

A Blessed Feast Day in honor of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus! The sixth lesson of the Divine Office for the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus reminds us that Pope Pius XI ordered that annually, on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, there should be recited an expiatory form of prayer in all the Churches of the Christian world.

### Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

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Most Sweet Jesus, Redeemer of the human race, look down upon us, humbly prostrate before Thy altar. We are Thine and Thine we wish to be; but to be more surely united with Thee, behold each one of us freely consecrates himself to-day to Thy most Sacred Heart. Many indeed have never known Thee; many, too, despising Thy precepts, have rejected Thee. Have mercy on them all, most merciful Jesus, and draw them to Thy Sacred Heart. Be Thou King, O Lord, not only of the faithful who have never forsaken Thee, but also of the prodigal children who have abandoned Thee: grant that they may quickly return to their Father's house, lest they die of wretchedness and hunger. Be Thou King of those who are still involved in the darkness of idolatry or of Islamism, and refuse not to draw them all into the light and kingdom of God. Turn Thine eyes of mercy toward the children of that race, once Thy chosen people. Of old they called down upon themselves the Blood of the Saviour; may it now descend upon them a laver of redemption and of life. Grant, O Lord, to Thy Church, assurance of freedom and immunity from harm; give peace and order to all nations, and make the earth resound from pole to pole with one cry: praise to the Divine Heart that wrought our salvation; to it be glory and honor forever. Amen.

### Consecration of the Family

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Who didst manifest to St. Margaret Mary the desire of reigning in Christian families, we today wish to proclaim Thy most regal dominion over our own. We would live in future with Thy life, we would cause to flourish in our midst these virtues to which Thou hast promised peace here below, we would banish far from us the spirit of the world which Thou hast cursed; and Thou shalt reign over our hearts by the whole-hearted love which we shall keep alive for Thee by the frequent reception of Thy divine Eucharist.

O divine Heart, deign to preside over our assemblings, to bless our enterprises, both spiritual and temporal, to dispel our cares, to sanctify our joys, and to alleviate our sufferings. If ever one or the other of us should have the misfortune to afflict Thee, remind him, O Heart of Jesus, that Thou art good and merciful to the penitent sinner.

And when the hour of separation strikes, when death shall come to cast mourning into our midst, we will all, both those who go and those who stay, be submissive to Thy eternal decrees. We will console ourselves with the thought that a day will come when the entire family, reunited in heaven, can sing forever Thy glories and Thy mercies.

May the immaculate heart of Mary and the glorious Patriarch St. Joseph, present this consecration to Thee, and keep it in our minds all the days of our lives. All glory to the Heart of Jesus, our King and our Father.

*Pope Saint Pius X. June 15, 1908*

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