

Resignation to the Will of God in Death

A sure means of salvation

From the writings of St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church:

“Many people are tormented at death with the remembrance of their sins, and seeing that they have done no penance, are tempted to despair.” He tells us that there is a perfect remedy – namely, “to accept death and unite your death with that of Jesus Christ. And I do not at all doubt that he who is grieved for having offended God and accepts death willingly in satisfaction for his sins will immediately obtain pardon.”

From the book “Preparation For Death” by St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church: “To accept death in order that the will of God may be fulfilled, merits for us a reward similar to that of the martyrs, because they accepted death to please God. He who dies in union with the will of God makes a holy death; and the more closely he is united to it, the more holy death he dies. The Venerable Blossius declares that an act of perfect conformity to the will of God at the hour of death not only delivers us from Hell but also from Purgatory.”

Prayer of Resignation in Death

My most sweet Jesus, I accept the death Thou has destined for me; with all the pains that may accompany it; I unite it to Thy death, I offer it to Thee. Thou hast died for love of me; I will die for love of Thee and to please Thee.

It is recommended that you say this prayer daily as we do not know the day of our death, and what a blessing it would be to have said it on our last day.

You are urged to order this card for distribution for the greater honor and glory of our Dear Lord and for the salvation of souls.

PRAY FOR THE DYING — If you save but one soul a day, in ten years you will give 3650 elect to Heaven. What a crown for eternity! In return for your charity consider the graces you will receive in time and the reward in store for you in eternity from our dear Lord, who died for these souls. Think of the eternal gratitude of the loving heart of Mary, their Mother, of their Guardian Angels, and of the redeemed souls themselves. How well they will plead your cause, when your time comes to die. There is gratitude on earth, how much more there must be in Heaven.

PRAY FOR THE DYING AND SPREAD THIS DEVOTION — It will be your greatest consolation in death and an assurance of a happy end; for it is easy to die after praying for the dying every day of one's life. "With the same measure that you shall mete withal, it shall be measured to you again." (St. Luke VI.—38.)

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O St. Joseph, Foster Father of Jesus Christ, and true Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, pray for us and for the dying of today (or tonight).

AN INDULGENCE OF 300 DAYS

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.

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"Lord Jesus, through the merits of Thy Passion and death on the Cross and the merits of Mary and Joseph, cleanse the souls of those who will die this day, (and night) Amen."

DEVOTION TO THE AGONIZING HEART OF JESUS

This devotion has for its object 1st. To honor the intense mental anguish which the Heart of Jesus suffered for the salvation of men especially during His Agony in the Passion; 2nd. To obtain through the merits of our Lord's Agony a happy death for the dying of each day. Think well on it, Christian soul, every day an average of 120,000 persons die, are judged and begin an eternity of end-

less bliss or misery. Alas! it is to be feared, vast is the number of the dying, who are in mortal sin, yet to be saved they need but the grace of a good confession or perfect contrition. Will you refuse to beg this grace for them from the Agonizing Heart of Jesus? Do it now, tomorrow it will be too late to pray for the dying of today.

PRAY FOR THE DYING — Souls were purchased with the blood of Christ, 120,000 will be judged today. Don't let the demons drag them into Hell. As you love Jesus, save them and bring joy to His Sacred Heart.

PRAY FOR THE DYING — Have pity on the untold multitude of unbaptized children in danger of death, ask for them the grace of baptism and for the just in agony the grace of perseverance.

PRAY FOR THE DYING — It is continuing the work of Jesus on earth, saving souls, aye, it is going into the very jaws of death to snatch souls from Hell to give them to Christ for eternity.

PRAY FOR THE DYING — Justice demands it, if through your fault some souls have been lost, or are on the way to perdition. Save the dying if you have been a stumbling block to the living.

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PRAYER FOR THE DYING

Most merciful Jesus, lover of souls! I pray Thee, by the agony of thy most Sacred Heart, and by the sorrows of thy Immaculate Mother, wash in thy blood the sinners of the whole world, who are now in their agony, and are to die this day. AMEN.

Heart of Jesus, once in agony, have mercy on the dying.

AN INDULGENCE OF 100 DAYS

A plenary indulgence once a month to the person reciting the above prayers 3 times a day at different times, under the ordinary conditions of confession, communion, visiting a church or public oratory and praying there for the intention of the Holy Father. Pius IX. Feb. 2, 1850.

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