

ACT OF REPARATION TO THE SACRED HEART

A partial indulgence is granted to those who recite this prayer. A plenary indulgence is granted if it is publicly recited on the feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. This prayer was prescribed to be recited on this feast by Pope Pius XI.

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 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, O Divine Jesus, 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 didst once make to Thine 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 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.

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 with the Father and the Holy Ghost Thou livest and reignest, God, world without end. Amen.

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,

Hear of Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father,

Hear of Jesus, formed by the Holy Ghost in the womb of the Virgin Mother,

Hear of Jesus, substantially united to the Word of God,

Hear of Jesus, of infinite majesty,

Hear of Jesus, holy temple of God,

Hear of Jesus, tabernacle of the Most High,

Hear of Jesus, house of God and gate of Heaven,

Hear of Jesus, burning furnace of charity,

Hear of Jesus, abode of justice and love,

Hear of Jesus, full of goodness and love,

Hear of Jesus, abyss of all virtues,

Hear of Jesus, most worthy of all praise,

Hear of Jesus, King and center of all hearts,

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

Hear of Jesus, in whom dwelleth all the fullness of the Divinity,

Hear of Jesus, in whom the Father is well pleased,

Hear of Jesus, of whose fullness we have all received,

Hear of Jesus, desire of the everlasting hills,

Hear of Jesus, patient and most merciful,

Hear of Jesus, enriching all who invoke Thee,

Hear of Jesus, fountain of life and holiness,

Hear of Jesus, propitiation for our sins,

Hear of Jesus, loaded down with reproaches,

Hear of Jesus, bruised for our offenses,

Hear of Jesus, obedient unto death,

Hear of Jesus, pierced with a lance,

Hear of Jesus, source of all consolation,

Hear of Jesus, our life and resurrection,

Hear of Jesus, our peace and reconciliation,

Hear of Jesus, victim for sin,

Hear of Jesus, salvation of those who trust in Thee,

Hear of Jesus, hope of those who die in Thee,

Hear of Jesus, delight of all the saints,

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, ...**Spare us, O Lord.**

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, ...**Graciously hear us, O Lord.**

Lamb of God who takest away the sins of the world, ...**Have mercy on us.**

R: Jesus, meek and humble of Heart,

V: Make our hearts like unto Thine.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, look upon the Heart of Thy most beloved Son and upon the praises and satisfaction which He offers Thee in the name of sinners; and do Thou, in Thy great goodness, grant pardon to those who seek Thy mercy, in the name of the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, world without end.

R: Amen.

