

## A Novena before the Feast of Corpus Christi

### Raccolta #185

Throughout the year, O Jesus, thou doest remain humbly hidden within the Tabernacle, awaiting, receiving, and hearing the souls who come to Thy feet in search of sympathy and consolation in their sorrows, light and support in the trials of life. Only on this day, leaving Thy silent loneliness, Thou goest forth, passing in triumph and benediction through the streets and squares of the cities in a maze of lights and music, incense and flowers, in the midst of joyous multitudes, who fall down in adoration before Thee.

In the synagogue of Capharnaum, the unbelieving throng, rebelling against Thy words of faith and love, deserted Thee; but in the Upper Room that last evening of Thine earthly life, when the dark clouds of betrayal were already settling upon Thy sorrowful soul, Thou didst make Thy divine promise a reality, perpetuating in the institution of Holy Eucharist, as in a living memorial, the infinite love with which Thy Heart was over-flowing towards mankind. By means of this august Sacrament, Thou wouldst prolong Thy presence in the world even to the end of time; and the souls of men, seated at Thy heavenly banquet, were to taste inwardly the sweet irradiations of Thy grace and the ineffable delights of Thy love.

O Jesus, make me feel the overwhelming attraction of Thy silent Tabernacle, which has ever drawn not only the little ones, but has always been and will continue to be the joy of pure and great souls. Grant me a living faith and an ardent love for Thee hidden under the sacramental species, so that, frequently drawing near to Thy table where the "Bread of Life" is set out, I may receive the germ of a life that will not die.

*The faithful, who recite this prayer with devotion on the Feast of Corpus Christi, are granted: An indulgence of 3 years. A plenary indulgence on the usual conditions (S. P. Ap., May 10, 1941).*

### Raccolta #170

*Those who, at the aforesaid season (Corpus Christi), privately offer their prayers and devout homage in honor of the most Holy Body of Christ with the intention of so continuing for nine successive days, may obtain: An indulgence of 7 years once each day; A plenary indulgence on the usual conditions at the end of the novena; however, where a public novena is held, these indulgences are available only to those who are legitimately hindered from assisting at the public exercises (S. C. Ind. May 8 1907; S. P. Ap., Feb 25, 1933).*

### The Feast and the Octave of Corpus Christi - Raccolta #171

The faithful, who visit the Blessed Sacrament, on the Feast of Corpus Christi and during the Octave, may obtain: A plenary indulgence on each day, on condition of Confession and Communion (S. P. Ap., June 16, 1933 and Sept. 15, 1949). Raccolta #48: the faithful who devoutly offer any prayers in honor of the Most Holy Trinity with the intention of continuing them for nine successive days may gain: An indulgence of 7 years once each day; A plenary indulgence on the usual conditions at the end of the novena (S. C. Ind., Aug. 8, 1847; S. P. Ap., Mar. 18, 1932).