

Act of Reparation and Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Raccolta #256

O Sweetest Jesus, Thou does pour forth Thy love abundantly on men, while they repay Thee most ungratefully with neglect, indifference and contempt. Behold us humbly kneeling in Thy presence, we would fain repair this heartless ingratitude on the part of men, and the manifold injuries that are everywhere done to Thy most loving Heart, by a special act of homage. Yet we are not unmindful that we too, have had our part in this unworthy behavior; therefore are we moved to deep contrition and, above all, we beg Thy mercy for ourselves; we are ready to atone, by this voluntary act of expiation, for the crimes which we ourselves have committed, as also for the sins of those who, straying far from the way of salvation, either refuse, in the blindness of their unbelief, to follow Thee, the Shepherd and Guide of their souls, or who trample upon the vows of their Baptism and shake off the sweet yoke of Thy law.

Not only are we anxious to expiate all these deplorable crimes, but in an especial manner do we purpose to make reparation for these following: immodesty and shameful excesses in life and dress; the many snares of corruption laid for the souls of the innocent; the neglect of holy days; the hateful blasphemies that are hurled against Thee and Thy Saints; the reproaches uttered against Thy Vicar on earth and all the priestly order; the neglect, also, of the very Sacrament of Thy love, as well as its profanation by horrifying sacrilege; and finally the public sins of the nations in rebellion against the just rights and the teaching authority of the Church established by Thee. Would that we were able to atone for all these outrages even to the shedding of our blood! Meanwhile, in order to atone for the violations of the honor due to Thee, we offer unto Thee that selfsame satisfaction which of old Thou didst offer to the Father upon the Holy Cross and which from day to day Thou dost continually renew upon the altars of Thy Church.

To this we add the expiatory merits of Thy Virgin Mother, of all Thy Saints and of the devout faithful upon earth. With all our heart we promise to atone, Thy grace assisting us, for our own past sins and those of all other men, as also for our coldness towards Thine exceeding great love, by a firm faith, spotless purity of life and the perfect fulfillment, so far as is in us lies, of the law of the Gospel, and in particular of the precept of charity. We likewise pledge ourselves in accordance with our strength to prevent such injuries from being done to Thee, and to invite as many as we can to follow Thee. Accept, we pray Thee, most gracious Jesus, through the intercession of Our Lady of Reparation, this our free-will offering of reparation, and be Thou pleased to keep us, by the great gift of final perseverance, faithfulness even unto death in our dutiful service of Thee, so that in the end we may all come to that our true native land, where Thou, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

An indulgence of 5 years. A plenary indulgence once a month for the daily devout recitation of this prayer, on conditions of confession, Communion and a visit to some church or public oratory. The faithful, moreover, who, on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, assist at this same act of reparation, adding thereto the Litany of the Sacred Heart, in any church or oratory, even semi-public (for those who lawfully frequent it), in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament solemnly exposed may gain: An indulgence of 7 years; A plenary indulgence, provided that they atone for their sins in sacramental confession and partake of the eucharistic Table (S. P. Ap., June 1, 1928 and March 18, 1932).

Sacred Heart of Jesus Litany, Raccolta #245

- V. Lord, have mercy on us. **R. Christ, have mercy on us.**
V. Lord, have mercy on us. **R. Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.**
- V. God, the Father of Heaven. **R. Have mercy on us.**
V. God the Son, Redeemer of the world. **R.**
V. God the Holy Ghost. **R.**
V. Holy Trinity, one God. **R.**
V. Heart of Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father. **R.**
V. Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy Ghost in the Virgin Mother's womb. **R.**
V. Heart of Jesus, substantially united to the Word of God. **R.**
V. Heart of Jesus, of infinite majesty. **R.**
V. Heart of Jesus, holy temple of God. **R.**
V. Heart of Jesus, tabernacle of the Most High. **R.**
V. Heart of Jesus, house of God and gate of Heaven. **R.**
V. Heart of Jesus, glowing furnace of charity. **R.**
V. Heart of Jesus, vessel of justice and love. **R.**
V. Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love. **R.**
V. Heart of Jesus, abyss of all virtues. **R.**
V. Heart of Jesus, most worthy of all praise. **R.**
V. Heart of Jesus, King and center of all hearts. **R.**
V. Heart of Jesus, wherein all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. **R.**
V. Heart of Jesus, wherein dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead. **R.**
V. Heart of Jesus, in Whom the Father is well pleased. **R.**
V. Heart of Jesus, of Whose fullness we have all received. **R.**
V. Heart of Jesus, desire of the everlasting hills. **R.**
V. Heart of Jesus, patient and rich in mercy. **R.**
V. Heart of Jesus, rich unto all who call upon Thee. **R.**
V. Heart of Jesus, fount of life and holiness. **R.**
V. Heart of Jesus, propitiation for our offenses. **R.**
V. Heart of Jesus, overwhelmed with reproaches. **R.**
V. Heart of Jesus, bruised for our iniquities. **R.**
V. Heart of Jesus, obedient even unto death. **R.**
V. Heart of Jesus, pierced with a lance. **R.**
V. Heart of Jesus, source of all consolation. **R.**
V. Heart of Jesus, our life and resurrection. **R.**
V. Heart of Jesus, our peace and reconciliation. **R.**
V. Heart of Jesus, victim for our sins. **R.**
V. Heart of Jesus, salvation of those who hope in Thee. **R.**
V. Heart of Jesus, hope of those who die in Thee. **R.**
V. Heart of Jesus, delight of all Saints. **R.**

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(Continued)**

- V. Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world. **R. Spare us, O Lord.**
V. Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world. **R. Graciously hear us, O Lord.**
V. Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world. **R. Have mercy on us.**
V. Jesus, meek and humble of Heart. **R. Make our hearts like unto Thine.**

Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, look upon the Hearts of Thy well-beloved Son and upon the praise and satisfaction which He offers unto Thee in the name of sinners; and do Thou of Thy great goodness, grant them pardon when they seek Thy mercy, in the name of the same Thy Son, Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee for ever and ever. Amen.

(An indulgence of 7 years. A plenary indulgence on the usual conditions, when the Litany together with its versicle and prayer are devoutly said every day for a month (S. C. of Rites, the document being exhibited April 2, 1899; S. P. AP., March 10, 1933).