

# NOVENA

## In Honor of The Sacred Heart

June 21-29, 2021



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We join our novena to the great prayer of reparation to the Sacred Heart of Pope Pius XI found in his encyclical *Miserentissimus Redemptor*.

### OPENING PRAYER (from *Miserentissimus Redemptor*)

O sweetest Jesus, whose overflowing charity towards men is most ungratefully repaid by such great forgetfulness, neglect and contempt, see, prostrate before Thy altars, we strive by special honor to make amends:

**DAY 1** ...for the want of modesty in life and dress

**DAY 2** ...for impurities

**DAY 3** ...for so many snares set for the minds of the innocent

**DAY 4** ...for the violation of feast days

**DAY 5** ...for the horrid blasphemies against Thee and Thy saints

**DAY 6** ...for the insults offered to Thy Vicar and to the priestly order

**DAY 7** ...for the neglect of the Sacrament of Divine love or its profanation by horrible sacrileges

**DAY 8** ...for the public sins of nations which resist the rights and the teaching authority of the Church which Thou hast instituted

**DAY 9** ...Receive, we beseech Thee, O most benign Jesus, by the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Reparatrix, the voluntary homage of this expiation, and vouchsafe, by that great gift of final perseverance, to keep us most faithful until death in our duty and in Thy service, so that at length we may all come to that fatherland, where Thou with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest God for ever and ever. Amen.

### CONCLUDING PRAYER (DAY 9)

O God, who on the Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul, give us the noble and holy joy of this day, grant, we pray, that your Church may in all things follow the teaching of those through whom she received the beginnings of right religion. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

(Roman Missal, Collect for Mass during the day on June 29)

### DAILY PRAYER

Heart of Jesus, infinite fountain of truth and love, humbly we prostrate before Your throne of mercy.

We surrender to You in faith, we cling to You in hope, we offer You our love.

You revealed Your Heart as one which so loves mankind but is so little loved in return. You invite us to comfort and console You in light of the offenses and injuries constantly directed toward You.

Loving Heart of Jesus, hear our prayer for ourselves, for our families, for Your Church and for our beloved Notre Dame.

Forgive our sins and transgressions, grant us the grace of conversion of heart and sanctify us in the truth, of which you are the infinite font.

Where we have betrayed You, grant that we may repair the damage caused; where we have abandoned or neglected You, grant that we may return to You with compassion and genuine concern.

As the truth and dignity of the human person which You have revealed are more and more rejected, mocked and scorned, give us the courage to bear faithful witness to the divine image in which we have been created and the eternal destiny to which we have been called.

O Sacred Heart, burning furnace of love and victim for our sins, do not abandon us in our plea, but graciously come to our aid.

We place all our trust in You and Your unfailing faithfulness to Your promises of mercy and grace. May we always be receptive to the gifts of life, truth and love which You abundantly share with us. Amen.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame, pray for us!<sup>2</sup>

(Rev. John J. Raphael, ND '89)

<sup>2</sup> Our Lady of the Sacred Heart is the official name of Sacred Heart Basilica.