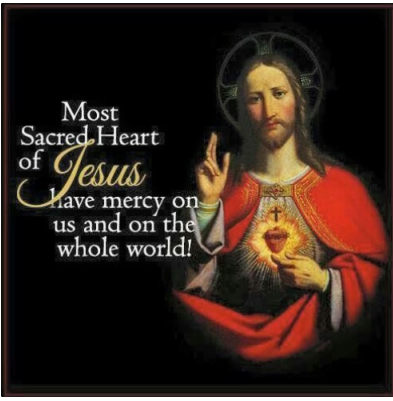


June - Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



“The honour and worship now given to the Sacred Heart of Jesus had its origin through the revelations made to St. Margaret Mary Alcoque* in the seventeenth century. The immediate object of the devotion is the Heart of Jesus, the Son of God, and the burning love of Christ manifested toward mankind. Its aim is to make our Lord king over our hearts by exciting in them a return to love, by forming them to imitate His meekness, and by offering Him reparation for the ingratitude of man. *”From Blessed be God: A Complete Catholic Prayer Book (p.363):*

Prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O MOST Holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore Thee, I love Thee and with a lively sorrow for my sins, I offer Thee this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure, and wholly obedient to Thy will. Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in Thee and for Thee. Protect me in the midst of danger; comfort me in my afflictions; give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, Thy blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Within Thy Heart I place my every care. In every need let me come to Thee with humble trust saying, ‘Heart of Jesus help me’. Amen.

O MOST Sacred Heart of Jesus, pour down Thy blessings abundantly upon Thy Church, upon the Supreme Pontiff, and upon all the clergy; give perseverance to the just, convert sinners, enlighten unbelievers, bless our parents, friends and benefactors, help the dying, free the souls from Purgatory, and extend over all hearts the sweet empire of Thy love. Amen.
(Pre-1968 Indulgence of 500 days)

Memorare to the Sacred Heart

REMEMBER, O most sweet Jesus, that no one who has had recourse to Thy Sacred Heart, implored its help, or sought its mercy was ever abandoned. Encouraged with confidence, O tenderest of hearts, we present ourselves before Thee, crushed beneath the weight of our sins. In our misery, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, despise not our simple prayers, but mercifully grant our requests.

Prayer of St. Gertrude to the Sacred Heart

SANCTITY of the Heart of Jesus, consecrate my heart;
Providence of the Heart of Jesus, watch over my heart;
Un-changeableness of the Heart of Jesus, strengthen my heart;
Purity of the Heart of Jesus, purify my heart;
Obedience of the Heart of Jesus, subjugate my heart;
Amiability of the Heart of Jesus, make Thyself known to my heart;
Divine attractions of the Heart of Jesus, captivate my heart;
Riches of the Heart of Jesus, do Ye suffice for my heart;
Floods of grace and blessing that flow from the Heart of Jesus, inundate my heart;

O Heart of Jesus! be Thou my joy, my peace, my repose in this world and the next.

O Heart of Jesus! adored in heaven, invoked on earth, feared in hell, reign over all hearts, reign throughout all ages, reign forever in celestial glory. Amen.

Offering to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

MY LOVING Jesus! out of the grateful love I bear Thee, and as a reparation for all my unfaithfulness, I [N. N.] give Thee my heart and I consecrate myself wholly to Thee, and with Thy aid, I purpose never to sin again.

V/. Heart of Jesus, burning with love for us,

R/. In flame our hearts with love of Thee.

Let us pray.

LORD, we beseech Thee, let Thy Holy Spirit kindle in our hearts that fire of charity which our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, sent forth from His inmost Heart upon this earth, and willed that it should burn with vehemence. Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart

O SACRED Heart of Jesus, to Thee I consecrate and offer up my person and my life, my actions, trials, and sufferings, that my entire being may henceforth only be employed in loving, honouring and glorifying Thee. This is my irrevocable will, to belong entirely to Thee, and to do all for Thy love, renouncing with my whole heart all that can displease Thee.

I take Thee, O Sacred Heart, for the sole object of my love, the protection of my life, the pledge of my salvation, the remedy of my frailty and inconstancy, the reparation for all the defects of my life, and my secure refuge at the hour of my death. Be Thou, O Most Merciful Heart, my justification before God Thy Father, and screen me from His anger which I have so justly merited. I fear all from my own weakness and malice, but placing my entire confidence in Thee, O Heart of Love, I hope all from Thine infinite Goodness. Annihilate in me all that can displease or resist Thee. Imprint Thy pure love so deeply in my heart that I may never forget Thee or be separated from Thee.

I beseech Thee, through Thine infinite Goodness, grant that my name be engraved upon Thy Heart, for in this I place all my happiness and all my glory, to live and to die as one of Thy devoted servants. Amen.

In union with the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I consecrate my loved ones, family members and my future to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. *COMPOSED BY ST. MARGARET MARY ALOCOQUES source: SacredHeartParish.net*

Short Prayer of Consecration to the Sacred Heart

O SACRED Heart of Jesus, filled with infinite Love, broken by my ingratitude, pierced by my sins, yet loving me still; accept the consecration that I make to Thee of all that I am and all that I have. Take every faculty of my soul and body and draw me, day by day, nearer and nearer to Thy Sacred Heart, and there, as I can understand the lesson, teach me Thy blessed ways. Amen.

Prayer of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

ADORABLE Heart of Jesus, glowing with love for us and inflamed with zeal for our salvation. O Heart that understands the misery to which our sins have brought us, infinitely rich in mercy to heal the wounds of our souls, behold me humbly kneeling before Thee to express the sorrow that fills my heart for the coldness and indifference with which I have so long returned the numberless benefits which Thou hast bestowed upon me.

With a deep sense of the outrages that have been heaped upon Thee by my sins and the sins of others, I wish to make reparation to Thy most Sacred Majesty. It was our sins that filled Thy Heart with bitterness; it was the weight of our guilt that pressed down Thy Face to the earth in the Garden of Olives and caused Thee to die in agony on the Cross. But now, repentant and sorrowful, I implore Thy forgiveness.

Adorable Heart of Jesus, source of true consolation and ever merciful to the penitent sinner, impart to our hearts the spirit of penance that we may be sincerely sorry for our sins. Pardon them, O Lord, in Thy mercy, and let all who have sinned against Thee in the Sacrament of Thy love be converted and return unto Thee. Deliver us from our sins. And in order to repair the sins of ingratitude by which we have grieved Thy most tender and loving Heart, may we love and

honour Thee in the most adorable Sacrament of the Altar, where Thou art present to hear and grant our petitions and to be the food and life of our souls.

Merciful Jesus, be our Mediator with Thy Heavenly Father, Whom we have so grievously offended. Help us to amend our ways. As Thy Sacred Heart is our refuge and our hope when we have sinned, so let it be the strength and support of our repentance, and nothing in life or death shall ever separate us from Thee. Amen.

Act of Reparation to Sacred Heart of Jesus (#1)

O SACRED Heart of Jesus, animated with a desire to repair the outrages unceasingly offered to Thee, we prostrate before Thy throne of mercy and on behalf of all mankind, pledge love and fidelity to Thee.

- + The more Thy mysteries are blasphemed, the more firmly we shall believe them, O Sacred Heart of Jesus!
- + The more hearts despise and ignore Thy Love, the more we shall love Thee, O loving Heart of Jesus!
- + The more that scientific unbelief attacks Thy Divinity, the more humbly and profoundly we shall adore Thee, O Divine Heart of Jesus!
- + The more Thy Sacraments are despised and blasphemed, the more frequently we shall receive them with love and reverence, most generous Heart of Jesus!
- + The more Thy holy laws are transgressed and ignored, the more we shall take care to observe them, most holy Heart of Jesus!
- + The more Thou art blasphemed and scorned in the Holy Eucharist, Thy Sacrament of Love, the more ardently we shall adore Thee, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus!
- + The more the imitation of Thy virtues is scorned and forgotten, the more we shall endeavour to practice them, most obedient Heart of Jesus.
- + The more the devil strives to destroy souls, the more we shall be inflamed to save them by penances and prayers to Thee, most zealous Lover of Souls!
- + The more sin and impurity deface and destroy Thy divine image in man, the more we shall try by purity of life to be a living temple of the Holy Spirit, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus!
- + The more Thy Holy Church is scorned and compromised, the more we shall endeavour to be her faithful children, Most Loving Heart of Jesus!
- + The more that hubris, heresy and apostasy threaten Holy Church, the more we shall turn to Thy Sacred Heart and to the Immaculate Heart of Thy Mother to save us, O Sacred Heart of Jesus!
- + The more Thine Immaculate Mother is blasphemed, the more we shall increase our fervent devotions to her, Most Devoted Heart of Jesus!
- + The more Thy Church is persecuted, the more we shall pray and sacrifice for her triumph and exaltation, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus!

Let us pray.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, always obedient to the Eternal Father, teach us to be ever obedient and humble in the face of the diabolical disorientation that has sown such chaos in the Church and disheartened so many. Suffer us not to be scandalised by this long, dark night of the soul of our Church, but to persevere in loving obedience trusting always in Thine Sacred Heart and in Mary's Immaculate Heart. Amen.

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Act of Reparation to Sacred Heart of Jesus (#2)

SWEET Jesus, whose overflowing charity for men is requited by so much forgetfulness, negligence and contempt, behold us prostrate before Thy 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 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 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, renouncing the vows of their baptism, have cast off the sweet yoke of Thy Law.

We are now resolved to expiate such and every deplorable 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 does continue 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 unwavering 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.

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.

The Divine Praises

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.

Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her Glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints. Amen.

May the heart of Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time. Amen.

Admirable is the Name of God!