour in the home. You will find:

General advise in how to pray the Holy Hour.

An explanation of the indulgences you can gain praying the Holy Hour and how to obtain them.

A section to start your Holy Hour with the Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Canon of the Mass, the Litanies of the Sacred Heart and an Act of Consecration, as well as a Holy Hour Father Mateo wrote for all adorers.

We would also like to recommend a couple of books. Although they are not a direct help for praying the Holy Hour, they are very helpful in the realisation of the importance of this devotion and are also a fascinating read. Those are:

“Firebrand”, a biography of Father Mateo Crawley-Boevey

“Jesus, King of Love”, by Father Mateo Crawley-Boevey

Look on the website for a retailer near you. Even if they haven’t got them, they might be willing to try to get you a copy.

You can also find them in many second hand books retailers.

**A Holy Mass is offered every month for all people having committed themselves to participate in this devotion and for their families.**  
(sacredheartholyhour.com)



*Adorer's medal*

# How to pray the Holy Hour

On the practical level, it is best to pray the Holy Hour in front of an image or statue of the Sacred Heart, ideally the one with which you Enthroned Him in your home. Decorate it the best you can.

The best ways to start your Holy Hour is to read the Mass to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, uniting yourself in spirit to all the priests who are offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at this exact time, all around the world; followed by the Litanies of the Sacred Heart, and an Act of Consecration. You may then add any prayers you wish.

Nightly Adoration in the home is made in a spirit of reparation. Some sins are being committed every hour of the day and night, so reparation should also be perpetual. Therefore, nightly adoration in the home is organised in such a way that at every hour of the night throughout the entire year, reparation is being made by the sacrifice of an hour of sleep, offered to the Sacred Heart as an act of homage and love during his mystical agony.

## *Regulations*

1. The Nightly Adorer promises to make one hour of adoration once a month (or more) during the night. The night begins at 9 p.m. and ends with the hour from 5-6 a.m. Adoration made at any other time is meritorious but is not sufficient to gain the indulgences.
2. As an act of generosity, night adorers are encouraged to leave the choice of their date and hour of adoration to their spiritual director (if they have any), but they are perfectly free to choose their own date and hour for any responsible motive. Any date and hour of the month may be selected.
3. In order to keep accurate records and to maintain continuous nights of adoration, deaths and withdrawals of members, should be made known to the promoter.
4. It is not necessary to renew the enrolment each year. Once enrolled, you continue to be a member until death or voluntary withdrawal.
5. The promise you make does not bind under pain of sin, even venial. Father Mateo started it as an act of loving homage and reparation to the Sacred Heart. Accordingly, its success and duration will depend upon the extent of the faithfulness and generosity of its members. This fidelity will be proved when through sickness or otherwise prevented you make your hour of adoration some other night. It is not necessary to notify the promoter of temporary change of date or hour.

## Recommended intentions for the Holy Hour

- \* For our Holy Father the Pope, who greatly needs prayers.
- \* For the clergy, the special friends of Jesus - His priests.
- \* For family members who have lost their faith, whom we shall save by this penance and prayers.
- \* For those who are in their last agony and perhaps will appear before the tribunal of the Sovereign Judge before the end of the hour's watch.
- \* In reparation for the insults offered to the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Remember how Our Lord Himself asked Saint Margaret Mary for this Eucharistic reparation.
- \* Lastly, pray fervently that the Heart of Jesus may reign over society as King and Master, in social and national life. May His Kingdom come!
- \* You may add as many intentions as you wish.

## Indulgences

### *What is an indulgence?*

An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven. There are two kinds of indulgences, partial and plenary.

### *What is a partial indulgence?*

Partial indulgences can be acquired as often as one desires. To gain a partial indulgence, one must do the following. These are "the usual conditions" for receiving a partial indulgence: - be in a state of grace (free of mortal sin). A good Confession isn't otherwise necessary, but a contrite heart for even venial sin is. - intent to receive the indulgence - perform the prescribed action of the indulgence.

### *What is a plenary indulgence?*

Plenary Indulgences can be acquired only once each day for the same work (unless one is at the moment before death, in which case he may acquire another. Another exception is on All Souls Day -- November 2 -- when the faithful may gain a plenary indulgence, only for the souls in Purgatory, as often as they want). Plenary indulgences are much more demanding than partial indulgences.

### *What are the required conditions for a plenary indulgence?*

Sacramental confession.

Eucharistic Communion.

It is further required that all attachment to sin, even venial sin, be absent. If the latter disposition is in any way less than perfect or if the prescribed three conditions are not fulfilled, the indulgence will be partial only.

It is appropriate, but not necessary, that the sacramental Confession and especially

Holy Communion and the prayer for the Pope's intentions take place on the same day that the indulgenced work is performed; but it is sufficient that these sacred rites and prayers be carried out within several days (8) before or after the indulgenced act.

**Every time members make their hour of according to the regulations given above they can gain:**

- 1) A PLENARY INDULGENCE on the day of their admission as members of the League (the day they give their enrolment to a Promoter)
- 2) A PLENARY INDULGENCE once a month on the ordinary conditions (Confession, Communion, visit to a church or public oratory, prayers for the Holy Father's intentions);
- 3) A PLENARY INDULGENCE at the hour of death if the members, having received the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist, or at being contrite, invoke the holy name of Jesus—if possible with their lips, otherwise in their heart--and patiently accept death as coming from the hand of God and as the Wages of sin.
- 4) A PARTIAL INDULGENCE of 7 years for every extra hour of adoration made with a contrite heart.
- 5) If all the conditions for a plenary indulgence are not fulfilled, you may still gain a partial indulgence.



# Mass of the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

*Third Sunday after Pentecost*



## **Introit** (Ps. 32.11, 19)

The thoughts of His Heart are from generation to generation: To deliver their souls from death, and feed them in famine. Ps. Ibid. 1 Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just: praise becometh the upright. Glory be to the Father ... --The thoughts....

## **Collect**

O God, who in the Heart of Thy Son, wounded by our sins, dost mercifully bestow on us infinite treasures of love: grant, we beseech Thee, that whilst we render It the devout homage of our affection, we may also fulfil our duty of worthy satisfaction. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son...

## **Epistle**

from Blessed Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians, 3. 8 -12, 14 -19.

*(Jesus bestows upon us the boundless treasures of His love.)*

Brethren: To me, the least of all the Saints, is given this grace, to preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ: and to enlighten all men, that they may see what is the dispensation of the mystery which hath been hidden from eternity in God, who created all things: that the manifold wisdom of God may be made known to the principalities and powers in heavenly places through the Church, according to the eternal purpose which He made in Christ Jesus our Lord: in whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of Him. For this cause I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom all paternity in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened by His Spirit with might unto the inward man, that Christ may dwell by faith in your hearts: that, being rooted and grounded in charity, you may be able to comprehend with all the Saints, what is the breadth and length, and height and depth: to know also the charity of Christ which surpasses all knowledge, that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God.

## **Gradual** (Ps. 24. 8 – 9)

The Lord is sweet and righteous: therefore He will give a law to sinners in the way. He will guide the mild in judgment: He will teach the meek His ways.

Alleluia, alleluia. (Matt. 11. 29). Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, because I am meek and humble of Heart: and you shall find rest to your souls. Alleluia.

### **Tract** (Ps. 102, 8 -10)

The Lord is merciful and compassionate: long-suffering and plentiful in mercy. He will not always be angry: nor will He threaten for ever. He hath not dealt with us according to our sins: not rewarded us according to our iniquities.

### **Gospel**

*Continuation of the holy Gospel according to St John 19. 31 – 37.*

At that time: The Jews (because it was the Parasceve), that the bodies might not remain upon the cross on the Sabbath day (for that day was a great Sabbath day) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. The soldiers therefore came: and they broke the legs of the first, and of the other that was crucified with Him. But after they were to come to Jesus, when they saw that He was already dead they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers with a spear opened His side, and immediately there came out blood and water. And he that saw it hath given testimony: and his testimony is true. And he knoweth that he saith true, that you may believe. For these things were done that the Scripture might be fulfilled: You shall not break a bone of Him. And again another Scripture saith: They shall look on Him whom they pierced.

### **Offertory**

My heart hath expected reproach and misery: and I looked for one that would grieve together with me, but there was none: and for one that would comfort me, and I found none.

### **Secret**

Have regard, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to the inexpressible love of the Heart of Thy beloved Son: so that what we offer may be a gift acceptable to Thee, and an expiation for our offences. Through the same Christ Our Lord.

### **Preface**

It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to Thee, holy Lord, Father almighty, eternal God: Whose will it was that Thine only-begotten Son, while hanging on the Cross, should be pierced by the soldier's lance: that the Heart thus opened should, as from a well of divine bounty, pour over us streams of mercy and of grace: and that the Heart which never

ceased to burn with love for us, should be for the devout a haven of rest and for the penitent an open refuge of salvation. And therefore with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominations, and with all the hosts of the heavenly army, we sing a hymn to Thy glory, evermore saying: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts! Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

**Communion** (John 19. 34)

One of the soldiers with a spear opened His side, and immediately there came out blood and water.

**Post-communion**

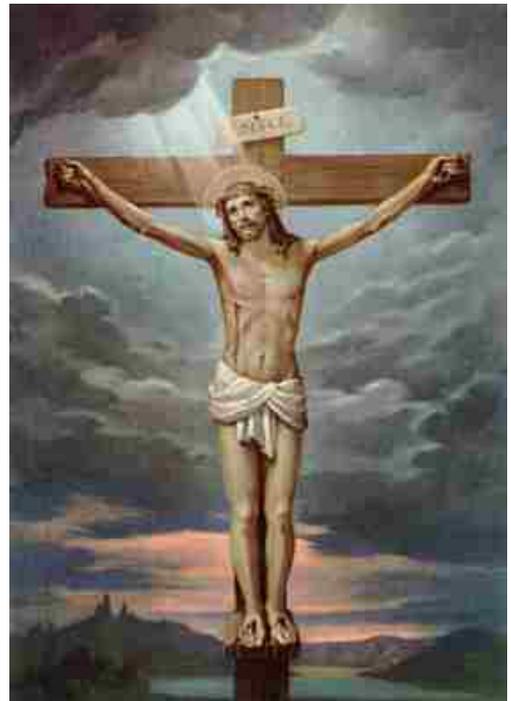
May Thy holy Mysteries, O Lord Jesus, impart to us divine fervour: wherein we may taste the sweetness of Thy most loving Heart, and learn to despise what is earthly and love what is heavenly: Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen



## Canon of the Mass

Most merciful Father, we humbly pray and beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ Thy Son, Our Lord, that Thou would vouchsafe to accept and to bless these gifts, these presents, this holy Victim without blemish, which in the first place we offer Thee for Thy Holy Catholic Church, that it may please Thee to grant her peace, to preserve, unite, and govern her throughout the world, together with Thy servant **N. . . .** our Pope, and **N. . . .** our Bishop, and all who foster the Catholic and Apostolic faith.

Be mindful, O Lord, of Thy servants and handmaids **N. . . .** and **N. . . .** and of all here present, whose faith and devotion are known to Thee, for whom we offer, or who offer up to Thee this Sacrifice of praise for themselves and all those dear to them, for the redemption of their souls and the hope of their safety and salvation: who now pay their vows to Thee, the everlasting,



living and true God.

Communicating with, and honouring the memory in the first place of the glorious ever Virgin Mary, Mother of our God and Lord Jesus Christ: as also of blessed Joseph, her Spouse; and likewise of Thy blessed Apostles and Martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Thaddeus, Linus, Cletus, Clement, Sixtus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian, and of all Thy Saints. Grant for the sake of their merits and prayers that in all things we may be guarded and helped by Thy protection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

O LORD, we beseech Thee, graciously to accept this oblation of our service and that of Thy whole household. Order our days in Thy peace, and command that we be rescued from eternal damnation and numbered in the flock of Thine elect. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Which oblations do Thou, O God, vouchsafe in all respects, to bless, approve, ratify, make worthy and acceptable, that it may become for us the Body and Blood of Thy most beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Who, the day before He suffered, took bread into His Holy and venerable hands, and having lifted up His eyes to heaven, to Thee, God, His Almighty Father, giving thanks to Thee, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat ye all of this: **FOR THIS IS MY BODY**

In like manner, after He had supped, taking also this excellent chalice into His holy and venerable hands, likewise giving Thee thanks, He blessed it and gave it to His disciples, saying: "Take and drink ye all of this, **FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL TESTAMENT, THE MYSTERY OF FAITH, WHICH SHALL BE SHED FOR YOU AND FOR MANY UNTO THE REMISSION OF SINS.** As often as ye do these things, ye shall do them in remembrance of Me."

And now, O Lord, we, Thy servants, and with us all Thy holy people, calling to mind the blessed Passion of this same Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, likewise His Resurrection from the dead and His glorious Ascension into heaven, do offer unto Thy most sovereign Majesty out of the gifts Thou hast bestowed upon us, a Victim which is pure, a Victim which is holy, a Victim which is spotless, the holy Bread of life eternal, and the Chalice of everlasting Salvation.

Deign to look upon them with a favourable and gracious countenance, and to accept them as Thou didst accept the offerings of Thy just servant Abel, and the sacrifice of our Patriarch Abraham, and that which Thy high priest Melchisedech offered up to

Thee, a holy Sacrifice, an immaculate Victim.

Humbly we beseech Thee, almighty God, to command that these our offerings be carried by the hands of Thy holy Angel to Thine Altar on high, in the sight of Thy divine Majesty, so that those of us who shall receive the most sacred Body and Blood of Thy Son by partaking thereof from this Altar may be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing: Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Be mindful, also, O Lord, of Thy servants and handmaids **N**. . . . and **N** . . . . who are gone before us with the sign of faith and who sleep the sleep of peace. To these, O Lord, and to all who rest in Christ, grant, we beseech Thee, a place of refreshment, light and peace. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

To us also Thy sinful servants, who put our trust in the multitude of Thy mercies, vouchsafe to grant some part and fellowship with Thy holy Apostles and Martyrs: with John, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicity, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia, and all Thy Saints. Into their company we beseech Thee admit us, not considering our merits, but freely pardoning our offences. Through Christ our Lord.

By whom, O Lord, Thou dost always create, sanctify, quicken, bless , and bestow upon us all these good things.

Through Him, and with Him, and in Him, is unto Thee, God the Father Almighty, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory, world without end. Amen



## Litany of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

V/ Lord, have mercy.

R/ Lord, have mercy.

V/ Christ, have mercy.

R/ Christ, have mercy.

V/ Lord, have mercy.

R/ Lord, have mercy.

V/ Jesus, hear us.

R/ Jesus, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us.

God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.

God, the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, One God, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father, have mercy on us

Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mother, have mercy...

Heart of Jesus, substantially united to the Word of God, have ...

Heart of Jesus, of Infinite Majesty,...

Heart of Jesus, Sacred Temple of God,...

Heart of Jesus, Tabernacle of the Most High,...

Heart of Jesus, House of God and Gate of Heaven,...

Heart of Jesus, burning furnace of charity,...

Heart of Jesus, abode of justice and love,...

Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love,...

Heart of Jesus, abyss of all virtues,...

Heart of Jesus, most worthy of all praise,...

Heart of Jesus, king and centre of all hearts,...

Heart of Jesus, in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge,...

Heart of Jesus, in whom the Father was well pleased,...

Heart of Jesus, of whose fullness we have all received,...

Heart of Jesus, desire of the everlasting hills,...

Heart of Jesus, patient and most merciful,...

Heart of Jesus, enriching all who invoke you,...

Heart of Jesus, fountain of life and holiness,...

Heart of Jesus, propitiation for our sins,...

Heart of Jesus, loaded down with opprobrium,...

Heart of Jesus, bruised for our offences,...

Heart of Jesus, obedient to death,...

Heart of Jesus, pierced with a lance,...

Heart of Jesus, source of all consolation,...

Heart of Jesus, our life and resurrection,...

Heart of Jesus, our peace and reconciliation,...

Heart of Jesus, victim for our sins,...

Heart of Jesus, salvation of those who trust in you,...

Heart of Jesus, hope of those who die in you,...

Heart of Jesus, delight of all the Saints,...

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world.

R/ spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,

R/ graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,

R/ have mercy on us.  
Jesus, meek and humble of heart.  
R/ Make our hearts like to yours.

**Let us pray.**

Almighty and eternal God, look upon the Heart of your most beloved Son and upon the praises and satisfaction which he offers you in the name of sinners; and to those who implore your mercy, in your great goodness, grant forgiveness in the name of the same Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you forever and ever. Amen



## **Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I consecrate myself to Your Most Sacred Heart. Take possession of my whole being; transform me into Yourself. Make my hands Your hands, my feet Your feet, my heart Your heart. Let me see with Your eyes, listen with Your ears, speak with Your lips, love with Your heart, understand with Your mind, serve with Your will, and be dedicated with my whole being. Make me Your other self. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, send me Your Holy Spirit to teach me to love You and to live through You, with You, in You and for You.

Come, Holy Spirit, make my body Your temple. Come, and abide with me forever. Give me the deepest love for the Sacred Heart of Jesus in order to serve Him with my whole heart, soul, mind and strength. Take possession of all my faculties of body and soul. Regulate all my passions: feelings and emotions. Take possession of my intellect, understanding and will; my memory and imagination. O Holy Spirit of Love, give me an abundance of Your efficacious graces. Give me the fullness of all the virtues; enrich my faith, strengthen my hope, increase my trust, and inflame my love. Give me the fullness of Your sevenfold gifts, fruits and beatitudes. Most Holy Trinity, make my soul Your sanctuary.



# HOLY HOUR

## *CONSIDERATIONS AND PRAYERS*

One morning during her meditation, St. Margaret Mary heard in the depths of her soul a piteous call, full of distress and anguish. It was Jesus Who, bathed in tears, was knocking with insistency at the door of her heart; He was pleading for a shelter of adoration and consolation that would make amends for a horrible profanation He had just suffered.

Moaning and covered with blood, Jesus begged for relief and comfort. He wanted to rest His wounded Heart on a most faithful, loving heart, for He had need of pouring out His grief to one who would understand. And when, in Holy Communion, the saint offered our Saviour her heart as His spouse, Jesus, as one oppressed and out of breath, hastened into that haven of peace and consolation; then Margaret Mary heard Him sigh with relief and give Himself up to her care, consoled and grateful, like an injured man whose wound one dresses with gentleness and love after the merciless blade has been withdrawn.

Adoring soul, happy are you to find yourself tonight in exactly the same enviable position as the saintly confidant of Paray! For if it is true that the glory of the Divine King has spread and increased, it is none the less true that the revenge of Satan has unleashed against the Adorable Master a tempest of sin. What is sadder still, the enemy has now penetrated into our own ranks; the wolf is encountered with unheard of cruelty in a full sheepfold. More, he is tolerated there, even encouraged by the cowardice of many friends. Thus Satan and the world have without pity struck and scourged their God and Lord. His very bones might be counted through His wounds, for "there is no soundness in Him."

In this state He knocks at the door of your heart, adoring soul. He is cold and hungry, He is in tears; His tunic is torn -- and still more His Sacred Heart -- by ungrateful friends. He knocks, because He hastens to offer pardon and mercy for the guilty even while He begs for Himself the bread of love which so many have refused Him.

He ought, in strict justice, to punish with rigour and consume in the flames of a most just vengeance the unnatural children who profane His law and trample underfoot His Precious Blood. Ah! but He desires to be more Saviour than He is Jesus, and as such He wills to reign by pardoning.

But to be pardoned supposes a Divine Justice satisfied by reparation. And it is just this reparation which He comes to ask of you tonight, that thereby He may offer to many guilty souls infinite mercy in place of eternal torments. How great an honour for you to be able to complete the reparation of Calvary and of the altar, and consequently to be able to save thousands of souls who, if they had died before this your hour of adoration, would have been eternally lost!

These souls form an immortal crown which you are giving tonight to Jesus in reparation for the crown of thorns, and this same crown will one day likewise be yours, since in your sublime vocation as a soul of reparation you have consented to be the companion of Margaret Mary.

*Now recollect yourself and with great fervour invoke for a moment the Holy Spirit, imploring the grace to hear with profit the voice of the agonizing Master.*

**The voice of Jesus, pleading:**

Thank you, beloved soul, for this hour of loving companionship which, at the sacrifice of your well earned repose, you offer to My despised love. I thank you and bless you! You draw near in good time, for My heart is overflowing with bitterness. I will repay this immense consolation by unburdening My griefs to your most faithful heart. Yet, reflect that it is your God and your Lord Who speaks with you -- and adore Me!

I speak to you thus with infinite condescension because I am the Son of Mary, My name is Jesus, I am God the Saviour!

I know that you come to make reparation for the cruelest of sins -- the sin of ungrateful friends, who are altogether the most blameworthy because they know what they do and are the most loaded with favours.

But I desire that before all you would speak to Me, if only for a moment, in petition for those who in outward appearance at least, are the greatest sinners such as the impious who blaspheme Me, renegades who betray Me — and who never have anyone to pray for them. Do you have pity on those unhappy souls and pray for them, the only really unhappy ones, since they live without faith, without hope, without love.

And when you have finished this petition I will relate to you in intimacy another agony, oh, much more dolorous! But I wish first of all to receive your supplication in favour of those who have fallen into an abyss and who have no one to hold out to them a saving hand. Do this act of charity for Me and for them. Do not delay; My merciful Heart is listening to you — speak!

**The adoring soul:**

Heart of my God and my King, am I, a poor unworthy thing, to console Thee? I, a sinner, to make Thee smile through those divine tears of Thine? I, dust and nothingness, to sweeten Thy bitterness?

I, so many times ungrateful, to have the privilege of tenderly pouring balm on Thy wounds and, drawing out the thorns, of placing in their stead my soul and the souls of many others? Thank Thee, my Jesus, infinite thanks for such a vocation of privilege and of glory, a vocation which I have never merited. O King of Love, I thank Thee!

Since Thou dost permit it and even request it, accept my poor entreaty in favour of the executioners of Thy Calvary, a supplication which I present to Thee enriched with the tears of Mary Immaculate.

Heart of Jesus, sorrowful unto death at receiving the kiss of the perfidious Judas, pity and mercy for so many other wretched ones who have betrayed and sold Thee for a creature, for position, or for vile money. By the sorrows and the tender compassion of Mary, grant that they may return repentant to Thy fold. have mercy. Mercy, Lord, mercy!

Heart of Jesus, sorrowful unto death, covered with opprobrium before the court of Herod and dragged with ignominy before the tribunals of the unjust, pity and pardon for so many of the great ones of the earth who, considering themselves to be wise, take it upon themselves in our day to condemn Thee, and this in order to justify their own offences and to excuse their sin of pride! By the sorrows and the tender compassion of Mary, grant that they may return repentant to Thy fold. Jesus, have mercy. Mercy, Lord, mercy!

Heart of Jesus, sorrowful unto death, nailed to an infamous gibbet between two criminals, abandoned in death by the good and cursed by those very ones for whom Thou wert dying, have pity on so many great sinners who, loaded with worldly honours, are in reality only unhappy traffickers in sin. Have pity on those who have acquired power and glory at the price of Thy Precious Blood! By the sorrows and the tender compassion of Mary, grant that they may return repentant to Thy fold. Jesus, have mercy. Mercy, Lord, mercy!

O good Jesus, in union with our Holy Father the Pope, I entreat Thee in favour of those who have never known Thee, or who having known Thee but little and wrongly, in their ignorance treat Thee in the same manner as do Thy ruthless enemies. Mercy!

Good Jesus, I pray for the many perverted nations living in hatred of Thy Adorable Person and who, in open rebellion against Thy Holy Church, seek in their fury to destroy it, to bury it beneath its own ruins. Mercy!

Good Jesus, I pray for the many, many followers of various sects who are knowingly in error — self interested, ambitious, wicked men, who hate Thee, who curse Thy Cross and Thy law which condemns them, and who in their hatred plot to dethrone Thee from the altar and from consciences. Mercy!

Good Jesus, I pray for all those whom, through Thy tears on Calvary, Thou didst contemplate down the ages, for all those to whom Thou didst tenderly pardon and mercy when, dying, Thou didst say: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Mercy!

And good Jesus, divining a desire of Thy compassionate Heart, I confidently beseech

Thee for my home, for all those whom Thou hast given to me for my own, and whom, in Thee and for Thee, I ought to love in a Christian manner - yet only in Thee, King and Friend of Bethany! Thou knowest all these who are dear to me and, knowing, all things, Thou art not ignorant that in my home there are great sorrows and cruel shadows. . . . Have pity on them all, most faithful Friend of Bethany, and let this adoration be a full reparation for them and for me. I confide to Thy most loving Sacred Heart all the sadness and moral suffering, all the bitterness and anguish of death, that are and will be in my home, which is Thine also, O Jesus.

Alas, Lord, all my dear ones are not yet entirely Thine, as Thou dost desire them to be and, as Lord and King, hast the right to demand. . . . Have pity on them, Divine Friend of Bethany!

Convert, heal and bring to life again, O Heart of Jesus, all those who are living dead in sin round about me, and whom I consecrate to Thee for Thy glory. Enlighten, strengthen and guide them, Thou Who art the Light, Thou Who art Strength, Thou Who art Love!

O Jesus, save and sanctify the family from which Thou hast deigned to choose this adoring lamp; himself (herself) poor and insignificant, but longing to see Thee known, adored and loved without measure in this home. Pity and mercy for us all! Divine Friend of Bethany, may Thy Kingdom come among us!

*Make known with all simplicity and confidence the pressing needs of your family: the conversions, the graces of greater fervour, divine light and consolation, etc. Then, with your arms extended in the form of a cross say five Our Fathers, Hail Marys and Glory Be to the Fathers in reparation for all the sins of your family; pray for the true Reign of the Sacred Heart in your home, with all the grace: that flow therefrom.*

### **Jesus, pleading:**

You have done well in anticipating my wish by speaking of those whom I love so much because you, My consoling angel, love them. Know that your home is Mine also, and this notwithstanding its failings which you and I regret. I bless it with all My Heart and I shall watch over your dear ones and shower My graces on them in order to repay this vigil of contrite love and reparation. Ah, and more! You shall know one day all that you have done for them by sacrificing your sleep in order to give Me consolation in this hour of darkness and Sin. Confide to Me, then, the troubles of your home, all that worries you, and be at peace; I am watching over it.

But do not forget that I am the Divine Outcast of many, many homes— pray for them. Oh, how grave a crime is that of the unfaithful home! To profane it is to profane the first of My sanctuaries, that never-to-be-forgotten Nazareth, whose altar was the heart of My Immaculate Mother. Alas, how many are the homes which do not deserve that

sacred name, homes from which I am expelled by a life of sin.

In the name of a false progress the foundation of the domestic sanctuary has been undermined. The bond of Christian marriage has been profaned and sacrilegiously broken; it has been robbed of its beauty and its divine greatness. That has been horribly "humanized" which I had made divine: conjugal love and its fruitfulness.

And as if so much ruin and desolation were not enough, there is now the whirlwind of an actual pagan regeneration, the perversion of morals, the excessive liberty of the young, the dreadful frivolity of the Christian woman and her provocative immodesty. That throng of evils, all grave, is the avalanche which threatens to bury the little that still survives of dignity and Christian virtue.

Beloved soul, pray, make reparation, placate My justice, and obtain, instead of rigorous chastisement, mercy, which will be granted in consideration of a phalanx of souls who, like you, love and immolate themselves in order to rescue the guilty world.

And now call to your aid the Queen of Nazareth, My Mother, who grieves desolate with Me over so many ruins and scandals. Adoring soul, call upon her who comes to help you stay the arm of My justice by holding back the torrent of iniquity which outrages Me; invoke her because she, the sweet Nazarene, is the great Reparatrix—she it is who with you is saving the menaced family.

### **The adoring soul:**

O Mary, Star of the Sea, come to our aid and save the work and the property of thy Jesus, because Nazareth - the home — is found to be in great peril. Mother of God, save us!

Hear me, O my Queen and my Mother, for this concerns the very throne of our Saviour. Alas, the generation of true Christian mothers is all but spent; the Christian home is dying out. Mother of God, save us!

What a horror! The fountain of human and divine life is about to dry up because there are so many worldly wives who disdain and even dread the honour of motherhood. Mother of God, save us!

And alas, that youth which ought to be a future in flower is a fading flower, without the sap of purity or of virtue. Mother of God, save us!

And those little ones! Oh, what a grief that, awakening to life in the midst of moral corruption and scorched by the sudden blaze of a worldly home, they are no longer children! Mother of God, save us!

Queen of Martyrs and Mother of Sorrows, only thou and Jesus know and comprehend fully the depths of these evils and of others that have not been named. By thy tears,

by the seven swords which pierced thy soul, by the weary, anguished sighs of Jesus, by His agony and thine own, Mediatrix of Mercy, come and save us! Save the family, the cornerstone of the Reign of thy Child, the Divine King.

O Mary, return to the home as its Queen, impregnate it anew with the perfume of thy virtues — thou, the Lily of Paradise — embalm it with the fragrance of chastity; rebuild Nazareth and Bethany, and be once more "our life, our sweetness and our hope"!

Mary, save the family for Jesus!

Jesus, save the family through Mary!

*Say the Hail, holy Queen to obtain the Reign of the Sacred Heart in the home.*

### **The voice of Jesus, pleading:**

Atoning soul, listen to Me with a loving, docile heart, for I must confide to you something very great which superficial Christians are not capable of understanding. But first of all invoke My Mother; say with fervour a Hail Mary in order that My words may penetrate with divine light into your heart.

Hail Mary. . . .

Tell Me, dear child, do you love with a great love and venerate with great devotion, My august Vicar, the Pope? Have you realized that, after Mary, the Pope is the greatest gift of My Sacred Heart?

Through Mary Immaculate I gave Myself to the world; through My infallible Vicar I make known to it My Will and My law. He is a never-failing proof of My love; he is My oracle and My voice. He is My right hand and My divine power here on earth, and so it shall be until the end of the world. I have placed in his heart My Divine Heart — therefore is he Father and Pontiff!

The Holy Spirit hovers over him as over the Apostles in the Cenacle, and My Mother, through My special commission, watches over him as My Prime Minister and Vicar.

Although I am silent in the tabernacle, I speak in the Vatican; in both I am always your Lord and King.

Oh, what sorrow that so many children of My Church offend Me cruelly by offending the Pope; it is I Myself Whom they wound when they boldly indulge in mad criticism against him.

And more, when they refuse to heed his counsels and cast aside his norms, it is I Whom they are disobeying, for if he is the mouthpiece, I am the Voice.

But what shall I say of those who would dare outrage his person, which is Mine? That a child of My own should strike My face, which is that of the Pontiff Rome!

Pray and make reparation, for I assure you that there are many who are damning themselves in this hurricane of rebellion. Think how I have invested My Vicar with full authority to bind and loose, to guide and govern, to prescribe and prohibit in My name. All power has been conferred on him.

I assure you of this, My beloved adorer: many, very many are the souls who find themselves on the brink of an abyss because they are not submissive to the Successor of Peter.

Look at that innumerable host of wretched women whose immodest dress My Vicar has condemned over and over again, but who, in their disobedience and rebellion, continue to sow the seed of scandal. Shall I have to curse them?

And there you have those men, puffed up with pride, who on their own account have set themselves up as masters and doctors over Christian society without any other claim than that of their self-conceit, for they know full well that on no one, absolutely on no one, have I conferred infallible power save on the Pope, the Bishop of Rome. Shall I, likewise, have to curse them?

And how many others there are who do not accept the pronouncements of My Vicar except insofar as it pleases them or suits their fancy to do so; who interpret his definite decisions in their own fashion and refuse obedience according to the Catholic spirit.

If you but knew, beloved soul, how I am wounded by such an attitude, so un-Catholic because so lacking in filial respect and humility. How many griefs and what deceptions I receive, where you least imagine, in this grave and delicate matter!

You who desire to make reparation, restrain these souls on such a dangerous downward path — perhaps the most dangerous of all and give Me the glory and joy of seeing the Supreme Pontiff deeply loved and respected, filially obeyed and venerated. For you must know and make known that whosoever honours and loves him honours Me, and by this filial love enraptures My Heart!

### **The adoring soul:**

Thank Thee, my Jesus, for the lesson Thou hast just given me concerning him who represents Thee visibly on this earth. And let me tell Thee first of all, O King of Love, that if I have ever offended Thee by not giving to Thy august Vicar the love, the veneration and the filial obedience which Thou dost expect of me, on my knees I ask Thy pardon a thousand times!

To make reparation for this fault and to dry the tears which, because of it, run down Thy holy face, I offer myself in union with the Host of the Mass for the intentions of the Holy Father. Graciously hear me, O Lord.

O Mary, Queen of the Church and of the Cenacle, through thy Immaculate Heart I offer and consecrate to the Sacred Heart of Jesus all my sufferings of heart, mind and body, in reparation for the open rebellion against the Sovereign Pontiff. Obtain pardon for that sin, and mercy and light for those sinners!

O Mary, Queen of the Church and of the Cenacle, through thy Immaculate Heart I offer and consecrate my daily or Sunday Mass, the Holy Sacrifice of the Altar, in reparation for the lack of filial attachment to the Vicar of Christ. Obtain pardon for that sin, and mercy and light for those sinners!

O Mary, Queen of the Church and of the Cenacle, through thy Immaculate Heart I offer and consecrate all my Communions, which I desire should be most fervent, in reparation for the criticisms and the distrustful, irreverent attitude by which the dignity of the Holy Father is offended. Obtain pardon for that sin, and mercy and light for those sinners!

I thank Thee, Heart of Jesus, for that gift of Thy love which is, for us Catholics, the Pope, in whom Thou hast desired to leave us, a thousand times better than in the relic; of the Holy Shroud, not only a vestige but the living reflection of Thy Adorable Person. For this, in the name of all faithful Catholics and likewise in the name of many who do not know or who disown this incomparable gift of Thy goodness, I praise Thee, together with all the martyrs of our Faith, and I bless Thee in union with the confessors and apostles of all times, who have fought and won in the shadow of the Cross and under obedience to the Roman Pontiff.

And thou, St. Therese, "Little Flower of Jesus," who hast loved the Church and the Pope so much, thou who didst offer thyself as a victim of love for the exaltation of our Holy Mother the Church, and whose apostolic mission has been solemnly confirmed by the Vicar of Christ: draw anew to the fold many prodigals, cause them to recognize the supreme authority of such a Shepherd and Father, the "sweet visible Christ" who is the Pope. O St. Therese, hasten the triumph of the Church and shower down your heavenly roses on our Holy Father.

*Say the Hail, Holy Queen for the Pope, and promise always to pray for him, to love him and to obey him with filial affection, for in the heart of the Pope we ought to see the Heart of Christ.*

*Read the following very slowly, relishing its spiritual sweetness, as if you heard the*

*voice of Jesus, broken by His sobs and moans.*

**Jesus, pleading:**

Hear Me, beloved soul. It was not only, nor principally Pilate and the Sanhedrin who condemned Me. Oh, no! It was the world -- as much and even more guilty than they. That is why I said, and I repeat, that "I pray not for the world."

Imagine how I suffer in seeing so many of My children, and among them those most loved and favoured by Me, become completely worldly-minded. What a sorrow! I assure you that far more cruel than the outrage of the wicked is this other outrage which pierces My Heart: that of beloved souls who have actually abandoned Me by compromising with the world and consequently robbing My Heart.

*Kiss with tenderness, atoning soul, kiss with love and emotion, the Five Wounds of your crucifix, and say: "Mercy, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, mercy! I love Thee, my Lord and my King, for all those ungrateful ones, and in reparation I promise eternal fidelity to Thy law. Thy Kingdom come!"*

**Jesus:**

Adoring soul, hear My groans, weep with Me, and let Me confide to you the fearful agony which is surging in My Heart. I am constrained to unburden My grief to you.

Behold, in the distance there, that great and frivolous crowd! Do you hear how they laugh, how they sing and dance with mad merriment? It is Balthasar's prophetic banquet over again—the crazed rapture of pleasure which often precedes, scarcely by a few hours, an eternity of woe. You who love Me, share My tears, mourn over this guilty folly, make reparation.

*Kiss with immense love the five wounds of your crucifix, and say: "Mercy, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, mercy! I love Thee, my Lord and my King, for all those ungrateful ones, and in reparation I promise eternal fidelity to Thy law. Thy Kingdom come!"*

**Jesus:**

Count, if you can, beloved soul, the army of frivolous and worldly ones of our day, of those who live feverish, giddy lives in pleasures and sinful diversions. They have Profaned their senses, even though their bodies were consecrated to Me through Baptism and the Holy Eucharist. See how My wounds bleed, reopened by these wretched ones! Do you, at least, atoning soul, weep with Me over so great a sin, such folly, and make reparation for it.

*Kiss with tenderness, atoning soul, kiss with love and emotion, the Five Wounds of your crucifix, and say: "Mercy, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, mercy! I love Thee, my Lord*

*and my King, for all those ungrateful ones, and in reparation I promise eternal fidelity to Thy law. Thy Kingdom come!"*

Alas, contemplate — but from a distance, in order that thou mayest not be contaminated — those theatres and places of worldly amusement. Ah, Roman soldiers once gave Me gall for My drink, but a far more bitter draught is prepared for Me today! For those men and women, those young boys and girls whom you see, and who have paid a luxury price to witness these sinful spectacles; wickedly considered a necessity and a matter of progress in this age these very persons have approached the communion-rail, perhaps frequently. Oh, what a suffering! And they call themselves Mine!

Accursed scenes of impurity, where the sin of the flesh is exhibited with a satanic refinement that scourges Me on the face and cuts into My Sacred Heart with bitterness! Do you, at least, atoning soul, weep with Me over so great a sin, over such folly, and make reparation for it.

*Kiss with tenderness, atoning soul, kiss with row and emotion, the Five Wounds of your crucifix, and say: "Mercy, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, mercy! I love Thee, my Lord and my King, for all those ungrateful ones, and in reparation I promise eternal fidelity to Thy law. Thy Kingdom come!"*

(A brief pause to beg for pardon.)

**Jesus:**

My sorrow is turned into an agony! Look at those women whom My Immaculate Mother rescued from an abyss of slavery and abjection, and then, at My request, adopted as her children that she might adorn them with the angelic beauty of chastity and enrich them with the treasures of purity and Christian virtue. Behold how they have trampled underfoot all the laws of modesty and womanly refinement, how they have disfigured and sullied the Christian beauty of their sex. Oh, what a sin!

But do not look at these unworthy Christians. Lest you be contaminated, do not look at these sowers of sin on the streets or even in church. Close your eyes, as I do, for these Christians are My dishonour.

*Ah, I grieve, and My Mother with Me. But among many today, Venus the goddess of worldlings triumphs insolently while I am set aside, because the trappings of vanity are, in their eyes, worth more than My Person and My law. O wretched ones!*

From you, atoning soul, I, a God torn by scourges, beg for compassion and consolation, for My executioners are these fashionably dressed women with beautiful hands, who by scourging Me with their immodesty have lashed My divine flesh to pieces. Do you, My consoling angel, remove this chalice from Me. Weep with Me

over so great a sin, over such folly, and make reparation for it.

*Kiss with tenderness, atoning soul, kin with row and emotion, the Five Wounds of your crucifix, and say: "Mercy, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, mercy! I love Thee, my Lord and my King, for all those ungrateful ones, and in reparation I promise eternal fidelity to Thy law. Thy Kingdom come!"*

The young are growing up like those poisonous plants that spring up on the borders of a swamp: they grow while carrying already in their veins the germ of death.

And so many women who have been baptised but are otherwise not Christians, languish and wither away to the sound of modern dance music, which in reality is sounding a funeral tone, announcing, with the death of their souls, the death and the ruin of the Christian home. Ah yes, see how the family, the sacred home-nest of tender affections, of fruitfulness and of peace, is seriously threatened with disruption and death.

Yet we know that Jesus Himself formed the sanctuary of the Christian home in Nazareth; for this He raised up and ennobled all womanhood in Mary; and to consolidate this divine work He poured out His Precious Blood, because He willed to civilise and Christianise us.

Ah, poor, poor Jesus! See His cherished and favoured children, see how they are destroying His work while making Him taste the vinegar and gall of their sin. Yet His Sacred Heart, patient and meek, waits for them, offering pardon and love!

### **The adoring soul:**

O Jesus, Life of my life, my God and my All, my King and my Saviour, in spirit I kiss with tenderness and with immense sorrow the whips of Thy executioners, in order to make reparation for the scourging inflicted on Thee nowadays by every impure soul and especially by immodest women. I love Thee, Jesus, even unto folly. I love Thee because Thou art Jesus!

*O Jesus, Life of my life, let me in spirit kiss the nails which pierced Thy divine flesh, in order to make reparation for the countless scandals which are promoted and even paid for by many Catholics, seduced as they are by a world that is suffering from the dreadful fever of sensuality. I love Thee, O Jesus, even unto folly. I love Thee because Thou art Jesus!*

O Jesus, Life of my life, with tenderness and sorrow I kiss the Cross, Thy blood-stained throne, from which amid the spasms of Thy agony Thou didst see with bitterest grief all that is happening today, all that believers and Christians are permitting themselves on the pretence of social requirements and modern progress, and which at bottom is nothing but the degradation of woman and the rebellion of proud man. From this glorified Cross Thou wilt one day pronounce a final

malediction on the lovers of this world and wilt judge them with the awful rigour which they themselves have provoked, because they would not accept and live by Thy law of sanctity and of mercy. Have pity, O Adorable Lawgiver and King; have pity, most amiable Saviour! O Jesus, I love Thee even unto folly, because Thou art Jesus!

*Say this ejaculation five times in a spirit of atonement:* O Jesus, I love Thee even unto folly, because Thou art Jesus!

## **REFLECTION**

Make here a brief examination of conscience. Have you not perhaps likewise yielded to the sinful demands of the world? to its crazed vanities? in the matter of amusements, reading, shows and dances? as regards immodest fashions? when frequenting public beaches? have you nothing with which to reproach yourself? nothing at all? Think this over seriously now, before the tribunal of pardon and mercy, with the strong resolution of changing and of making reparation for that which today causes a justified remorse. Remember that otherwise you will one day see it with noonday clearness and with terror, but before an implacable tribunal, and all too late.

Consider that since Jesus, your Divine Master, has condemned the world, no Christian is able to or ought to accept its maxims, its spirit of pride and sensuality, which are the very negation of the Gospel and of the Christian law.

*Make an act of contrition as firm and sincere as if this were your last hour.*

And now, like St. John, leaning your head in spirit on the Heart of Jesus, listen to His tender complaints, to His pleas for love and reparation.

### ***The voice of Jesus, pleading:***

Beloved soul, your vocation is to love, to love Me! Oh, love Me with your whole heart, with your whole soul, and with all your strength, since have created you solely for this end: to love Me and to be loved by Me in time and in eternity.

*I thirst!* I am consumed with thirst for the love of My own! And My own deny Me this love, they rob My Heart. See how they love all that is noble and worthy: family, friends, benefactors, country - but in lavishing so much love on all others, they have forgotten Me, Who am none else but the God of Love! What more can I do to win them to My Sacred Heart? What new prodigies can I perform when I have spent Myself in giving My own Self to these ungrateful children? Can anyone conceive of a charity more sublime than that of a God Who gives Himself to His own? Is not this already the gift of Paradise? Ah, but see how in return they give Me coldness, indifference, forgetfulness and frequently even sin and ingratitude.

*I thirst!* I have an immense thirst, a devouring thirst of being loved by My own! Listen to Me, adoring soul. If only, at least as reparation for the many crimes which renew My Passion — after being scourged by the scandals of the theatre, of indecent fashions and of the infamous beaches -- if only, as satisfaction for this overflowing of pride, of vanity and of impurity, I might find many generous souls who would console Me with love and penance -- but there are so few!

Oh, the sorrow of it! This holy desire for loving reparation is growing less every day. How few are those who truly know how to give themselves to Me, with genuine rejection of the perverted maxims of the world! What coldness in the hearts of those who call themselves Mine! How little loyalty toward Me! Alas, they do not love Me! Do you, at least, place your lips and your heart on the wound in My pierced side and tell Me -- Oh, tell Me that you love Me. Kiss the Sacred Wound on your crucifix, putting your whole soul into that kiss, and saying five times: "I love Thee, O Jesus, Love Who art not loved! and consume my heart in Thy divine charity!"

**Jesus:**

Thank you, beloved soul, thank you! How you comfort My Heart and lessen My thirst by speaking to Me thus! But, hear Me further.

Since I, with sadness, begged My servant Margaret Mary for more love of the Holy Eucharist at a homage of reparation, the number of Eucharistic souls has indeed increased, but they are still a restricted group. And even more limited is the number of those who have understood that it is not enough to receive Holy Communion, it is necessary to love in communicating. Otherwise there is the danger that this incomparable gift of the altar might begin to pail. For to assist at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass without great love and to receive Holy Communion without truly giving Me your heart, is to fail to recognize the love which has created these marvels and to hinder in great part their efficacy.

That which I have given out of pure love ought to be received and repaid with immense love. It is not enough to participate in the Banquet, it is necessary to draw near with a divine hunger for the Bread of Life.

Happy are you, adoring soul; that you understand this language which so many others fail to understand because they do not love. And it is precisely because they do not love that I am abandoned and left utterly alone in My tabernacles. Yet how many crowds, what multitudes, there are in the market places of sin, while I in My little dwelling of the tabernacle am always alone!

There are not lacking, of course, those friends of formality: the many who worship Me with their lips but whose hearts are far from Me.

Oh, how many friends have I sought out, who do not seek for Me— friends to whom I have given Myself, but who do not give themselves to Me— friends most faithful and self-sacrificing with their worldly friends, but not with Me, their Lord and Saviour - friends who even to an imprudent extent confide in creatures, always self-interested, but who will not trust in Me not give themselves to My Sacred Heart, always faithful!

Alas, yes, how many there are who know how to sacrifice themselves nobly for a cause that is beautiful, but only human for a creature, good perhaps, but yet a creature -- and who do not give to Me a hundredth part of this nobleness, of this sacrifice: who refuse it to Me because they are always afraid of exaggerating where My Adorable Person is concerned! Friends without any zeal for My glory, friends who seek Me with eagerness when they have need of My miracles, but never when I seek an hour of their time or self-sacrifice for My glory!

What am I to think of these ungrateful ones who pretend to love Me because they pray and even dare to communicate, but whose vanity, whose immodesty in dress, whose worldly frivolity have opened an impassable abyss between their hearts and Mine? Such souls as these deceive themselves, but they do not deceive Me.

I do not accept reject indignantly— this artificial devotion of prayers and novenas that bear no fruit of amendment, this false devotion which pretends to unite what I have separated forever: My law and virtue, My love and My Heart, from the world-- which I again curse. What surprises these "devout worldlings" will receive at My judgment seat!

I have a divine hunger for really loving hearts: not for beautiful words, not for flowers and hymns and empty prayers.

I thirst for a love that is trustful and self~sacrificing and humble, for a love that is pure of soul and chaste in the senses. To give Me any other love in league with the world, would be to lie to oneself and to Me. I reject it!

The love that is strong as death is what I expect from you, adoring soul. Oh, give it to Me, quench the thirst of a God Who came down from Heaven to seek the love of His poor creatures. And since so many hearts, alas, are to Me as a dry cistern, unable to give the living water which I give and which I hope for as a return of love, do you give Me to drink. *I thirst!*--I thirst for love!

*Read the following very slowly, speaking to Jesus more with your heart than with your lips.*

**The adoring soul:**

O my agonizing King, if Thine "*I thirst*" on Calvary brought vinegar and gall to Thy

divine lips, tonight Thou art going to receive the Infinite Love Who art not loved, I love Thee and I desire to make Thee loved, in reparation for so many who have failed to recognize that prodigy of Thy love which is Thy marvellous Incarnation. Jesus the Infant, Jesus the Youth, Jesus the Divine Workman, I adore Thee with the adoration of the heart. But in return do Thou inflame this poor heart of mine in the flames of Thy charity. "O that I might love Thee as Thou hast never yet been loved!" And give me Thy Heart, give me Thy love, for I too thirst, I thirst ardently for Thee, Lord Jesus. *I thirst!*

Infinite Love Who art not loved, I love Thee and I desire to make Thee loved, in reparation for so many who have failed to recognize in their lives that folly of divine love which is Thy Passion, Thy Redemption and Thy Cross. Jesus crucified, Jesus agonizing, Jesus dead and buried for love's sake, I adore Thee with the adoration of the heart. But in return do Thou inflame this poor heart of mine in the flames of Thy charity. "O that I might love Thee as Thou hast never yet been loved!" And give me Thy Heart, give me Thy love, for I too thirst, I thirst ardently for Thee, Lord Jesus. *I thirst!*

Infinite Love Who art not loved, I love Thee and I desire to make Thee loved, in reparation for so many who have failed to recognize that divine folly of love which is the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Jesus our Priest, Jesus our Victim, Jesus our Sacramental Food, I love Thee with the adoration of the heart. But in return do Thou inflame this poor heart of mine in the flames of Thy charity."O that I might love Thee as Thou hast never yet been loved!" And give me Thy Heart, give me Thy love, for I too thirst, I thirst ardently for Thee, Lord Jesus. *I thirst!*

Grant that I may love Thee, O Jesus, Love Who art not loved, that I may love Thee in my personal and intimate life, by perfect fidelity to Thy grace - that I may sanctify myself in Thy love.

Grant that I may love Thee, O Jesus, Love Who am not loved, that I may love Thee in my family life, in the exact fulfilment of my daily duties and in the acceptance of those crosses connected with my state of life and permitted by Thy loving Providence — that I may sanctify myself in Thy love.

Grant that I may love Thee, Jesus, Love Who art not loved, that I may love Thee in the souls whom Thou hast committed to my care, especially in those who have gone astray. Grant that I may love Thee in my apostolate for Thy glory and, that it may be fruitful, let me sanctify myself in Thy love.

Grant that I may love Thee, O Jesus, Love Who art not loved, in Thine ineffable gift of the heart of Mary, that in this school I may learn to be simple, humble, chaste and pure— that guided by Mary, I may sanctify myself in Thy love.

Ah, how much I desire, dear Jesus, that my life might be a perfect praise of Thine unknown love, a reparation for Thy offended love, a holocaust to Thy despised and profaned love. But Thou, O Lord, Who knowest all things, Who readest the depths of souls and Who dost see my immense desires: Thou knowest that in spite of my miseries I desire with a resolute will to live and to die saying and proving to Thee that I love Thee above all the treasures of Heaven and earth. I thirst for Thee, Jesus! I thirst for Thy glory!

## **ACT OF REPARATION TO THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

By His Holiness, Pius XI

O sweet Jesus, Whose overflowing charity for men is requited by so much forgetfulness, negligence and contempt, behold us prostrate before Thine altar, eager to repair by a special act of homage the cruel indifference and injuries to which Thy loving Heart is everywhere subject.

Mindful, alas, that we ourselves have had a share in those great indignities which we now deplore from the depths of our hearts, we humbly ask Thy pardon and declare our readiness to atone by voluntary expiation not only for our own personal offences, but also for the sins of those who, straying far from the path of salvation, refuse in their obstinate infidelity to follow Thee, their Shepherd and Leader, or who, renouncing the vows of their Baptism, have cast off the sweet yoke of Thy law.

We are now resolved to expiate each and every outrage committed against Thee; we are determined to make amends for the manifold offences against Christian modesty in unbecoming dress and behaviour, for all the foul seductions laid to ensnare the feet of the innocent, for the frequent violation of Sundays and holy days, and the shocking blasphemies uttered against Thee and Thy saints. We wish also to make amends for the insults to which Thy Vicar on earth and Thy priests are subjected; for the profanation, by conscious neglect or terrible acts of sacrilege, of the very Sacrament of Thy divine love; and lastly for the public crimes of nations who resist the rights and the teaching authority of the Church which Thou hast founded.

Would, O Divine Jesus, we were able to wash away such abominations with our blood. We now offer in reparation for these violations of Thy divine honour, the satisfaction Thou didst once make to Thine Eternal Father on the Cross and which Thou dost continue daily on our altars; we offer it in union with the acts of atonement of Thy Virgin Mother, of all the saints and of the pious faithful on earth; and we sincerely promise to make recompense, as far as we can with the help of Thy grace, for all neglect of Thy great love and for the sins we and others have committed in the

past. Henceforth we will live a life of unwavering faith, of purity of conduct, and of perfect observance of the precepts of the Gospel, especially that of charity. We promise to the best of our power to prevent others from offending Thee and to bring as many as possible to follow Thee.

O loving Jesus, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our model in reparation, deign to receive the voluntary offering we make of this act of expiation; and by the crowning gift of perseverance keep us faithful unto death in our duty and the allegiance we owe to Thee, so that we may all one day come to that happy home where Thou with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.

And now, adoring soul, take your crucifix and with immense love kiss the Five Wounds, saying each time the following ejaculation: "I love Thee, Jesus, because Thou art Jesus! Thy Kingdom come!"

Kiss the Wound in the Sacred Side of Jesus, praying for the intentions of the Holy Father, and say: "I love Thee, Jesus, because Thou art Jesus! Thy Kingdom come!"

Kiss the Right Hand of our Crucified Saviour, praying for bishops, priests and seminarians, and say: "I love Thee, Jesus, because Thou art Jesus! Thy Kingdom come!"

Kiss the Left Hand of our Crucified Saviour, praying for your family and your own personal needs, and say: "I love Thee, O Jesus, because Thou art Jesus! Thy Kingdom come!"

Kiss the Right Foot of our Crucified Saviour, as the apostle of His love, praying for the triumph of His Sacred Heart, and say: "I love Thee, O Jesus, because Thou art Jesus! Thy Kingdom come!"

Kiss the Left Foot of our Crucified Saviour, praying for the conversion of sinners and those who have gone astray, and say: "I love Thee, O Jesus, because Thou art Jesus! Thy Kingdom come!"

In taking leave of Thee tonight, King of Love, Heart of my God and God of my heart, I enter confidently through that wound caused by my sins, into the ark of divine and infinite tenderness which is Thy loving Heart. And here will I stay forever, to repeat to Thee through all time that I love Thee and long to make Thee loved —and to sing throughout Eternity the infinite mercies of Thy Sacred Heart.

*As an act of adoration and reparation let us say five times, in honour of the Five Wounds: "Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Thy Kingdom come!"*