

Novena in honor of God our Heavenly Father During the Month of August

Raccolta #65

O Father of mercies, from whom cometh all that is good, I offer my humble petitions unto Thee through the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Thy dearly beloved Son, our Lord and Redeemer, in whom Thou art always well pleased and who loves Thee so much; vouchsafe to grant me the grace of a lively faith, a firm hope and an ardent charity toward Thee and toward my neighbor. Grant me also the grace to be truly penitent for all my sins together with a firm purpose of never offending Thee again; that so I may be enabled to live always according to Thy Divine good-pleasure, to do Thy most holy will in all things with a generous and willing heart, and to persevere in Thy love even to the end of my life. Amen.

An indulgence of 3 years (S. C. Ind., April 21, 1818; S. P. Ap., March 23, 1936).

Raccolta #66

O holy Lord, Father Almighty, everlasting God, for the sake of Thy bounty and that of Thy Son, who for me endured suffering and death; for the sake of the most excellent holiness of His Mother and the merits of all the Saints, grant unto me a sinner, unworthy of all Thy blessings, that I may love Thee only, may ever thirst for Thy love, may have continually in my heart the benefits of Thy passion, may acknowledge my own wretchedness and may desire to be trampled upon and be despised by all men; let nothing grieve me save guilt. Amen. *(Written by Saint Bonaventure)*

An indulgence of 3 years. A plenary indulgence on the usual conditions, when this prayer is said devoutly every day for a month (Pius IX, Rescript in his own hand, April 11, 1874; S. P. Ap., Dec. 13, 1932).

Raccolta #67

O God, who in the glorious Transfiguration of Thine only-begotten Son didst confirm the mysteries of faith by the witness of the Fathers, and in wondrous wise didst foretoken the perfect adoption of sons by the Voice descending from the shining cloud: mercifully grant unto us to be made co-heirs with the very King of glory and bestow upon us a partaking of His glory. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

An indulgence of 5 years. A plenary indulgence on the usual conditions, when this prayer has been devoutly repeated every day for a month (S. C. Ind., Dec. 14, 1889; S. P. Ap., March 26, 1936).

Raccolta #68: An Act of Oblation before Mass

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the sacrifice wherein Thy dear Son Jesus offered Himself upon the Cross and which He now renews upon this altar, to adore Thee and to render to Thee that honor which is Thy due, acknowledging Thy supreme dominion over all things and their absolute dependence on Thee, for Thou art our first beginning and our last end; to give Thee thanks for countless benefits received; to appease Thy justice provoked to anger by so many sins, and to offer Thee worthy satisfaction for the same; and finally to implore Thy grace and mercy for myself, for all those who are in tribulation and distress, for all poor sinners, for the whole world and for the blessed souls in purgatory. Amen.

An indulgence of 3 years for devoutly making this act of oblation at the beginning of Mass. A plenary indulgence, if this act of devotion is performed on every holy day of obligation for one month, even if it is said at a Mass of obligation, provided one has gone to confession, received Holy Communion, and prayed according to the intention of the Sovereign Pontiff (Pius X, Audience July 5, 1904 Exhib. July 8, 1904; S. p. Ap., Nov. 24, 1936).

Raccolta #69: An Act of Oblation

Eternal Father, I offer unto Thee the infinite satisfaction which Jesus rendered to Thy justice in behalf of sinners upon the tree of the Cross; and I pray that Thou wouldst make the merits of His Precious Blood available to all guilty souls to whom sin has brought death; may they rise again to the life of grace and glorify Thee forever. Eternal Father, I offer Thee the fervent devotion of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in satisfaction for the lukewarmness and cowardice of Thy chosen people, imploring Thee by the burning love which made Him suffer death, that it may please Thee to rekindle their hearts now so lukewarm in Thy service, and to set them on fire with Thy love, that they may love Thee for ever. Eternal Father, I offer Thee the submission of Jesus to Thy will, and I ask of Thee through His merits, the fullness of all grace and the accomplishment of all Thy holy will. Blessed be God. Amen. *(Written by St. Margaret M. Alacoque).*

An indulgence of 3 years. A plenary indulgence on the usual conditions, if this act of oblation has been made daily with devotion throughout an entire month (S. P. Ap., April 8, 1920 and Dec. 13, 1932).