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August Devotion

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Introduction

We continue to thank God that many of our churches are beginning to open up and a form of Mass is being celebrated. Though it will be a while before Mass can be celebrated as 'normal', at least now we are given the opportunity to receive the Holy Eucharist.

Traditionally, the month of August is when the Catholic Church asks us to honour Our Lady by devotion to her Immaculate Heart and in her apparitions at Fatima, indeed Mary calls for devotion to her Immaculate Heart, in obedience to the will of God and of her divine Son, in order to save the souls of poor sinners, and to make reparation for the blasphemies and ingratitude that were shown to the shepherd children in the form of thorns which encircled and pierced her heart.

Some prayers for such devotion follow: the final 'prayer' most commonly sung as a devotional hymn to Our Lady.

O Immaculate Heart of Mary,

full of goodness,

show your love towards us.

Let the flame of your heart,

O Mary, descend on all people.

We love you immensely.

Impress true love in our hearts

so that we have a continuous desire for you.

O Mary, gentle and humble of heart, remember us when we are in sin.

You know that all men sin.

Give us, by means of your Immaculate Heart, spiritual health.

Let us always see the goodness of your motherly heart

and may we be converted by means of the flame of your heart.

Amen.

Immaculate Heart of Mary,

full of love for God and mankind,

and of compassion for sinners,

I consecrate myself to you.
I entrust to you the salvation of my soul.
May my heart be ever united with yours,
so that I may hate sin,
love God and my neighbour,
and reach eternal life with those whom I love.
May I experience the kindness of your motherly heart
and the power of your intercession with Jesus
during my life and at the hour of my death.
Amen.

Prostrate at thy sacred feet,

O august Queen of Heaven,
I venerate you with the most profound respect,
and I believe that you are the daughter of the Eternal Father,
the Mother of His Divine Son,
and the Spouse of the Holy Spirit
Full of grace and virtues and heavenly gifts,
you are the purest temple of the most Holy Trinity,
you are the treasury and dispenser of divine mercy.
Thy Immaculate Heart, full of charity, sweetness and tenderness,
has given you the name of Mother of Divine Clemency.
Therefore, in my affliction
and agony I present myself with confidence before you,
our most loving Mother,
and I pray to you to make me experience the love which you give us;
Grant me (specify the petition)
if it be the Will of God and for the good of my soul.
Amen.

O Immaculate Heart of Mary,

refuge of sinners,
I beg of you by the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus,
and by the graces God has granted to you since your Immaculate
Conception,
the grace of never going astray again.
Mother, keep me, a sinner,
constantly bathed in the light of your Immaculate Heart.
Amen.

In the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I Trust

Look to the Star
Call upon Mary!
In danger, in difficulty
or in doubt,
think of Mary,
call upon Mary,
Keep her name on your lips,
Never let it pass out of your heart.
Following in her footsteps,
you will not go astray:
praying to her,
you will not
fall into despair:
thinking of her you will not err.
While she keeps hold of your hand,
you will not fall ...
you will not grow weary ...
you will have no fear ...
Enjoying her protection,
you will reach the goal.

Immaculate Heart of Mary,

I give you my heart.
With it, I want to love you, and with you, and through you,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
and the entire divine creation.
My dear Mother,
I place myself in your Holy and Immaculate Heart.
I know that you will take care of me,
and all those who have recourse to you,
in all our needs.
With you motherly help,
I wish to sanctify this entire day,
for the conversion of sinners, the reparation of our sins,
for the glory and love of the Most Holy Trinity.
Amen.

An Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

O Mary, Virgin most powerful and Mother of mercy,
Queen of Heaven and Refuge of sinners,
We consecrate ourselves to your Immaculate Heart.
We consecrate to you our very being and our whole life;
All that we have, all that we love, all that we are.
To you we give our bodies, our hearts and our souls;
To you we give our homes, our families, our country.
We desire that all that is in us and around us may belong to you,
And may share in the benefits of your motherly benediction.
And that this act of consecration may be truly efficacious and lasting,
We renew this day at your feet the promises of our Baptism and our
first Holy Communion. We pledge ourselves to profess courageously
and at all times the truths of our holy faith, We pledge ourselves to
keep the commandments of God and His Church,
In particular to keep holy the Lord's Day.
We likewise pledge ourselves to make the consoling practices of the
Christian religion,
And above all, Holy Communion, an integral part of our lives,
In so far as we shall be able so to do.
Finally, we promise you, O glorious Mother of God and loving Mother
of all mankind
To devote ourselves whole-heartedly to the service of your blessed will
In order to hasten and assure, through the sovereignty of your
Immaculate Heart,
The coming of the kingdom of the Sacred Heart of your most holy Son
In our own hearts and in those of all men,
In our country and in all the world.
As in heaven, so on earth. Amen

Consecration To The Blessed Virgin (Fatima)

O Most Holy Mary, Virgin Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth,
in accordance with thy wish made known at Fatima, I consecrate myself
today to your Immaculate Heart. To you I entrust all that I have, all that
I am, to your blessed charge and special keeping and into your
Immaculate Heart.

For this day, for every day of my life, and at the hour of my death, I
commend my soul and body.

To you do I entrust all my hopes and consolations, all my trials and miseries, my life and the end of my life, that through your most holy intercession and thy merits all my actions may be ordered and disposed according to your will, and that of thy Divine Son.

Reign over me dearest Mother, that I may be yours in prosperity, in adversity, in health and in sickness, in life and in death.

Grant that I may have no other spirit but your spirit, to know Jesus Christ and His Divine and Holy Will; that I may have no other soul but your soul, to praise and glorify the Lord; that I may have no other heart but your heart, to love God with a pure and burning love like yours.

My beloved Mother, my glorious Queen, I am all yours and all that I have is yours.

Amen.

Immaculate Mary

Our hearts are on fire;
That title so wondrous
Fills all our desire!
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!
Ave, Ave Maria!

We pray for God's glory,
May His kingdom come;
We pray for His Vicar,
Our Father in Rome.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!
Ave, Ave Maria!

We pray for our Mother,
The Church upon earth,
And bless, sweetest Lady,
The land of our birth.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!
Ave, Ave Maria!

We pray for all sinners,
And souls that now stray
From Jesus and Mary
In heresy's way.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!
Ave, Ave Maria!

For poor, sick, afflicted,
Thy mercy we crave;
And comfort the dying,
Thou light of the grave!
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!
Ave, Ave Maria!
There is no need, Mary,
Nor ever has been,
Which thou canst not succour
Immaculate Queen.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!
Ave, Ave Maria!

In grief and temptation,
In joy, or in pain,
We'll seek you, our Mother,
Nor seek you in vain.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!
Ave, Ave Maria!

O bless us, dear Lady,
With blessings from heaven,
And to our petitions
Let answer be given.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!
Ave, Ave Maria!

In death's solemn moment,
Our Mother, be nigh;
As children of Mary
O teach us to die!

Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!
Ave, Ave Maria!

And crown thy sweet mercy
With this special grace,
To behold soon in heaven
God's ravishing Face.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!
Ave, Ave Maria!

Now to God be glory
And worship for aye,
And to God's Virgin Mother,
An endless Ave.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!
Ave, Ave Maria!