

Act of Consecration of the Human Race to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Most Sweet Jesus, Redeemer of the human race, look down upon us humbly prostrate before Thine altar. We are Thine, and Thine we wish to be; but to be more surely united to Thee, behold each one of us freely consecrates ourselves today to Thy Most Sacred Heart.

Many indeed have never known Thee; Many too, despising Thy precepts, have rejected Thee. Have mercy on them all, most merciful Jesus, and draw them to Thy Sacred Heart. Be Thou King, O Lord, not only of the faithful children, who have never forsaken Thee, but also of the prodigal children, who have abandoned Thee; Grant that they may quickly return to their Father's house lest they die of wretchedness and hunger.

Be Thou King of those who are deceived by erroneous opinions, or whom discord keeps aloof, and call them back to the harbor of truth and unity of faith, so that there may be but one flock and one Shepherd.

Be Thou King of all those who are still involved in the darkness of idolatry or of Islamism, and refuse not to draw them into the light and kingdom of God. Turn Thine eyes of mercy towards the children of Israel, Thy chosen people, among whom you arose, may the Blood of the Savior now descend upon them a laver of redemption and of life.

Grant, O Lord, to Thy Church assurance of freedom and immunity from harm; give peace and order to all nations, and make the earth resound from pole to pole with one cry; praise to the Divine Heart that wrought our salvation; To it be glory and honor forever. R. Amen.

Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O most sweet Jesus, whose overflowing charity for men is requited by so much forgetfulness, negligence and contempt, behold us prostrate before Thee, 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

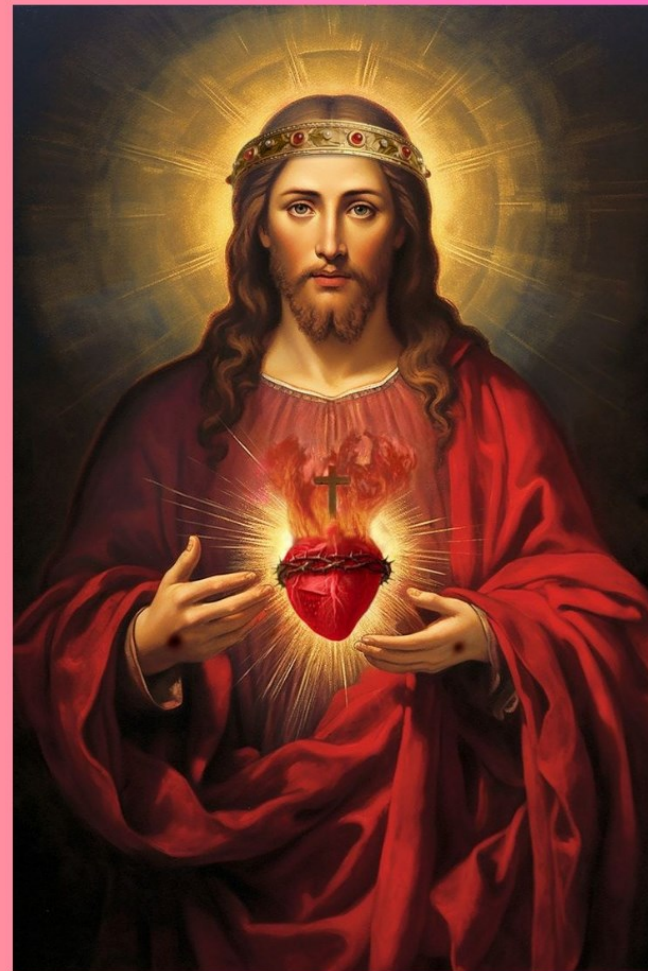
in such great indignities, which we now deplore from the depths of our hearts, we humbly ask Thy pardon and declare our readiness to atone by voluntary expiation, not only for our own personal offenses, but also for the sins of those, who, straying far from the path of salvation, refuse in their obstinate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

We are now resolved to expiate each and every deplorable outrage committed against Thee; we are now determined to make amends for the manifold offenses against Christian modesty in unbecoming dress and behavior, for all the foul seductions laid to ensnare the feet of the innocent, for the frequent violations of Sundays and holydays, 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 teaching authority of the Church which Thou hast founded.

Would that we were able to wash away such abominations with our blood. We now offer, in reparation for these violations of Thy divine honor, the satisfaction Thou once made to Thy Eternal Father on the Cross and which Thou continuest to renew daily on our Altars; we offer it in union with the acts of atonement of Thy Virgin Mother and 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 unswerving faith, of purity of conduct, of perfect observance of the precepts of the Gospel and 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 Mother, 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 with the Father and the Holy Spirit Thou livest and reignest, God, forever and ever. Amen.

JUNE: MONTH OF



THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In 1899 Pope Leo XIII approved this Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for public use. This litany is actually a synthesis of several other litanies dating back to the 17th century. Father Croiset composed a litany in 1691 from which 17 invocations were used by Venerable Anne Madeleine Remuzat when she composed her litany in 1718 at Marseille. She joined an additional 10 invocations to those of Father Croiset, for a total of 27 invocations. Six more invocations written by Sister Madeleine Joly of Dijon in 1686 were added by the Sacred Congregation for Rites when it was approved for public use in 1899. This makes a total of 33 invocations, one for each year of life of our Lord Jesus Christ. A partial indulgence is attached to this litany.

THE PRAYER OF ST. GERTRUDE TO THE HEART OF JESUS.

HAIL, O sacred Heart of Jesus, living and quickening source of eternal life, infinite treasury of the divinity, burning furnace of divine love ! thou art my refuge and my sanctuary. O my amiable Saviour! consume my heart with that burning fire with which thine is ever inflamed; pour down on my soul those graces which flow from thy love, and let my heart be so united with thine that our wills may be one, and mine in all things conformed to thine. May thine be the standard and rule of my desires and of my actions. Amen.

THE LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART.

LORD, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
God the Father of heaven,

Have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God the Holy Ghost,
Holy Trinity, one God,
Heart of Jesus,
Heart of Jesus, formed in the womb of the most blessed Virgin Mary,
Heart of Jesus, hypostatically united to the eternal Word,
Heart of Jesus, sanctuary of the divinity,
Heart of Jesus, tabernacle of the most holy Trinity,
Heart of Jesus, temple of all sanctity,
Heart of Jesus, fountain of all graces,
Heart of Jesus, most meek,
Heart of Jesus, most humble,
Heart of Jesus, most obedient,
Heart of Jesus, furnace of love,
Heart of Jesus, treasure of wisdom,
Heart of Jesus, ocean of bounty,
Heart of Jesus, throne of mercy,
Heart of Jesus, abyss of all virtues,
Heart of Jesus, sorrowful in the garden,
Heart of Jesus, spent with a bloody sweat,
Heart of Jesus, satiated with reproaches,
Heart of Jesus, wounded for our sins,
Heart of Jesus, made obedient even unto the death of the cross.
Heart of Jesus, pierced with a lance,
Heart of Jesus, refuge of sinners,
Heart of Jesus, fortitude of the just,
Heart of Jesus, comfort of the afflicted,
Heart of Jesus, main strength of the tempted,
Heart of Jesus, terror of the devils,
Heart of Jesus, sanctification of hearts,
Heart of Jesus, perseverance of the good,
Heart of Jesus, hope of the dying,
Heart of Jesus, joy of the blessed,
Heart of Jesus, the delight of all the Saints,

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins

of the world, spare us, O Jesus.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the World, hear us, O Jesus.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, O Jesus.

V. O most sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.
R. That we may worthily love thee with our whole hearts.

LET US PRAY.

O GOD! who, out of thy immense love, hast given to the faithful the most sacred Heart of thy dear Son, our Lord, as the object of their tender affections; grant, we beseech thee, that we may so love and honor this pledge of thy love on earth, that by it we may merit to love both thee and thy gift, and be eternally loved by thee and this most blessed Heart in heaven: through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

O sacred Heart of Jesus, overflowing with all sweetness! to thee we recommend ourselves and all our concerns, parents and relations, our superiors, benefactors, friends and enemies: take under thy protection this house, congregation, and State: extend thy care to all such as lie under any affliction, and to those who labor in the agony and pangs of death: cast an eye of compassion on the obstinate sinner, but particularly on the poor souls in purgatory, and also on those who are engaged and linked with us in the holy confederacy of honoring and worshipping thee. Bless these in particular, O bountiful Heart! and bless them according to the extent of thy goodness, mercy and charity. Amen.

Have mercy on us.