



TOTAL CONSECRATION

To Jesus Through Mary

**MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH PARISH,
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Ad Jesum, Per Mariam
"To Jesus, through Mary"

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*33 Day Preparation for
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Consecration Nov 20th - Vigil of the Presentation of Mary

Consecration means to set aside for a sacred purpose. Mary's life was set aside for the sole purpose of serving our Lord. By following her example, we, too, can completely give ourselves to Christ in a fundamental way that consecrates us to Him. Consecration embraces the gift of the Blessed Virgin Mary's maternal care, given to us by Christ on the Cross. We give ourselves to the Virgin Mother to be our mother, just as the Son gave Himself to the Virgin Mary, so we too can embrace his path of life. We consecrate ourselves in order to be more devoted to the Lord and His Blessed Mother and allowing her to help form us into disciples and imitators of Christ, by growing in holiness and increasing our faith, hope, and love.

CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

DAY	DATE		MYSTERY
1	18-Oct	Sunday	Glorious
2	19-Oct	Monday	Joyful
3	20-Oct	Tuesday	Sorrowful
4	21-Oct	Wednesday	Glorious
5	22-Oct	Thursday	Luminous
6	23-Oct	Friday	Sorrowful
7	24-Oct	Saturday	Joyful
8	25-Oct	Sunday	Glorious
9	26-Oct	Monday	Joyful
10	27-Oct	Tuesday	Sorrowful
11	28-Oct	Wednesday	Glorious
12	29-Oct	Thursday	Luminous
13	30-Oct	Friday	Sorrowful
14	31-Oct	Saturday	Joyful
15	1-Nov	Sunday	Glorious
16	2-Nov	Monday	Joyful
17	3-Nov	Tuesday	Sorrowful
18	4-Nov	Wednesday	Glorious
19	5-Nov	Thursday	Luminous
20	6-Nov	Friday	Sorrowful
21	7-Nov	Saturday	Joyful
22	8-Nov	Sunday	Glorious
23	9-Nov	Monday	Joyful
24	10-Nov	Tuesday	Sorrowful
25	11-Nov	Wednesday	Glorious
26	12-Nov	Thursday	Luminous
27	13-Nov	Friday	Sorrowful
28	14-Nov	Saturday	Joyful
29	15-Nov	Sunday	Glorious
30	16-Nov	Monday	Joyful
31	17-Nov	Tuesday	Sorrowful
32	18-Nov	Wednesday	Glorious
33	19-Nov	Thursday	Luminous
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O SALUTARIS HOSTIA – EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

O SALUTARIS Hostia
Quae caeli pandis ostium.
Bella premunt hostilia;
Da robur, fer auxilium.

O SAVING Victim opening wide
The gate of heaven to all below.
Our foes press on from every side;
Thine aid supply, Thy strength bestow.

Uni trinoque Domino
Sit sempiterna gloria:
Qui vitam sine termino,
Nobis donet in patria. Amen.

To Thy great name be endless praise
Immortal Godhead, One in Three;
Oh, grant us endless length of days,
In our true native land with Thee. Amen.

INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

V. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful **R.** And enkindle in them the fire of your love.

V. Lord, send forth your Spirit. **R.** And you will renew the face of the earth.

Let us Pray: O God, who instructs the hearts of your faithful with the light of your Holy Spirit, make us responsive to his inspirations so that we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolations. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

JESUS LIVING IN MARY

O Jesus living in Mary, come and live in your servant in the Spirit of your holiness, in the fullness of your gifts, in the perfection of your ways, in the truth of your virtues, in the communion of your mysteries.

Subdue within me the power of flesh and demon by your Holy Spirit, for the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SUB TUUM

We fly to your patronage, O holy Mother of God. Despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

THE MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious ^{virgin} Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

AVE MARIA STELLA

Hail, O Star of the ocean, God's own Mother blest, ever sinless Virgin, gate of heavenly rest. Taking that sweet Ave, which from Gabriel came, peace confirms within us, changing Eva's name. Break the sinners' fetters, make our blindness day, Chase all evils from us, for all blessings pray. Show thyself a Mother, may the Word divine born for us thine Infant hear our prayers through thine. Virgin all excelling, mildest of the mild, free from guilt preserve us meek and undefiled. Keep our life all spotless, make our way secure till we find in Jesus, joy for evermore. Praise to God the Father, honor to the Son, in the Holy Spirit, be the glory one. Amen.

ST. LOUIS DE MONTFORT'S ROSARY PRAYER

Hail Mary, well-beloved daughter of the eternal Father, admirable Mother of the Son, most faithful spouse of the Holy Spirit, august Temple of the most holy Trinity. Hail, sovereign Princess, to whom all is subject in Heaven and on earth.

Hail, sure Refuge of sinners, Our Lady of Mercy who has never rejected anyone, all sinful that I am, I cast myself at your feet, and I ask you to obtain for me from the good Jesus, your dear Son, contrition and pardon for all of my sins along with divine wisdom.

I consecrate myself entirely to you along with all that I have. I take you today for my Mother and my Mistress; treat me then as the last of your children and the most obedient of your servants: Listen, my Princess, listen to the sighs of a heart that desires to love you and to serve you faithfully. Let it not be said that of all of those who have had recourse to you, that I have been the first to be abandoned! O my hope! O my life! O my faithful and immaculate Virgin Mary! graciously hear me, defend me, nourish me, instruct me, save me. Amen

PRAYER OF ST. AUGUSTINE

O Jesus Christ, you are my father, my merciful God, my great king, my good shepherd, my only master, my best helper, my beloved friend of overwhelming beauty, my living bread, my eternal priest. You are my guide to my heavenly home, my one true light, my holy joy, my true way, my shining wisdom, my unfeigned simplicity, the peace and harmony of my soul, my perfect safeguard, my bounteous inheritance, my everlasting salvation. My loving Lord, Jesus Christ, why have I ever loved or desired anything else in my life but you, my God? Where was I when I was not in communion with you?

From now on, I direct all my desires to be inspired by you and centered on you. I direct them to press forward for they have tarried long enough, to hasten towards their goal, to seek the one they yearn for. O Jesus, let him who does not love you be accursed, and filled with bitterness. O gentle Jesus, let every worthy feeling of mine show you love, take delight in you and admire you. O God of my heart and my inheritance, Christ Jesus, may my heart mellow before the influence of your spirit and may you live in me. May the flame of your love burn in my soul. May it burn incessantly on the altar of my heart. May it glow in my innermost being. May it spread its heat into the hidden recesses of my soul and on the day of my consummation may I appear before you consumed in your love. Amen.

HOLY HOUR NIGHT PRAYER

We thank you, Lord, for the day that is ending. We thank you for your love and protection.

Forgive us for any wrong we have done this day. Forgive us for being bad tempered or hard to live with. Forgive us for hurting those we should love.

Forgive us for any word of comfort or praise or thanks which we might have spoken and did not speak. Forgive us for any help we might have given to someone in need and did not give. Lord, we pray tonight for all humankind:

for the believer and the unbeliever; for those who are trying to find you; and for those who are trying to ignore you.

Bless those who are lonely, and who feel their loneliness worst of all at evening time. Bless those who are old or sick, or who will not sleep tonight. Bless all homes and families, and bless those who have no home of their own.

Give us all restful sleep, and the peace of heart that comes from knowing that our sins are forgiven, and that we are always in the hands of our heavenly Father. Amen

LITANY OF THE HOLY NAME

To make a fitting beginning to the process of preparation, it is best to pray this litany before or while holding a crucifix.

Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy, Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy

God the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.
God the Holy Ghost, have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, One God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, splendor of the Father, have mercy on us.
Jesus, brightness of everlasting light, have mercy on us.
Jesus, King of glory, have mercy on us.
Jesus, dawn of justice, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary, have mercy on us.
Jesus, worthy of our love, have mercy on us.
Jesus, worthy of our wonder, have mercy on us.
Jesus, mighty God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Father of the world to come, have mercy on us.
Jesus, prince of peace, have mercy on us.
Jesus, all powerful, have mercy on us.
Jesus, pattern of patient, have mercy on us.
Jesus, model obedience, have mercy on us.
Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, have mercy on us.
Jesus, lover of chastity, have mercy on us.
Jesus, lover of us all, have mercy on us.
Jesus, God of peace, have mercy on us.
Jesus, author of life, have mercy on us.
Jesus, model of goodness, have mercy on us.
Jesus, seeker of souls, have mercy on us.
Jesus, our God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, our refuge, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Father of the poor, have mercy on us.
Jesus, treasure of the faithful, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Good Shepherd, have mercy on us.
Jesus, true light, have mercy on us.
Jesus, eternal wisdom, have mercy on us.
Jesus, infinite goodness, have mercy on us.
Jesus, our way and our life, have mercy on us.
Jesus, joy of angels, have mercy on us.
Jesus, King of patriarchs, have mercy on us.
Jesus, teacher of Apostles, have mercy on us.
Jesus, master of Evangelists, have mercy on us.
Jesus, courage of martyrs, have mercy on us.

Jesus, light of confessors, have mercy on us.
Jesus, purity of virgins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, crown of all saints, have mercy on us.

Lord, be merciful, Jesus save your people
From all evil, Jesus save your people
From every sin, Jesus, Jesus save your people
From the snares of the devil, Jesus save your people
From your anger, Jesus save your people
From the spirit of infidelity, Jesus save your people
From everlasting death, Jesus save your people
From the neglect of your Holy Spirit, Jesus save your people

By the mystery of your Incarnation, Jesus save your people
By your birth, Jesus save your people
By your childhood, Jesus save your people.
By your hidden life, Jesus save your people.
By your public ministry Jesus, Jesus save your people
By your agony and crucifixion, Jesus save your people
By your abandonment, Jesus save your people
By your grief and sorrow, Jesus save your people
By your death and burial, Jesus save your people
By your rising to new life, Jesus save your people
By your return in glory to the Father, Jesus save your people
By your gift of the Holy Eucharist, Jesus save your people
By your joy and glory, Jesus save your people

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

Lord, may we who honor the holy name of Jesus enjoy his
friendship in this life and be filled with eternal joy in the
kingdom where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen

LITANY OF THE SAINTS

If one has an image of his patron saint, it is recommended to pray this litany before that image. One should also make a point to include his patron saint among the invocations, adding the name in your heart

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.
St. Michael, pray for us.
Holy Angels of God, pray for us.
St. John the Baptist, pray for us.
St. Joseph, pray for us.
St. Peter and St. Paul, pray for us.
St. Andrew, pray for us.
St. John, pray for us.
All you holy men and women, pray for us.

St. Mary Magdalene, pray for us.
St. Stephen, pray for us.
St Ignatius of Antioch, pray for us.
St Lawrence, pray for us.,
St Perpetua, St. Felicity, pray for us.
St. Agnes, pray for us.
St Gregory, pray for us
St Augustine, pray for us.
All you holy men and women, pray for us.

St. Athanasius , pray for us.
St. Basil, pray for us.
St. Martin, pray for us.
St Benedict, pray for us.
St Francis and St. Dominic, pray for us.
St Francis Xavier, pray for us.
St. John Vianney, pray for us.
St Catherine of Siena, pray for us.
All you holy men and women, pray for us.

St Teresa of Jesus, pray for us.
St James, pray for us.
St Elizabeth, pray for us.
St Clare, pray for us.
St Agatha, pray for us.
St. Cecilia, pray for us.
All Holy men and women, pray for us.

Saints of God, pray for us.
All you holy men and women, pray for us.

Lord, be merciful, Lord deliver us we pray
From all evil, Lord deliver us we pray
From every sin, Lord deliver us we pray
From everlasting death, Lord deliver us we pray
By your incarnation, Lord deliver us we pray
By your death and resurrection, Lord deliver us we pray
By your glory, Lord deliver us we pray
Of the Holy Spirit, Lord deliver us we pray
All you holy men and women, pray for us.

Be merciful to us sinners, Lord we ask you hear our prayer
By these chosen ones to do good, Lord we ask you hear our prayer
Through the grace of Baptism, Lord we ask you hear our prayer
Jesus Son of the Living God, Lord we ask you hear our prayer

Christ hear us, Christ graciously hear us

LITANY OF LORETO

It is recommended to pray this Litany before an image of Our Lady.

Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy, Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy

God our Father in 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
Holy Mary pray for us
Holy Mother of God pray for us
Most honored of virgins pray for us
Mother of Christ pray for us
Mother of the Church pray for us
Mother of divine grace pray for us
Mother most pure pray for us
Mother of chaste love pray for us
Mother and virgin pray for us
Sinless Mother pray for us
Dearest of mothers pray for us
Model of motherhood pray for us
Mother of good counsel pray for us
Mother of our Creator pray for us
Mother of our Savior pray for us
Virgin most wise pray for us
Virgin rightly praised pray for us
Virgin rightly renowned pray for us
Virgin most powerful pray for us
Virgin gentle in mercy pray for us
Faithful Virgin pray for us
Mirror of justice pray for us
Throne of wisdom pray for us
Cause of our joy pray for us
Shrine of the Spirit pray for us
Glory of Israel pray for us
Vessel of selfless devotion pray for us
Mystical Rose pray for us
Tower of David pray for us
Tower of ivory pray for us
House of gold pray for us

Ark of the covenant pray for us
Gate of heaven pray for us
Morning Star pray for us
Health of the sick pray for us
Refuge of sinners pray for us
Comfort of the troubled pray for us
Help of Christians pray for us
Queen of angels pray for us
Queen of patriarchs and prophets pray for us
Queen of apostles and martyrs pray for us
Queen of confessors and virgins pray for us
Queen of all saints pray for us
Queen conceived without original sin pray for us
Queen assumed into heaven pray for us
Queen of the rosary pray for us
Queen of families pray for us
Queen of peace pray for us

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world
have mercy on us

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have mercy on us

Pray for us, holy Mother of God. That we may
become worthy of the promises of Christ.

Eternal God, let your people enjoy constant health
in mind and body. Through the intercession of the
Virgin Mary free us from the sorrows of this life and
lead us to happiness in the life to come. Grant this
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

LITANY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

It is recommended to pray this Litany before an image of Our Lady.

Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy, Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy

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.
Holy Mary, Pray for us
Holy Mother of God, Have mercy on us, Pray for us
Holy Virgin of virgins, Have mercy on us, Pray for us.
Chosen daughter of the Father, Pray for us
Mother of Christ the King, Pray for us
Glory of the Holy Spirit, Pray for us
Virgin of Daughter Zion, Pray for us
Virgin poor and humble, Pray for us
Virgin gentle and obedient, Pray for us
Handmaid of the Lord, Pray for us
Mother of the Lord, Pray for us
Help of the Redeemer, Pray for us
Full of Grace, Pray for us
Fountain of Beauty, Pray for us
Model of Virtue, Pray for us
Finest fruit of the redemption, Pray for us
Perfect disciple of Christ, Pray for us
Untarnished image of the Church, Pray for us
Woman transformed, Pray for us
Woman Clothed with the sun, Pray for us
Woman crowned with stars, Pray for us
Gentle Lady, Pray for us
Gracious Lady, Pray for us
Our Lady, Pray for us
Joy of Israel, Pray for us
Splendor of the Church, Pray for us
Pride of the human race, Pray for us
Advocate of peace, Pray for us
Minister of holiness, Pray for us
Champion of God's people, Pray for us

Queen of love, Pray for us
Queen of mercy, Pray for us
Queen of peace, Pray for us
Queen of angels, Pray for us
Queen of patriarchs and prophets, Pray for us
Queen of apostles and martyrs, Pray for us
Queen of confessors and virgins, Pray for us
Queen of all saints, Pray for us
Queen conceived without original sin, Pray for us
Queen assumed into heaven, Pray for us
Queen of all the earth, Pray for us
Queen of heaven, Pray for us
Queen of the universe, Pray for us
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
Spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
Hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
God of mercy, listen to the prayers of your servants who have honored your handmaid Mary as mother and queen. Grant that by your grace we may serve you and our neighbor on earth and be welcomed into our eternal kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART

It is best, if at all possible, to pray this Litany in church at an altar dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Otherwise, the Litany should be prayed before an image of the Sacred Heart, or while holding a Crucifix.

Lord, have mercy Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy Lord, have mercy

God our Father in heaven, **R; Have mercy on us**
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, **R**
God the Holy Spirit, **R**
Holy Trinity, One God, **R**
Heart of Jesus, Son of the eternal Father, **R**
Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy Spirit in the womb
of the Virgin Mother, **R**
Heart of Jesus, one with the eternal Word, **R**
Heart of Jesus, infinite in majesty, **R**
Heart of Jesus, holy temple of God, **R**
Heart of Jesus, tabernacle of the Most High, **R**
Heart of Jesus, house of God and gate of heaven, **R**
Heart of Jesus, aflame with love for us, **R**
Heart of Jesus, source of justice and love, **R**
Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love, **R**
Heart of Jesus, wellspring of all virtue, **R**
Heart of Jesus, worthy of all praise, **R**
Heart of Jesus, king and center of all hearts, **R**
Heart of Jesus, treasure house of wisdom
and knowledge, **R**
Heart of Jesus, in whom there dwells the fullness of God, **R**
Heart of Jesus, in whom the Father is well pleased, **R**
Heart of Jesus, from whose fullness we have all received, **R**
Heart of Jesus, desire of the eternal hills, **R**
Heart of Jesus, patient and full of mercy, **R**
Heart of Jesus, generous to all who turn to you, **R**

Heart of Jesus, fountain of life and holiness, **R**
Heart of Jesus, atonement for our sins have, **R**
Heart of Jesus, overwhelmed with insults, **R**
Heart of Jesus, broken for our sins have, **R**
Heart of Jesus, obedient even to death, **R**
Heart of Jesus, pierced by a lance, **R**
Heart of Jesus, source of all consolation, **R**
Heart of Jesus, our life and resurrection, **R**
Heart of Jesus, our peace and reconciliation, **R**,
Heart of Jesus, victim of our sins, **R**
Heart of Jesus, salvation of all who trust in you, **R**
Heart of Jesus, hope of all who die in you, **R**
Heart of Jesus, delight of all the saints, **R**, have mercy on us

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world
have mercy on us

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have mercy on us

Jesus, gentle and humble of heart. Touch our hearts and
make them like your own. Father, we rejoice in the gifts of
love we have received from the heart of Jesus your Son.
Open our hearts to share his life and continue to bless us
with his love. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.
Amen.

BENEDICTION

Tantum Ergo

Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui:
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui:
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.

Genitori, Genitoque
Laus et iubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio:
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio.

Down in adoration falling,
Lo! the sacred Host we hail,
Lo! o'er ancient forms departing
Newer rites of grace prevail;
Faith for all defects supplying,
Where the feeble senses fail.

To the everlasting Father,
And the Son Who reigns on high
With the Holy Spirit proceeding
Forth from each eternally,
Be salvation, honor blessing,
Might and endless majesty.

P: You have given them bread from heaven. R: Containing in itself all delight.

Let us pray: Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of your suffering and death. May our worship of this sacrament of your body and blood, help us to experience the salvation won for us and the peace of the kingdom, where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Blessing

The Divine Praises: Blessed be God. Blessed be his holy name. Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man. Blessed be the name of Jesus. Blessed be his most Sacred Heart. Blessed be his most precious blood. Blessed be Jesus in the most holy sacrament of the altar. Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Consoler. Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy. Blessed be her holy and immaculate conception. Blessed be her glorious assumption. Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother. Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse. Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints. May the heart of Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time. Amen.

Reposition of Blessed Sacrament

Holy God we praise Thy Name

1 Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you; all on earth your scepter claim, all in heav'n above adore you. Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.

2 Hark, the loud celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising; cherubim and seraphim in unceasing chorus praising, fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord."

3 Lo! the apostolic train join your sacred name to hallow; prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white robed martyrs follow; and from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.

4 Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name you; while in essence only One, undivided God we claim you, and adoring bend the knee, while we sing this mystery.

WEEK 1 - RENUNCIATION OF THE SPIRIT OF THE WORLD
The spirit of the world is opposed to the spirit of Jesus Christ

At the very beginning of the preparation process, one prepares to wage battle against the spirit of the world, which is opposed to the spirit of Jesus Christ. Before beginning each day's spiritual exercises, it is very important to invoke the grace of God upon this effort. Those who seek to empty themselves of the spirit of the world, so that they may be filled by the spirit of Jesus Christ, call upon his aid - *Our help is in the Name of the Lord* - by praying the Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus. (page 5). We will start each day with the Invocation to the Holy Spirit Prayer (page 3). We will end with Jesus Living in Mary Prayer and the Night Prayer of Sub Tuum (page 3)

✠ DAY 1 – Do Not Conform To The Spirit Of This Age

Litany of the Holy Name (page 5)

Exposition - O Salutaris Hostia (page 3)

Prayer: Invocation of the Holy Spirit (page 3)

Holy Rosary

Scripture Romans 12: 1-2

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to the spirit of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

St. Louis de Montfort SM: #3

Chosen soul, living image of God and redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus Christ, God wants you to be holy like him in this life, and glorious like him in the next. It is certain that growth in holiness is your vocation. All your thoughts, words, and actions, everything you suffer or undertake must lead you to that end. Otherwise, you are resisting God in not doing the work for which he created you and for which even now he is keeping you in being. What a marvelous transformation is possible! Dust into light, uncleanness into purity, sinfulness into holiness, creature into Creator, man into God! A marvelous work, I repeat, so difficult in itself, even impossible for a mere creature to bring about, for only God can accomplish it by giving his grace abundantly and in an extraordinary manner. The very creation of the universe is not as great an achievement as this.

Reflection

St Louis de Montfort says growth in holiness is your vocation and my vocation. Holy is Biblically defined as "dedicated or consecrated to God, complete devotion as one perfect in goodness and righteousness." We read in Psalm 99:9 - Exult the Lord our God, bow down before His holy mountain. Holy is the Lord our God. What does this mean to you? God wants you to be holy like Him in this life and glorious like Him in the next? And God is the only one who can bring this about.....during this quiet time, let us ask God what He wants us to surrender – to give up - to "allow" God to work His marvelous wonders in us... And let us listen to His response – and do our part to act on surrendering.

Prayer: JESUS LIVING IN MARY (page 3)

Consecration Night Prayer: SUB TUUM (page 3)

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✠ DAY 2 – We Must Count The Cost

Litany of the Holy Name (page 5)

Exposition - O Salutaris Hostia (page 3)

Prayer: Invocation of the Holy Spirit (page 3)

Holy Rosary

Scripture Luke 14: 28-30

For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.'

St. Louis de Montfort SM: #4

Chosen soul, how will you bring this about? What steps will you take to reach the high level to which God is calling you? The means of holiness and salvation are known to everybody, since they are found in the gospel; the masters of the spiritual life have explained them; the saints have practiced them and shown how essential they are for those who wish to be saved and attain perfection. These means are: sincere humility, unceasing prayer, complete self-denial, abandonment to divine Providence, and obedience to the will of God.

Reflection

Today, St. Louis de Montfort speaks to us about reaching the “high level” to which GOD is calling each one of us, that “high Level” is called holiness. He points out that the means to holiness and salvation are well established humility, prayer, self-denial, abandonment to divine Providence and obedience to the will of GOD. So, for each one of us, then, the question becomes “How great is my desire to be Holy?” Only you can answer this question and the answer lies in how much time each day you dedicate to personal prayer and meditation. This must be a firm commitment that you intend to keep for the entire 12-day preparation period. It is not possible to genuinely complete the process of preparation without taking this first step. If you are resolved to become a true friend of GOD, resolve to drink the Cup that Jesus drank and follow him.

Prayer: JESUS LIVING IN MARY (page 3)

Consecration Night Prayer: SUB TUUM (page 3)

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✠ DAY 3 – One Must Sacrifice For The Kingdom

Litany of the Holy Name (page 5)

Exposition - O Salutaris Hostia (page 3)

Prayer: Invocation of the Holy Spirit (page 3)

Holy Rosary

Scripture Mark 10: 24-30

But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." And they were exceedingly astonished and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "With men it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God." Peter began to say to him, "Behold, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.

St. Louis de Montfort LEW: #194

The Holy Spirit tells us that Wisdom is not found in the hearts of those who live in comfort, gratifying their passions and bodily desires, because "they who are of the flesh cannot please God," and "the wisdom of the flesh is an enemy to God". "My spirit will not remain in man, because he is flesh." All those who belong to Christ, incarnate Wisdom, have crucified their flesh with its passions and desires. They always bear about in their bodies the dying of Jesus. They continually do violence to themselves, carry their cross daily. They are dead and indeed buried with Christ. These words of the Holy Spirit show us more clearly than the light of day that, if we are to possess incarnate Wisdom, Jesus Christ, we must practice self-denial and renounce the world and self.

Reflection

If you are familiar with the life of any saint, male or female, young or old, you know that there has never been a saint who did not practice some kind of sacrificial self-denial. St. Teresa of Ávila's motto was "Lord, either let me suffer or let me die." Our Lord said, if you want to be my followers you must take up your cross daily and follow me. Those who try to lead a Christian life cannot expect to avoid what Jesus did not avoid, that is, the Cross. So, tonight, think really hard about this. Then make a firm decision, tonight, to make an act of Sacrifice over the remainder of this period of preparation that would help you detach yourself from the world and attach yourself to the things of God.

Prayer: JESUS LIVING IN MARY (page 3)

Consecration Night Prayer: SUB TUUM (page 3)

Holy Hour Night Prayer (page 4)

Benediction (page 10)

† DAY 4 - The Worldly Make Excuses

Litany of the Holy Name (page 5)

Exposition - O Salutaris Hostia (page 3)

Prayer: Invocation of the Holy Spirit (page 3)

Holy Rosary

Scripture Luke 14: 16-24

But he said to him, "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; please, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; please, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited will taste my banquet.'

St. Louis de Montfort LEW #76

In the opinion of the world, a wise man is one with a keen eye to business; who knows how to turn everything to his personal profit without appearing to do so. He excels in the art of duplicity and well-concealed fraud without arousing suspicion. He thinks one thing and says another. Nothing concerning the graces and manners of the world is unknown to him. He accommodates himself to everyone to suit his end, completely ignoring the honor and interests of God. He manages to make a secret but fatal reconciliation of truth and falsehood, of the gospel and the world, of Christ and Belial. He wishes to be considered an honest man but not a devout man, and most readily scorns, distorts and condemns devotions he does not personally approve of. In short, a man is worldly-wise who, following solely the lead of his senses and human reasoning, poses as a good Christian and a man of integrity, but makes little effort to please God or atone by penance for the sins he has committed against him.

Reflection

We so often hear of the many excuses people make.... In John 5:6, when Jesus saw the man and realized that he had been crippled for a long time, he asked him, "**Do you want to be healed?**" Sir," the man replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me." The man never answered Jesus' question: Do you want to be healed; however, he offered an excuse. What is preventing you from coming into a closer relationship with Jesus? What is your excuse? Can you make a commitment, right now, to spend some time with Jesus in prayer? No cell phone, no TV, no computer just the quietness of a sacred space – you and Jesus.....

Prayer: JESUS LIVING IN MARY (page 3)

Consecration Night Prayer: SUB TUUM (page 3)

Holy Hour Night Prayer (page 4)

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✠ DAY 5 - Enter Through The Narrow Gate

Litany of the Holy Name (page 5)

Exposition - O Salutaris Hostia (page 3)

Prayer: Invocation of the Holy Spirit (page 3)

Holy Rosary

Scripture Matthew 7: 13 - 14

Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

St. Louis de Montfort FC #5

Are you walking along the true way of life, which is the narrow and stony way of Calvary? Or are you, without perhaps realizing it, on the wide road of the world which leads to perdition? Are you aware that there is a highway which is to all appearances a straight and safe road, but which really leads to eternal death?

Reflection

In today's Scripture reading from Matthew, we hear him implore us "Enter by the narrow gate" it is this gate that leads us to Eternal life. For the gate that is "wide and easy", that so many people pass through in life, leads only to destruction. However, for those who enter thru the "narrow" gate, where the road is stony and the way is hard...this road leads to Eternal life. Which road in life are you on? The wide and straight highway that is easy to travel which leads to utter destruction and Eternal death or the road less traveled...which is narrow and stony but leads us to Eternal life? Remember that Christ leads a valiant group up a narrow road. Only a handful of people follow him...will you be one of them?

Prayer: JESUS LIVING IN MARY (page 3)

Consecration Night Prayer: SUB TUUM (page 3)

Holy Hour Night Prayer (page 4)

Benediction (page 10)

✠ 6 - The Worldly Are Hypocritical

Litany of the Holy Name (page 5)

Exposition - O Salutaris Hostia (page 3)

Prayer: Invocation of the Holy Spirit (page 3)

Holy Rosary

Scripture Matthew 23: 25-28

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you cleanse the outside of the cup and of the plate, but inside they are full of extortion and rapacity. You blind Pharisee! first cleanse the inside of the cup and of the plate, that the outside also may be clean. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within they are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. So also, you outwardly appear righteous to men, but within you are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

St. Louis de Montfort TD: #102-103

There is another category of false devotees of our Lady — hypocritical ones. These hide their sins and evil habits under the mantle of the Blessed Virgin so as to appear to their fellow men different from what they are.

Then there are the self-interested devotees who turn to her only to win a court-case, to escape some danger, to be cured of some ailment or to have some similar need satisfied. Except when in need they never think of her. Such people are acceptable neither to God nor to his Mother.

Reflection

Things are not always what they appear to be, especially when it comes to people. Pope Francis says "Christians must guard against a 'spirituality of ease' and putting up appearances and they must respond to the constant call of Jesus to conversion." He says that we must seek to reinvigorate our interior lives and he urged us to convert "from appearances to reality, from

tepidness to fervor." So, tonight we must seriously ask ourselves...Am I among these Christians who put up appearances? Am I really alive within, in my faith? Am I comfortable with my spiritual life?

Prayer: JESUS LIVING IN MARY (page 3)
Consecration Night Prayer: SUB TUUM (page 3)
Holy Hour Night Prayer (page 4)
Benediction (page 10)

✠ DAY 7 – The Flesh Is Opposed To The Spirit

Litany of the Holy Name (page 5)
Exposition - O Salutaris Hostia (page 3)
Prayer: Invocation of the Holy Spirit (page 3)
Holy Rosary

Scripture Galatians 5: 16-21

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you would. But if you are led by the Spirit you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are plain: immorality, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, anger, selfishness, dissensions, party spirit, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and the like. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

St. Louis de Montfort LEW #81

The wisdom of the flesh is the love of pleasure. This is the wisdom shown by the worldly-wise who seek only the satisfaction of the senses. They want to have a good time. They shun anything that might prove unpleasant or mortifying for the body, such as fasting and other austerities. Usually they think only of eating, drinking, playing, laughing, enjoying life and having a good time. They must always be comfortable and insist on having entertaining pastimes, the best of food and good company.

Reflection

St Louis De Montfort says we live to always be comfortable. We prefer to have entertainment in our free time, the best foods and good company. Yes, we need to eat, have relaxation and we need other people. When thinking over your last 24 hours, do food, entertainment and people dominate your time? What is distracting you or pulling you away from time with God? What is preventing you from having a more intimate relationship with God? **Resolution:** Deny one of your distractions at least for a day.... then 2 days...then maybe 3 days.

Prayer: JESUS LIVING IN MARY (page 3)
Consecration Night Prayer: SUB TUUM (page 3)
Holy Hour Night Prayer (page 4)
Benediction (page 10)

✠ DAY 8 – The World Loves The Darkness

Litany of the Holy Name (page 5)
Exposition - O Salutaris Hostia (page 3)
Prayer: Invocation of the Holy Spirit (page 3)
Holy Rosary

Scripture John 3: 19-21

And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does what is true comes to the light, that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been wrought in God.

St. Louis de Montfort LEW #82

Diabolical wisdom is the love of esteem and honors. This is the wisdom of the worldly-wise who, secretly of course, long for distinctions, honors, dignities and high offices. They strive to be seen, esteemed, praised and applauded by men. In their studies, their work, their words and actions, all they want is the esteem and praise of men, to be reputed as devout or learned people, as great leaders, eminent lawyers, men of great and distinguished merit or deserving of high consideration. They cannot bear insult or blame and so they hide their shortcomings and parade their better qualities.

Reflection

Today, St. Louis de Montfort speaks to us about diabolical wisdom, which is love of esteem and honors that mankind seeks...rather than seeking the truth and the light that is GOD. The wisdom of the worldly-wise longs for adulation, distinctions, honors, high offices and the praise of mankind...and, since they cannot bear any insult or blame, they simply hide their shortcomings and only put on display their better qualities for all to see. What do you seek in your own life? To be like the worldly-wise and seek the praises and honors of mankind? Or do you seek the light and the truth that is Jesus Christ? There are only four days left in the preparation period...when was the last time you celebrated the Sacrament of reconciliation? The Saints always realized how much darkness surrounded them...they never trusted their own light...Now is the perfect time for a great confession!

Prayer: JESUS LIVING IN MARY (page 3)

Night Prayer: SUB TUUM (page 3)

Holy Hour Night Prayer (page 4)

Benediction (page 10)

† DAY 9 – Lay Aside The Works Of Darkness

Litany of the Holy Name (page 5)

Exposition - O Salutaris Hostia (page 3)

Prayer: Invocation of the Holy Spirit (page 3)

Holy Rosary

Scripture Romans 13: 11-14

Besides this, you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

St. Louis de Montfort TD: #108

True devotion to Mary is holy. That is, it leads us to avoid sin and to imitate the virtues of Mary. Her ten principal virtues are: deep humility, lively faith, blind obedience, unceasing prayer, constant self-denial, surpassing purity, ardent love, heroic patience, angelic kindness and heavenly wisdom.

Reflection

Admiration for another person's virtue is associated with a desire to be virtuous one's self. These emotions can profoundly inspire us and motivate our most significant life-course decisions. Tonight, we should choose one of the Blessed Virgin's virtues and practice it throughout the rest of the preparation period. While this may seem overwhelming, if we humbly ask our Mother for the grace to be able to put these virtues into practice in our daily walk of life, she will hear us. Our Mother just wants a heart that's willing to keep trying.

Prayer: JESUS LIVING IN MARY (page 3)

Consecration Night Prayer: SUB TUUM (page 3)

Holy Hour Night Prayer (page 4)

Benediction (page 10)

Litany of the Holy Name (page 5)

Exposition - O Salutaris Hostia (page 3)

Prayer: Invocation of the Holy Spirit (page 3)

Holy Rosary

Scripture Luke 12:16-21

Then he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasures for himself, and is not rich toward God."

St. Louis de Montfort TD: #97-98

Presumptuous devotees are sinners who give full reign to their passions or their love of the world, and who, under the fair name of Christian and servant of our Lady, conceal pride, avarice, lust, drunkenness, anger, swearing, slandering, injustice and other vices. They sleep peacefully in their wicked habits, without making any great effort to correct them, believing that their devotion to our Lady gives them this sort of liberty. They convince themselves that God will forgive them, that they will not die without confession, that they will not be lost for all eternity. When you tell them that such a devotion is only an illusion of the devil and a dangerous presumption which may well ruin them, they refuse to believe you. God is good and merciful, they reply, and he has not made us to damn us. No man is without sin. We will not die without confession and a good act of contrition at death is all that is needed. Moreover, they say they have devotion to Our Lady. Nothing in our Christian religion is so deserving of condemnation as this diabolical presumption.

Reflection

St Louis De Montfort says "presumptuous devotees" are sinners who give full reign to their passions or love of the world, and who, under the fair name of Christian and servant of Our Lady, conceal or hide pride, extreme greed for wealth or material gain, lust, etc. Or...put another way: People who know they are sinning and become comfortable with their sin and rationalize that they will still go to heaven because they do pray, attend Mass, etc..... and yet they do nothing to attempt to stop this sin. What is the persistent sin or vice in your life that you have become "comfortable" with and what will you do to stop it?

Prayer: JESUS LIVING IN MARY (page 3)

Consecration Night Prayer: SUB TUUM (page 3)

Holy Hour Night Prayer (page 4)

Benediction (page 10)

Litany of the Holy Name (page 5)

Exposition - O Salutaris Hostia (page 3)

Prayer: Invocation of the Holy Spirit (page 3)

Holy Rosary

Scripture James I: 21-27

Therefore put away all filthiness and rank growth of wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who observes his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But he who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer that forgets but a doer who acts, he shall be blessed in his doing. If anyone thinks he is religious, but does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this man's religion is vain. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

St. Louis de Montfort TD: #101

Inconstant devotees are those whose devotion to our Lady is practiced in fits and starts. Sometimes they are fervent and sometimes they are lukewarm. Sometimes they appear ready to do anything to please our Lady, and then shortly afterwards they have completely changed. They start by embracing every devotion to our Lady. They join her confraternities, but they do not faithfully observe the rules. They are as changeable as the moon, and like the moon Mary puts them under her feet. Because of their fickleness they are unworthy to be included among the servants of the Virgin because faithfulness and constancy are the hallmarks of Mary's servants. It is better not to burden ourselves with a multitude of prayers and pious practices but rather adopt only a few and perform them with love and perseverance in spite of opposition from the devil and the world and the flesh.

Reflection

In today's scripture reading from James, he pleads with us to "Be doers of the word, and not hearers only". St. Louis de Montfort reminds us that "faithfulness and constancy" are hallmarks of Mary's servants. As we move through this consecration to Jesus thru Mary, are we simply going through the motions of saying the prayers and reciting our daily readings or are we truly performing them with love and perseverance, in an effort to keep ourselves unstained from the sin of the world? Be faithful to GOD and love him with your whole heart do not be fickle or lukewarm to his word...let his words and his ways warm your heart and move you to fervent devotion to Jesus through Mary. These 33 days invite you to throw off the darkness of half-hearted devotion and false religion and to be clothed in Mary's faithfulness and light.

Prayer: JESUS LIVING IN MARY (page 3)

Consecration Night Prayer: SUB TUUM (page 3)

Holy Hour Night Prayer (page 4)

Benediction (page 10)

✠ DAY 12 – Consecration In The Truth

Litany of the Holy Name (page 5)

Exposition - O Salutaris Hostia (page 3)

Prayer: Invocation of the Holy Spirit (page 3)

Holy Rosary

Scripture John 17:14-19

I have given them your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I do not pray that you should take them out of the world, but that you should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be consecrated in truth.

St. Louis de Montfort TD: #59

Lastly, we know they will be true disciples of Jesus Christ, imitating his poverty, his humility, his contempt of the world and his love. They will point out the narrow way to God in the pure truth of the holy Gospel and not according to the maxims of the world. Their hearts will not be troubled, nor will they show favor to anyone; they will not spare or heed or fear any man, however powerful he may be. They will have the two-edged sword of the Word of God in their mouths and the blood-stained standard of the Cross on their shoulders. They will carry the crucifix in their right hand and the rosary in their left, and the holy names of Jesus and Mary in their heart. The simplicity and self-sacrifice of Jesus will be reflected in their whole behavior.

Reflection

Being excessively influenced by the world or obsessing too much about worldly things, to the point of where our attentions is being taken away from Christ, makes us a slave to the world. That's a problem. Jesus tells us that we have the mission of being the light in the world, not slaves of the world. We have a responsibility to be Jesus to the world. So tonight, let's think how we can more effectively be the light for others? Remember, you don't have to be a Saint to add tangible value in the world. All you need to do, is to be on the lookout for opportunities to be a light in someone's else's life, so their own light can burn bright enough for the entire world to see.

Prayer: JESUS LIVING IN MARY (page 3)
Consecration Night Prayer: SUB TUUM (page 3)
Holy Hour Night Prayer (page 4)
Benediction (page 10)

At Home: These twelve days, faithfully observed, have borne fruit. Consider, for a few moments, what you have learned about yourself and the ways that the spirit of the world has influenced you. Consider, for a few moments, how difficult and how necessary it is to overcome this spirit. Consider, for a few moments, how you have grown in your resolve to overcome, by the grace of God, the spirit of the world. Before moving forward into the next period, prayerfully ask Our Lady to aid and sustain you. Upon completing the exercises for the twelfth day, one places the fruits of this time in the hands of the Blessed Virgin by praying the Ave Maris Stella, a prayer that Fr. De Montfort esteemed greatly.

Prayer: AVE MARIS STELLA (page 3)

WEEK 2 - KNOWLEDGE OF SELF Let Them Perform All Their Actions In A Spirit Of Humility

We start each day with the Invocation to the Holy Spirit Prayer (page 3). We end with the Jesus Living in Mary Prayer. (page 3). For the Night Prayer over these seven days, one is asked to simply pause a few moments in prayerful reflection that recalls the theme of the day and the fruits of one's meditation upon it. We then follow St. Louis de Montfort's instruction that "they will turn to our Blessed Lady and beg her to obtain for them the great grace, which is the foundation of all others... the grace of self-knowledge." This done by praying with confidence the Memorare. (page 3).

At the beginning of this week and before moving on to the first day's spiritual exercises, it is important to hear once again the words of St. Louis de Montfort, who reminds us of the greatness of life to which we are called by virtue of our Baptism into Jesus Christ: "It is certain that growth in holiness is your vocation." St. Louis de Montfort would have us look to the great cloud of witnesses who have been transformed by the power of grace. One's first step along the way of self-knowledge, is therefore, to invoke the aid and intercession of the Communion of Saints that supports us during this week. This is done by praying the Litany of the Saints. (page 6 - with audio accompaniment)

✠ DAY 13 – Baptized Into The Dying And Rising Of Christ

Litany of the Saints (page 6)
Exposition - O Salutaris Hostia (page 3)
Prayer: Invocation of the Holy Spirit (page 3)
Holy Rosary

Scripture Romans 6: 3-11

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the sinful body might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For he who has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. For we know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So, you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

St. Louis de Montfort TD: #127

"Men," says St. Thomas, "vow in Baptism to renounce the devil and all his seductions". "This vow," says St. Augustine, "is the greatest and the most indispensable of all vows". Canon law experts say the same thing: "The vow we make at Baptism is the most important of all vows". But does anyone keep this great vow? Does anyone fulfill the promises of Baptism faithfully? Is it not true that nearly all Christians prove unfaithful to the promises made to Jesus in Baptism? Where does this universal

failure come from, if not from man's habitual forgetfulness of the promises and responsibilities of Baptism and from the fact that scarcely anyone makes a personal ratification of the contract made with God through his sponsors?

Reflection

Do you renounce Satan? And all his works? And all his empty promises?"

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

Spend the day reflecting on these powerful vows.

Prayer: JESUS LIVING IN MARY (page 3)

Night Prayer: THE MEMORARE (page 3)

Holy Hour Night Prayer (page 4)

Benediction (page 10)

† DAY 14 – I Am The Owner Of My Life

Litany of the Saints (page 6)

Exposition - O Salutaris Hostia (page 3)

Prayer: Invocation of the Holy Spirit (page 3)

Holy Rosary

Scripture Romans 7: 4-6

Likewise, my brethren, you have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead in order that we may bear fruit for God. While we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. But now we are discharged from the law, dead to that which held us captive, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.

St. Louis de Montfort TD: #68

From what Jesus Christ is in regard to us we must conclude, as St. Paul says, that we belong not to ourselves but entirely to him as his members and his slaves, for he has bought us at an infinite price — the shedding of his Precious Blood. Before Baptism, we belonged to the devil as slaves, but Baptism made us in very truth slaves of Jesus. We must therefore live, work and die for the sole purpose of bringing forth fruit for him, glorifying him in our body and letting him reign in our soul. We are his conquest, the people he has won, his heritage.

Reflection

Today, St. Louis de Montfort reminds us that, St. Paul says, we do not belong to ourselves, but rather entirely to Jesus, as his members and his chosen people, as he paid the ultimate price for each and every one of us through his own sufferings and death on the Cross. Do the actions of my life reflect how much I love Jesus and want to follow him? Or, do my sins get in the way of that commitment to him? Do I have an affection for or an attachment to a particular sin that I need to set aside in order to truly be a devoted follower of Jesus Christ? Tonight, let each one of us pray fervently to identify that one sin in our lives that seems to be our constant stumbling block in our journey to draw closer to Jesus through Mary and ask for GOD's help in removing it from our path. You are the owner of and responsible for your own life...How great is your desire to be a devoted follower of Jesus?

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Holy Rosary

Scripture 1 John 1: 8-10

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

St. Louis de Montfort TD: #99-100

I admit to be truly devoted to our Lady it is not absolutely necessary to be so holy as to avoid all sin, although this is desirable. But at least it is necessary (note what I am going to say) (i) to be genuinely determined to avoid at least all mortal sin, which outrages the Mother as well as the Son; (ii) to practice great self-restraint in order to avoid sin; (iii) to join her confraternities, say the rosary or other prayers, fast on Saturdays and so on. Such means are surprisingly effective in converting even the most hardened sinner. Should you be such a sinner, with one foot in the abyss, I advise you to do as I have said. But there is an essential condition. You must perform these good works solely to obtain from God, through the intercession of our Lady, the grace to regret your sins, obtain pardon for them and overcome your evil habits, and not to live complacently in the state of sin, disregarding the warning voice of conscience, the example of our Lord and the saints and the teaching of the holy gospel.

Reflection

Sin deceives you to indulge in it. Slowly, the sin that bothered your conscience in the past, now seems acceptable. But the thrill begins to wane, so, you take the next step toward a bigger, more thrilling sin. The steps may be small, but they all head in the same direction – toward destruction. Stop losing your temper, and you won't have to worry about an assault charge down the road. Stop holding onto offenses, and you won't be so bitter that you hurt someone to the point of no return. You get the idea. Everyone has his or her bad habits and vices. What are yours? Make a firm decision to overcome one of your bad habits. Do not continue with the consecration process until you have begun to act on this decision.

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Holy Rosary

Scripture Luke 6: 43-45

For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good man out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil man out of his evil treasure produces evil; for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

St. Louis de Montfort TD: #78

Our best actions are usually tainted and spoiled by the evil that is rooted in us. When pure, clear water is poured into a foul-smelling jug, or wine into an unwashed cask that previously contained another wine, the clear water and the good wine are tainted and readily acquire an unpleasant odor. In the same way when God pours into our soul, infected by original and actual sin, the heavenly waters of his grace and the delicious wines of his love, his gifts are usually spoiled and tainted by the

evil sediment left in us by sin. Our actions, even those of the highest virtue, show the effects of it. It is therefore of the utmost importance that, in seeking the perfection that can only be attained by union with Jesus, we rid ourselves of all that is evil in us.

Reflection

Scripture says a tree is known by its fruit. Looking over your day today, what were the good fruits that you produced? What were the rotten fruits? Scripture also says that the good person, out of the good treasure of their heart, produces good. What will you need to do to rid your heart of evil and produce good tomorrow?

Prayer: JESUS LIVING IN MARY (page 3)

Night Prayer: THE MEMORARE (page 3)

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✠ DAY 17 – I Am Weak

Litany of the Saints (page 6)

Exposition - O Salutaris Hostia (page 3)

Prayer: Invocation of the Holy Spirit (page 3)

Holy Rosary

Scripture Romans 7: 21-25

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin which dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I of myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

St. Louis de Montfort TD: #87

It is very difficult, considering our weakness and frailty, to keep the graces and treasures we have received from God. We carry this treasure, which is worth more than heaven and earth, in fragile vessels, that is, in a corruptible body and in a weak and wavering soul which requires very little to depress and disturb it.

Reflection

In today's Scripture reading from Romans, we are reminded that whenever we wish to do what is right and good, according to the law of God, evil is always waiting close by for an opportunity to make us sin. Human beings are, by their very nature, weak and frail. Therefore, it is often very difficult to keep the graces and blessings we have received from GOD. Take time to reflect on how many occasions of grace and moments of blessing you have lost over the course of your life due to sin...Modern man knows nothing about sin...He lives as if sin does not exist. Self-knowledge removes this moral blindness because each one of us can see the presence and power of sin. Jesus loves you too much to let you stay the way you are...Jesus dreams of a different you and Mary will help bring it about.

Prayer: JESUS LIVING IN MARY (page 3)

Night Prayer: THE MEMORARE (page 3)

Holy Hour Night Prayer (page 4)

Benediction (page 10)

✠ DAY 18 – I Must Humble Myself Before The Lord

Litany of the Saints (page 6)

Exposition - O Salutaris Hostia (page 3)

Prayer: Invocation of the Holy Spirit (page 3)

Holy Rosary

Scripture Luke 18: 9-14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised others: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank thee that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you; this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

St. Louis de Montfort SM. #36

In going to Jesus through Mary, we are really paying honor to our Lord, for we are showing that, because of our sins, we are unworthy to approach his infinite holiness directly on our own. We are showing that we need Mary, his holy Mother, to be our advocate and mediatrix with him who is our Mediator. We are going to Jesus as Mediator and Brother, and at the same time humbling ourselves before him who is our God and our Judge. In short, we are practicing humility, something which always gladdens the heart of God.

Reflection

We would do well, as people of faith, to work to remember what the virtues are ultimately for: friendship with God. Humility is chief among those virtues. Why do you think that genuine humility is such an important virtue for your spiritual life? As you pray today, allow your humility to help you recognize your sinfulness and your weakness. Let this "humility" to lead you to seek out the intercession of Mary. Make it a point to approach the Lord in her company.

Prayer: JESUS LIVING IN MARY (page 3)

Night Prayer: THE MEMORARE (page 3)

Holy Hour Night Prayer (page 4)

Benediction (page 10)

† DAY 19 – I Must Deny Myself

Litany of the Saints (page 6)

Exposition - O Salutaris Hostia (page 3)

Prayer: Invocation of the Holy Spirit (page 3)

Holy Rosary

Scripture Mark 8: 34-37

And he called to him the multitude with his disciples, and said to them, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life?"

St. Louis de Montfort TD: #81

In order to empty ourselves of self, we must die daily to ourselves. This involves our renouncing what the powers of the soul and the senses of the body incline us to do. We must see as if we did not see, hear as if we did not hear and use the things of the world as if we did not use them. This is what St. Paul calls dying daily. Unless the grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain and does not bear any good fruit. If we do not die to self and if our holiest devotions do not lead us to this necessary and fruitful death, we shall not bear fruit of any worth and our devotions will cease to be profitable. All our good works will be tainted by self-love and self-will so that our greatest sacrifices and our best actions will be unacceptable to God. Consequently, when we come to die, we shall find ourselves devoid of virtue and merit and discover that we do not possess even one spark of that pure love which God shares only with those who have died to themselves and whose life is hidden with Jesus Christ in him.

Reflection

Mary was with Jesus in His life, death, and resurrection. St Louis de Montfort says we must die daily to ourselves to empty ourselves of "self." Daily, we can unite ourselves to Jesus in His living, dying, and resurrection. As we see our life and the

changes that need to be made, we must die to our own selfish interests, desires, and ways. When we do this, we are resurrected more into the life of Christ. Hence, “Death to Self” is not a destruction but a transformation. What are the crosses in your life that will help you to “die to self”? Are you willingly to carry your cross? Will you be resurrected to new life with Jesus? Will you allow the Blessed Mother to help you?

Prayer: JESUS LIVING IN MARY (page 3)

Night Prayer: THE MEMORARE (page 3)

Holy Hour Night Prayer (page 4)

Benediction (page 10)

At Home: These seven days, faithfully observed, have borne fruit. Consider, for a few moments, what you have learned about who you truly are. Consider, for a few moments, the slavery to sin which prevents you from living in the full freedom of the children of God. Consider how you have deepened in desire to repent and throw off the chains of this sinfulness. Consider how difficult, yet, how necessary this will be. Before moving forward into the next period, prayerfully ask Our Lady to aid and sustain you.

Prayer: AVE MARIS STELLA (page 3)

✠ WEEK 3 – KNOWLEDGE OF MARY

Mary must be known and openly revealed by the Holy Spirit so that Jesus may be known and loved through her

At the beginning of the week and before moving onto the day’s spiritual exercises, we step out in confidence and invoke Our Lady’s intercession by praying the Litany of Loreto (page 7). As we do this, we begin to grow in knowledge of her, not simply by reading a list of her titles but by naming her in the many different ways she has been a source of comfort to all those who call on her.

We start each day with the Invocation to the Holy Spirit Prayer (page 3). We end with Jesus Living in Mary Prayer. (page 3). The Night Prayer during these seven days take on an additional fullness. One is asked not to simply meditate on Our Lady but to turn to her with confidence. In turning to her with confidence each night, one is asked to consider where there is a need for grace in their life, to examine one’s conscience and identify the strongest and most persistent temptations. In all of this, we turn to Mary with the confident words of the St Louis de Montfort Rosary Prayer (page 4)

✠ DAY 20 – Mary Full Of Grace

Litany of Loreto (page 7)

Exposition - O Salutaris Hostia (page 3)

Prayer: Invocation of the Holy Spirit (page 3)

Holy Rosary

Scripture 1 Corinthians 1: 4-8

I give thanks to God always for you because of the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him with all speech and all knowledge - even as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you - so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ; who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

St. Louis de Montfort TD: #44

Mary alone found grace before God without the help of any other creature. All those who have since found grace before God have found it only through her. She was full of grace when she was greeted by the Archangel Gabriel and was filled with grace to overflowing by the Holy Spirit when he so mysteriously overshadowed her. From day to day, from moment to moment, she increased so much this two-fold plenitude that she attained an immense and inconceivable degree of grace. So much so that the Almighty made her the sole custodian of his treasures and the sole dispenser of his graces. She can ennoble,

exalt and enrich all she chooses. She can lead them along the narrow path to heaven and guide them through the narrow gate of life. She can give a royal throne, scepter and crown to whom she wishes. Jesus is always and everywhere the fruit and Son of Mary and Mary is everywhere the genuine tree that bears the Fruit of life, the true Mother who bears that Son.

Reflection

Pray slowly: Hail Mary, Full of Grace, the Lord is with Thee.... Hail Mary, Full of Grace, the Lord is with Thee.... Hail Mary, Full of Grace, the Lord is with Thee. Where in your life do you need the grace of God? Will you allow Mary to walk with you and to ask her to obtain from her Divine Son the grace that you need? Continue to pray in this way each day.

Prayer: JESUS LIVING IN MARY (page 3)

Night Prayer: ST. LOUIS DE MONTFORT'S ROSARY PRAYER (page 4)

Holy Hour Night Prayer (page 4)

Benediction (page 10)

† DAY 21 – Mary Is The Powerful Enemy Of Satan

Litany of Loreto (page 7)

Exposition - O Salutaris Hostia (page 3)

Prayer: Invocation of the Holy Spirit (page 3)

Holy Rosary

Scripture Genesis 3: 14-15 (Douay-Rheims Version)

And the Lord God said to the serpent: Because thou hast done this thing, thou art cursed among all cattle, and beasts of the earth: upon thy breast shalt thou go, and earth shalt thou eat all the days of thy life. I will put enmities between thee and the woman, and thy seed and her seed: she shall crush thy head, and thou shalt lie in wait for her heel.

St. Louis de Montfort TD: #52

God has established only one enmity — but it is an irreconcilable one which will last and even go on increasing to the end of time. That enmity is between Mary, his worthy Mother, and the devil, between the children and the servants of the Blessed Virgin and the children and followers of Lucifer. The most fearful enemy that God has set up against the devil is Mary, his holy Mother. From the time of the earthly paradise, although she existed then only in his mind, he gave her such a hatred for his accursed enemy, such ingenuity in exposing the wickedness of the ancient serpent and such power to defeat, overthrow and crush this proud rebel, that Satan fears her not only more than angels or men but in a certain sense more than God himself. This does not mean that the anger, hatred and power of God are not infinitely greater than the Blessed Virgin's, since her attributes are limited. It simply means that Satan, being proud, suffers infinitely more in being vanquished and punished by a lowly and humble servant of God, for her humility humiliates him more than the power of God.

Reflection

Do you ever feel like you battle with the same sins over and over again? Whatever is causing you to stumble or causing you to be tempted? Whatever it is...it needs to go! This is difficult because usually, whatever is feeding our temptations is something we really like. Maybe it's...reading novels that are feeding your temptation with lust. A certain friend that is influencing you badly. Exposure to the wrong kinds of music. A favorite TV show that is filling your mind with wrong thoughts and ideas. Identify those things and get rid of them. Throw away your novels. Stop hanging out with that friend. No matter how drastic it may seem, make it impossible to yield to that temptation. It's going to be hard. But the inability to sin, and the freedom that you gain as a result... is so worth it! So, ask yourself today what you find to be the most difficult and most persistent temptation to struggle against? In your prayer tonight, place your struggle against this temptation into the hands of the Blessed Virgin and ask her help in overcoming this inclination to sin. Continue to pray in this manner each night.

Prayer: JESUS LIVING IN MARY (page 3)

Night Prayer: ST. LOUIS DE MONTFORT'S ROSARY PRAYER (page 4)

Holy Hour Night Prayer (page 4)

Benediction (page 10)

Litany of Loreto (page 7)

Exposition - O Salutaris Hostia (page 3)

Prayer: Invocation of the Holy Spirit (page 3)

Holy Rosary

Scripture Romans 8: 28-30

We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the first-born among many brethren. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

St. Louis de Montfort SM: #11-12

As in the natural life a child must have a father and a mother, so in the supernatural life of grace a true child of the Church must have God for his Father and Mary for his mother. If he prides himself on having God for his Father but does not give Mary the tender affection of a true child, he is an imposter and his father is the devil. Since Mary produced the head of the elect, Jesus Christ, she must produce the members of that head, that is, all true Christians. A mother does not conceive a head without members, nor members without a head. If anyone wishes to become a member of Jesus Christ, and consequently be filled with grace and truth, he must be formed in Mary through the grace of Jesus Christ, which she possesses with a fullness enabling her to communicate it abundantly to true members of Jesus Christ, her true children.

Reflection

Jesus loves His Mother. And Jesus loves us so much that He suffered and died for our salvation. And Jesus, in that sacred moment, shared His Mother with us. What does it mean to you to have Mary, the Mother of Jesus, as your Mother?

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Prayer: Invocation of the Holy Spirit (page 3)

Holy Rosary

Scripture Luke 2: 6-7

And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

St. Louis de Montfort TD: #157

Mary is the most perfect and most holy of all creatures, and Jesus, who came to us in a perfect manner, chose no other road for his great and wonderful journey. The Most High, the Incomprehensible One, the Inaccessible One, He Who Is, deigned to come down to us poor earthly creatures who are nothing at all. How was this done? The Most High God came down to us in a perfect way through the humble Virgin Mary, without losing any of his divinity or holiness. It is likewise through Mary that we poor creatures must ascend to Almighty God in a perfect manner without having anything to fear. God, the Incomprehensible, allowed himself to be contained by the humble Virgin Mary without losing anything of his immensity. So, we must let ourselves be perfectly contained and led by the humble Virgin without any reserve on our part.

God, the Inaccessible, drew near to us and united himself closely, perfectly and even personally to our humanity through Mary without losing anything of his majesty. So, it is also through Mary that we must draw near to God and unite ourselves with him perfectly, intimately and without fear of being rejected. Lastly, He Who Is deigned to come down to us who are not and turned our nothingness into God, or He Who Is. He did this perfectly by giving and submitting himself entirely to the

young Virgin Mary, without ceasing to be in time He Who Is from all eternity. Likewise, it is through Mary that we, who are nothing, may become like God by grace and glory. We accomplish this by giving ourselves to her so perfectly and so completely as to remain nothing, as far as self is concerned, and to be everything in her, without any fear of illusion.

Reflection

God, the Most High, came to mankind through a humble virgin named Mary. GOD chose Mary to be the mother of his only Son...Jesus Christ...because her virtues are unmatched and unblemished, the very ones we should model our own lives after. Throughout the world, a great rebellion is taking place against God's Law and the Church's teachings. Wherever Mary appears and whenever people listen to her teachings, they become obedient again. Mary removes every spirit of rebellion and helps her followers to obey GOD and His Church. While Jesus is Mary's first born, we, as God's adopted children, are Mary's second-born. Tonight, humbly reflect on this and ponder it in your heart.

Prayer: JESUS LIVING IN MARY (page 3)

Night Prayer: ST. LOUIS DE MONTFORT'S ROSARY PRAYER (page 4)

Holy Hour Night Prayer (page 4)

Benediction (page 10)

† DAY 24 – Mary Is Our Treasury

Litany of Loreto (page 7)

Exposition - O Salutaris Hostia (page 3)

Prayer: Invocation of the Holy Spirit (page 3)

Holy Rosary

Scripture Matthew 6: 19-21

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

St. Louis de Montfort TD: #178

Do not commit the gold of your charity, the silver of your purity to a threadbare sack or a battered old chest, or the waters of heavenly grace or the wines of your merits and virtues to a tainted and fetid cask, such as you are. Otherwise you will be robbed by thieving devils who are on the lookout day and night waiting for a favorable opportunity to plunder. If you do so, all those pure gifts from God will be spoiled by the unwholesome presence of self-love, inordinate self-reliance and self-will. Pour into the bosom and heart of Mary all your precious possessions, all your graces and virtues. She is a spiritual vessel, a vessel of honor, a singular vessel of devotion. Ever since God himself personally hid himself with all his perfections in this vessel, it has become completely spiritual, and the abode of all spiritual souls. It has become honorable and has been the throne of honor for the greatest saints in heaven. It has become outstanding in devotion and the home of those renowned for gentleness, grace and virtue. Moreover, it has become rich as a house of gold, as strong as a tower of David and as pure as a tower of ivory.

Reflection - What an astonishing way to think of Mary. As a place where God personally hid himself with all his perfections. St Louis de Montfort says do not commit our "perfections" to a "battered old chest". If we do so, all those gifts from God can be easily spoiled by sin, self-love, excessive self-reliance and stubbornness. When we give ourselves to Mary, we entrust all our gifts from God, to the very vessel where God himself dwelled. So tonight, think about this: what are your best qualities? What are the greatest blessings that you have received? What is the most prized treasure of your heart? Do you have the confidence to turn all of these over to the care and custody of Mary? In your prayer tonight, put all of the spiritual treasures that you receive during the day, into the hands of Mary so that she can guard them and augment them for you. Continue to pray in this manner each night.

Prayer: JESUS LIVING IN MARY (page 3)

Night Prayer: ST. LOUIS DE MONTFORT'S ROSARY PRAYER (page 4)

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Holy Rosary

Scripture 2 Peter 1: 5-8

For this very reason make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these things are yours and abound, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

St. Louis de Montfort SM: #57

To sum up, Mary becomes all things for the soul that wishes to serve Jesus Christ. She enlightens his mind with her pure faith. She deepens his heart with her humility. She enlarges and inflames his heart with her charity, makes it pure with her purity, makes it noble and great through her motherly care. But why dwell on this? Experience alone will teach us the wonders wrought by Mary in the soul, wonders so great that the wise and the proud and even a great number of devout people find it hard to credit them.

Reflection

St. Louis de Montfort says Mary becomes all things for the soul that wishes to serve Jesus Christ. Spend time with Mary and ask her to teach you how to become Holy.

Prayer: JESUS LIVING IN MARY (page 3)

Night Prayer: ST. LOUIS DE MONTFORT'S ROSARY PRAYER (page 4)

Holy Hour Night Prayer (page 4)

Benediction (page 10)

Litany of Loreto (page 7)

Exposition - O Salutaris Hostia (page 3)

Prayer: Invocation of the Holy Spirit (page 3)

Holy Rosary

Scripture 2 Corinthians 3: 18

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

St. Louis de Montfort TD: #219-221

Please note that I say that the saints are molded in Mary. There is a vast difference between carving a statue by blows of hammer and chisel and making a statue by using a mold. Sculptors and statue-makers work hard and need plenty of time to make statues by the first method. But the second method does not involve much work and takes very little time. St. Augustine speaking to our Blessed Lady says, "You are worthy to be called the mold of God." Mary is a mold capable of forming people into the image of the God-man. Anyone who is cast into this divine mold is quickly shaped and molded into Jesus and Jesus into him. At little cost and in a short time he will become Christ-like since he is cast into the very same mold that fashioned a God-man. I think I can very well compare some spiritual directors and devout persons to sculptors who wish to produce Jesus in themselves and in others by methods other than this. Many of them rely on their own skill, ingenuity and art and chip away endlessly with mallet and chisel at hard stone or badly-prepared wood, in an effort to produce a likeness of our Lord. At times, they do not manage to produce a recognizable likeness either because they lack knowledge and experience of the person of Jesus or because a clumsy stroke has spoiled the whole work. But those who accept this little-known secret of grace which I offer them can rightly be compared to smelters and molders who have discovered the

beautiful mold of Mary where Jesus was so divinely and so naturally formed. They do not rely on their own skill but on the perfection of the mold. They cast and lose themselves in Mary where they become true models of her Son. You may think this a beautiful and convincing comparison. But how many understand it? I would like you, my dear friend, to understand it. But remember that only molten and liquefied substances may be poured into a mold. That means you must crush and melt down the old Adam in you if you wish to acquire the likeness of the new Adam in Mary.

Reflection

Imagine yourself being poured out of your-self and into the mold of Mary, completely surrendered and totally free to become the person Jesus has created you to be. Are you willing and ready to experience a total transformation in Christ? Share with your Blessed Mother what you are experiencing.

Prayer: JESUS LIVING IN MARY (page 3)

Night Prayer: ST. LOUIS DE MONTFORT'S ROSARY PRAYER (page 4)

Holy Hour Night Prayer (page 4)

Benediction (page 10)

At Home: These seven days, faithfully observed, have borne fruit of a singular and privileged grace, a deeper and more personal knowledge of Mary. Consider for a moment how great a gift the Lord has given you in sharing his own relationship with his Mother and with you. Consider how near Our Lady is to you in the concrete experiences of need, failure, blessing, struggle, joyfulness and grace that fill your life. Turn to her now in thankful confidence and place the fruits of these seven days into her hands.

Say 5 decades of the Rosary and

Prayer: AVE MARIS STELLA (page 3)

✠ WEEK 4 - KNOWLEDGE OF JESUS CHRIST

Can we love someone we do not even know? Can we love deeply someone we only know vaguely? Why is Jesus, the adorable, eternal and incarnate Wisdom loved so little, if not because he is either too little known or not known at all?

We start each day with the Invocation to the Holy Spirit Prayer (page 3). We end with the Jesus Living in Mary Prayer. (page 3). The Night Prayer during these seven days is an act of ardent longing for the fullness of the Lord Jesus. They are the beautiful and powerful words of a prayer composed by St Augustine, a prayer that is strongly recommended by St Louis de Montfort, which express the ardent desire of our own souls for the One alone in whom we shall find rest. St Augustine Prayer (page 4)

At the beginning of the week and before moving on the day's spiritual exercises, we turn once more to Our Lady, so that the glory of her Son might shine forth in our lives...and we will do this by praying the Litany of the Blessed Virgin. (page 8)

✠ DAY 27 – Jesus Christ – The Beginning And The End

Litany of the Blessed Virgin (page 8)

Exposition - O Salutaris Hostia (page 3)

Prayer: Invocation of the Holy Spirit (page 3)

Holy Rosary

Scripture John 15: 1-5

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch of mine that bears no fruit, he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already made clean by the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

St. Louis de Montfort TD: #61

Jesus, our Savior, true God and true man must be the ultimate end of all our other devotions; otherwise they would be false and misleading. He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end of everything...For in him alone dwells the entire fullness of the divinity and the complete fullness of grace, virtue and perfection. In him alone we have been blessed with every spiritual blessing; he is the only teacher from whom we must learn; the only Lord on whom we should depend; the only Head to whom we should be united and the only model that we should imitate. He is the only Physician that can heal us; the only Shepherd that can feed us; the only Way that can lead us; the only Truth that we can believe; the only Life that can animate us. He alone is everything to us and he alone can satisfy all our desires.

We are given no other name under heaven by which we can be saved. God has laid no other foundation for our salvation, perfection and glory than Jesus. Every edifice which is not built on that firm rock is founded on shifting sands and will certainly fall sooner or later. Every one of the faithful who is not united to him is like a branch broken from the stem of the vine. It falls and withers and is fit only to be burnt. If we live in Jesus and Jesus lives in us, we need not fear damnation. Neither angels in heaven nor men on earth, nor devils in hell, no creature whatever can harm us, for no creature can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus. Through him, with him and in him, we can do all things and render all honor and glory to the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit; we can make ourselves perfect and be for our neighbor a fragrance of eternal life.

Reflection

I believe that one purpose, maybe the most critical purpose, of Jesus sending us his Spirit was to help us in our decision making. Through the virtue of our Baptism we have this incredible gift. The problem is that most of the time, we do not cooperate with Him. The Holy Spirit of God has a place in our decision making. He is our guide, our source of light and the revealer of the way of truth. In the decisions that we make every day, do you unite yourself with God? In your daily activities and in your daily work, do you remain united with Christ? What decisions do you make daily that separate you from Jesus, the only one who can save us and satisfy all our desires?

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Holy Rosary

Scripture 1 John 1: 1-4

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — the life was made manifest, and we saw it, and testify to it, and proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us — that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing this that our joy may be complete.

St. Louis de Montfort TD: #248

Time does not permit me to linger here and elaborate on the perfections and wonders of the mystery of Jesus living and reigning in Mary, or the Incarnation of the Word. I shall confine myself to the following brief remarks. The Incarnation is the first mystery of Jesus Christ; it is the most hidden; and it is the most exalted and the least known.

It was in this mystery that Jesus, in the womb of Mary and with her cooperation, chose all the elect. For this reason the saints call her womb the throne-room of God's mysteries. It was in this mystery that Jesus anticipated all subsequent mysteries of his life by his willing acceptance of them. Consequently, this mystery is a summary of all his mysteries since it contains the intention and the grace of them all. Lastly, this mystery is the seat of the mercy, the liberality and the glory of God. It is the seat of his mercy for us, since we can approach and speak to Jesus through Mary. We need her intervention to see or speak to him. Here, ever responsive to the prayer of his Mother, Jesus unfailingly grants grace and mercy to all poor sinners. "Let us

come boldly before the throne of grace.” It is the seat of liberality for Mary, because while the new Adam dwelt in this truly earthly paradise God performed there so many hidden marvels beyond the understanding of men and angels. For this reason, the saints call Mary “the magnificence of God”, as if God showed his magnificence only in Mary.

It is the seat of glory to his Father, because it was in Mary that Jesus perfectly atoned to his Father on behalf of mankind. It was here that he perfectly restored the glory that sin had taken from his Father. It was here that our Lord, by the sacrifice of himself and of his will, gave more glory to God than he would have given had he offered all the sacrifices of the Old Law.

Finally in Mary he gave his Father infinite glory such as his Father had never received from man.

Reflection

Share with Jesus your thoughts when He asks you: Who do “you” say that I am?

Share with Mary your thoughts when she asks you: Who do “you” say Jesus is?

Contemplate Jesus in your daily life.

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DAY 29 – The profound obedience of Christ

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Holy Rosary

Scripture Luke 2: 51-52

And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.

St. Louis de Montfort TD: #139

Our good Master stooped to enclose himself in the womb of the Blessed Virgin, a captive but loving slave, and to make himself subject to her for thirty years. The human mind is bewildered when it reflects seriously upon this conduct of Incarnate Wisdom. He did not choose to give himself in a direct manner to the human race though he could easily have done so. He chose to come through the Virgin Mary. Thus, he did not come into the world independently of others in the flower of his manhood, but he came as a frail little child dependent on the care and attention of his Mother. Consumed with the desire to give glory to God, his Father, and save the human race, he saw no better or shorter way to do so than by submitting completely to Mary. He did this not just for the first eight, ten or fifteen years of his life like other children, but for thirty years. He gave more glory to God, his Father, during all those years of submission and dependence than he would have given by spending them working miracles, preaching far and wide, and converting all mankind. Otherwise he would have done these things. What immeasurable glory then do we give to God when, following the example of Jesus, we submit to Mary! With such a convincing and well-known example before us, can we be so foolish as to believe there is a better and shorter way of giving God glory than by submitting ourselves to Mary as Jesus did?

Reflection

Jesus Christ is the model of submission and obedience to the Will of GOD. Consumed with the desire to give glory to GOD, his Father, there was no better way for him to demonstrate this model than by submitting himself completely to Mary...for thirty years and then...even to death on a cross for the redemption all mankind. Are you ready to submit yourself to Mary like Jesus did? Are you able to completely surrender your own will, like Jesus did, in order follow the will of the Father?

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DAY 30 – The Love of Christ for the Cross

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Holy Rosary

Scripture Mark 8:31-33

And he began to teach them that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter, and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not on the side of God, but of men."

St. Louis de Montfort LEW: #169

Incarnate Wisdom loved the Cross from his infancy. At his coming into the world, while in his Mother's womb, he received it from his eternal Father. He placed it deep in his heart, there to dominate his life saying "My God and my Father, I choose this Cross when I was in your bosom. I chose it now in the womb of my Mother. I love it with all my strength and I place it deep in my heart to be my spouse and my mistress."

Reflection

The only way to happiness and Eternal life, is through Jesus Christ. To follow Jesus Christ means to follow the path of love, which inevitably includes suffering. We can only enter and stay on this narrow path, which is the suffering path, when we fall in love with Jesus Christ. When we begin to understand how he has loved us, we learn what true love looks like and how it behaves. Daily prayer and meditation, regularly receiving the sacraments and reading Scripture reveal to us his love for us. Real, deep, life-changing love like this involves some suffering and because of this, few dare to stay on the path of Christ-like love because it can be uncomfortable. But it is the only way. What has been your greatest suffering in life? Do you love God enough to accept it, if it means that you are sharing in the love of the Cross with Him? Would you hang on your cross for him like he hung on His cross for you? In your prayer today, ask the Lord, through the intercession of Mary, for the grace of a genuine love for the Cross.

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DAY 31 - Christ loves us to the Extreme

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Holy Rosary

Scripture Isaiah 53:3-12

He was despised and rejected^[a] by men; a man of sorrows,^[b] and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely, he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the LORD to bruise him; he has put him to grief; when he makes himself an offering for sin, he

shall see his offspring, he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand; he shall see the fruit of the travail of his soul and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous; and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore, I will divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out his soul to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

St. Louis de Montfort FC#57

Reflect on the wounds and sufferings of Christ, crucified. He himself has told us, *All you who pass by the way* of thorns and the cross, *look and see*. Look with the eyes of your body and see through the eyes of your contemplation whether your poverty, destitution, disgrace, sorrow, desolation are like mine: Look upon me who am innocent and lament you who are guilty! The Holy Spirit tells us, through the Apostles, to contemplate the crucified Christ. He bids us arm ourselves with this thought, for it is the most powerful and formidable weapon against our enemies. When you are assailed by poverty, disrepute, sorrow, temptation and other crosses, arm ourselves with the shield, breastplate, helmet and two-edged sword, which is the remembrance of Christ crucified. It is there you will find the solution of every problem and the means to conquer all your enemies.

Reflection:

Scripture says: He was despised and rejected by men.... he was wounded for our transgressions; he was bruised for our iniquities..... upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes we are healed. Contemplate the 5 wounds of Christ:

I adore the sacred Wound in Thy right Hand.

I adore the sacred Wound in Thy left Hand.

I adore the sacred Wound in Thy right Foot.

I adore the sacred Wound in Thy left Foot.

I adore the sacred Wound in Thy most holy Side.

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DAY 32 – The Blessed Sacrament

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Holy Rosary

Scripture 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for^[a] you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

St. Louis de Montfort LEW#71

Eternal Wisdom, on the one hand, wished to prove his love for man by dying in his place in order to save him, but on the other hand he could not bear the thought of leaving him. So, he devised a marvelous way of dying and living at the same time and of abiding with man until the end of time. So, in order to fully satisfy his love, he instituted the sacrament of Holy Eucharist and went to the extent of changing and overturning nature itself. He does not conceal himself under a sparkling diamond or some other precious stone, because he does not want to abide with man in an ostentatious manner. But he hides himself under the appearance of a small piece of bread – man's ordinary nourishment – so that when received, he might

enter the heart of man and there take his delight. *Ardenter amantium hoc est* – Those who love ardently act in this way. “O eternal Wisdom” says a saint “ O God who is truly lavish with himself in his desire to be with man”

Reflection

Jesus offers himself to us in the form of his own body and his own blood at every Mass. Do you believe that when you consume the Host, that we are truly receiving the Body and Blood of Christ himself? Receiving the body and blood of Christ himself during Communion should be the high point of our week and serve as our spiritual nourishment for the week ahead. How much time do you spend in front of the Blessed Sacrament praying? Growing in Holiness is your vocation!

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DAY 33 – Participate in the Life of Christ

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Holy Rosary

Scripture Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God,^[a] did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself,^[b] taking the form of a servant,^[c] being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

St. Louis de Montfort SR #65

The chief concern of the Christian should be to tend to perfection. Be faithful imitators of God as his well beloved children, the great Apostle tells us... Saint Gregory of Nyssa makes a delightful comparison when he says that we are all artists and that our souls are blank canvasses which we have to fill in. The colors which we use are the Christian virtues and the original which we have to copy is Jesus Christ, the perfect living image of God the Father. Just as a painter who wants to do a life like portrait places the model before his eyes and looks at it before making each stroke, so the Christian must always have before his eyes the life and virtues of Jesus Christ, so as never to say, think or do anything which is not in conformity with his model.

Reflection

Isaiah 43:18–19 says, “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” Give everything to God—your past regrets, your present problems, your future ambitions, your fears, your dreams, your weaknesses, your habits, your hurts, your hang-ups. Allow Jesus to take the driver’s seat and then take your hands off the wheel. Don’t be afraid; nothing that is under His control can ever be out of control. When you are surrendered to Christ, you can handle anything life throws at you. God is always doing something new. Use spiritual discernment to follow His plan and stop following your own thoughts and feelings. Glance at your circumstance but spend more time focusing on Jesus. He’s the author and finisher of your faith. Having come this far, how do you feel? Are you ready to surrender yourself completely to Christ through the hands of Mary?

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At Home: At the very beginning of the preparation process, in preparation to wage battle against the spirit of the world, a prayerful pause was made to invoke the Grace of God upon this effort. Once the process of preparation has come to its conclusion it is important to pause once more and to prayerfully consider what has taken place in one's spiritual life over these thirty-three days. Having done so, we turn once more to Our Lord, who saves us, invoking his blessing and protection, as well as, his grace, that our Act of Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary be a true and unreserved gift of ourselves. We will do this by praying the Litany of the Sacred Heart. (page 9). This great Litany celebrates the wonderful totality with which Our Lord, out of love for us, gives himself completely to us for our salvation. The Litany of the Sacred Heart should be prayed slowly and devoutly each day. As the final step of our own personal journey to Consecration to Jesus through Mary, one should attempt to go to confession and/or reflect for a day or two upon the fruits of this process, sometime time between Day 13 – Day 33.

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MAY GOD WHO HAS BEGUN A GOOD WORK IN YOU

Bring it to completion through Christ Jesus our Lord

You have arrived at the end of the process of preparation and stand ready to make the Act of Total Consecration to Jesus Christ through Mary. The day in which one makes this Act of Total Consecration is truly a day of grace, a singular and profound step in one's spiritual life. But this step is not a final step but rather a first step. A step that carries us much more deeply into the life and the mission of Jesus Christ, a step that makes us children and servants of Mary, most Holy.

Because of this step, we will never walk alone because Mary walks always with us, and more importantly, we walk together with all others who are her children and servants, following in the very footsteps of Jesus himself, guided and inspired by his Holy Spirit for the greater glory of the Eternal Father. By means of this step, we belong completely to Jesus Christ and all that we have is his, through Mary, his most holy Mother. Would that you walk always and in fidelity, along this way, that is so sure and so perfect.

ACT OF CONSECRATION

Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary - by St. Louis de Montfort

I, _____, a repentant sinner, renew and ratify today in your hands, O Immaculate Mother, the vows of my Baptism. I renounce Satan and resolve to follow Jesus Christ even more closely than before.

Mary, I give you my heart. Please set it on fire with love for Jesus. Make it always attentive to his burning thirst for love and for souls. Keep my heart in your most pure Heart that I may love Jesus and the members of his Body with your own perfect love.

Mary, I entrust myself totally to you: my body and soul, my goods, both interior and exterior, and even the value of all my good actions. Please make of me, of all that I am and have, whatever most pleases you. Let me be a fit instrument in your immaculate and merciful hands for bringing the greatest possible glory to God. If I fall, please lead me back to Jesus. Wash me in the blood and water that flow from his pierced side, and help me never to lose my trust in this fountain of love and mercy.

With you, O Immaculate Mother - you who always do the will of God - I unite myself to the perfect consecration of Jesus as he offers himself in the Spirit to the Father for the life of the world. Amen.



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