

## FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART

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

(Words of the prayer of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque)

To the Sacred Heart of Jesus, I give myself and consecrate to the Sacred Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ, my person and my life, my actions, pains and sufferings, so that I may be unwilling to make use of any part of my being other than to honor, love and glorify the Sacred Heart. This is my unchanging purpose, namely, to be all His, and to do all things for the love of Him, at the same time renouncing with all my heart whatever is displeasing to Him. I therefore take You, O Sacred Heart, to be the only object of my love, the guardian of my life, my assurance of salvation, the remedy of my weakness and inconstancy, the atonement for all the faults of my life and my sure refuge at the hour of death.

Be then, O Heart of goodness, my justification before God the Father, and turn away from me the strokes of his righteous anger. O Heart of love, I put all my confidence in You, for I fear everything from my own wickedness and frailty, but I hope for all things from Your goodness and bounty.

Remove from me all that can displease You or resist Your holy will; let your pure love imprint Your image so deeply upon my heart, that I shall never be able to forget You or to be separated from You.

May I obtain from all Your loving kindness the grace of having my name written in Your Heart, for in You I desire to place all my happiness and glory, living and dying in bondage to You. Amen.

### Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

*In 1899 Pope Leo XIII approved this Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for public use. This litany is actually a synthesis of several other litanies dating back to the 17th century.*

V. Lord, have mercy on us.

R. Christ, have mercy on us.

V. Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us.

R. Christ, graciously hear us.

V. God the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy Spirit in the Virgin Mother's womb, [etc.]

Heart of Jesus, substantially united to the Word of God.

Heart of Jesus, of infinite majesty.

Heart of Jesus, holy temple of God.

Heart of Jesus, tabernacle of the Most High.  
Heart of Jesus, house of God and gate of heaven.  
Heart of Jesus, glowing furnace of charity.  
Heart of Jesus, vessel of justice and love.  
Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love.  
Heart of Jesus, abyss of all virtues.  
Heart of Jesus, most worthy of all praise.  
Heart of Jesus, King and center of all hearts.  
Heart of Jesus, in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.  
Heart of Jesus, in whom dwells all the fullness of the Godhead.  
Heart of Jesus, in whom the Father was well pleased.  
Heart of Jesus, of whose fullness we have all received.  
Heart of Jesus, desire of the everlasting hills.  
Heart of Jesus, patient and rich in mercy.  
Heart of Jesus, rich to all who call upon You.  
Heart of Jesus, fount of life and holiness.  
Heart of Jesus, propitiation for our offenses.  
Heart of Jesus, overwhelmed with reproaches.  
Heart of Jesus, bruised for our iniquities.  
Heart of Jesus, obedient even unto death.  
Heart of Jesus, pierced with a lance.  
Heart of Jesus, source of all consolation.  
Heart of Jesus, our life and resurrection.  
Heart of Jesus, our peace and reconciliation.  
Heart of Jesus, victim for our sins.  
Heart of Jesus, salvation of those who hope in You.  
Heart of Jesus, hope of those who die in You.  
Heart of Jesus, delight of all saints.

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 eternal God, look upon the Heart of Thy most beloved Son and upon the praises and satisfaction which He offers Thee in the name of sinners; and to those who implore Thy mercy, in Thy great goodness, grant forgiveness in the name of the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who livest and reignest with Thee forever and ever. Amen.