# Prayers from the Heart of God



As given to us by Jesus and the Blessed Mother

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In the spirit of obedience and accord with the Code of Canon Law, particularly canon 823 ("...writings published by the Christian faithful which touch upon faith or morals be submitted for judgement") and canon 824 ("...permission and approval by the local ordinary of the author be sought"), the Disciples of Mercy have submitted Volumes I, II, and III of the Heart of God for review to the ordinary of the Archdiocese of Miami where Lori G., the recipient of the messages, resided until her death. On June 6, 2000, the Great Jubilee Year, his Excellency, John C. Favalora, Archbishop of Miami, "officially declared that the three volume text *Heart of God*: Messages from Jesus and the Blessed Mother is free from doctrinal or moral error and may be published. No implication is contained therein that the one granting this imprimatur agrees with the contents, opinions or statements by the author of the texts."

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| Lord, this is a s | vecial day for You and me because    |
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| as of today, $I$  | , would like You                     |
| to bless my rene  | wed devotion to You through these    |
| daily prayers.    |                                      |
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| <i>I</i> ,        | , want to invite You into my         |
| heart, to guide   | ne in my journey as a living witness |
| of Your love, s   | that others can see Your radiance    |
|                   | through my life.                     |
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#### Notes to the Reader:

- ✓ Dictations from the Lord and the Blessed Mother are presented in both quotes and italics
- ✓ Lori G.'s responses are presented in both parentheses and regular text

#### Introduction

It is with great excitement that the Disciples of Mercy would like to introduce you to the prayers and the texts, The Heart of God. The Disciples of Mercy is a non-profit Catholic lay organization dedicated to spreading the messages of the Lord and the Blessed Mother in the three Volumes of The Heart of God, as given to Lori G., a convert from Judaism, devoted wife, and mother of five. Lori had been receiving daily messages from the Lord and the Blessed Mother since April 30, 1994 until her death on September 23, 1996. This victim soul whom the Lord requested to "allow Him to use for the benefit of the Kingdom" possessed the rare gift of being able to enter into an immediate dialogue with Jesus and the Blessed Mother at any time and circumstance.

Please be advised that we have done our due diligence in this matter acting in good faith under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and our spiritual director, Rev. Roman Schaefer of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. (Father Schaefer has since passed to his heavenly reward in 2012). Pursuant to this activity we received a copy of the Decree from the Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Miami, Archbishop John C. Favalora, granting the *Imprimatur* and *Nihil* Obstat to the three volumes of The Heart of God. Please observe the texts also had been reviewed by noted authorities in the field of mystical theology, i.e., Rev. Joachim Tierney, O.C.S.O. and internationally renowned Mariologist, Rev. Rene Laurentin (whose interview with Lori G. is reported in 3 consecutive issues of Stella Maris March, April and May 1997) as well as those highly respected for doctrinal theology, specifically, the late Rev. Albert Moraczewski, O.P., former President of John XXIII Center for Medical-Moral Research, and now of St. Dominic Priory in St. Louis, Missouri and Dr. Sixto Garcia, Professor of Systematic Theology and Biblical Studies at St. Vincent de Paul Seminary, Boynton Beach, Florida.

Because we are dedicated to spreading these messages to "the four corners of the earth," we are

grateful when the Lord opens the doors for us to introduce these messages both on an individual basis as well as through our presence at prayer groups or conferences or through our healing ministry. It is our hope that as you open your heart to the Lord's invitation to prayer, and as you embrace his call to you from the pages of this prayer book, you may be inspired to initiate your own Disciples of Mercy Prayer Groups. Through the Lord's guidance, the Disciples have formed Rosary Prayer Groups, Prayer Intention Groups and a Children of Mercy Prayer Group. For assistance in forming these groups, or if you would like to pray with us and are looking for the Disciples nearest you, you will find our contact information on the last page of this book in the Acknowledgment section. We, in turn, pray for you who are now Disciples by virtue of living the Lord's messages in this book. We welcome your testimonials and support of this work.

God's Mercy is yours! The Disciples of Mercy

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## 1. MESSAGES ON THE GIFT OF PRAYER FROM JESUS, THE "GREAT GIFT-GIVER"

"Beloved children of my heart, if you could only understand the effect of prayer. Prayer is simple, my little ones. It is as the harmony to every melody; it is the melody to every harmony. There is nothing that cannot be accomplished by prayer.

I, the Lord, have so many gifts for you. My children, I am teaching you how to ask for them. The effect of prayer from a humble and contrite heart is more powerful than a hurricane.

My beloved ones, make time for me each day. Ask for the gift of prayer and it shall be granted to you. There is no incorrect or correct way to pray. I do not care for fancy words and false compliments. When you pray, pray in private and speak to me from your heart. Shed the outer garments concealing your heart and be as one who is naked before me. Come to me in humility and I will lift you into my heart of love." (October 27, 1995)

"Time is my adversary, for you favor your self-centered time more than time spent with me. I am the Lord. I am the Eternal Clock of Love and Life. Come to me, children, if you desire life. Do not have other gods before me. I do not care for adversaries in the hearts that profess their love for me." (July 17, 1995)

"I do not demand that much time from you. Learn balance. I ask of my children a little time. Remember, I am the Giver of Time. Time is a gift from me." (May 31, 1994)

"Children, I cannot say enough about the significance of prayer. All things are possible through petitions. Many of you say, "What will be, will be," but I, the Lord, say, "Pray." Pray unceasingly to the Spirit and your petitions shall be heard and answered. Recommend souls to me each day and persevere in your efforts. For every soul that is commended to

my Sacred Heart is given innumerable graces and victory over evil. Therefore, let no man fear to come to me with anything and with any situation. I am the Lord thy God, from Everlasting to Everlasting." (August 3, 1996)

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"When you call to me, my precious ones, say "Oh Heart of Jesus, Oh Heart of Jesus," Say this when you pray, for in this way you shall be honoring my three falls as well as the immense love and mercy within my heart. It is my heart which sustains all creation." (May 19, 1996)

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"Learn my commandments, children....I desire you to understand my Passion. You must learn the Stations of the Cross. Make this a frequent practice and I, the Lord, shall share intimate details of my Passion with you.(January 21,1996)[see Appendix page 113 for the Stations of the Cross] "I come and knock upon your heart. Let all those who hear, invite me in. Allow me to rest in your hearts, little children. Give your hearts to the Lord, your God, who has given his heart to you.

Draw a heart, child.



Place your heart in mine.



Then and only then, shall we be one heart. Remain in my heart. I bless you." (August 29, 1994)

"Children of my Sacred Heart, so many of you are caught up in reciting certain prayers each day that, in actuality, you are not praying. You are only reciting. What good is the prayer that is spoken from the lips and not from the heart?

What good is the prayer that is forgotten the moment after it is recited? This is not prayer, my children. This is recitation of words in a book. You are reading a book to me rather than praying. You will know if a prayer is from the lips or from the heart if your heart is affected or not. Prayer from the lips affects not the heart and accomplishes nothing. It is noise; that is all that it is. However, prayer from the heart is a symphony and accomplishes everything. Prayer from the heart is the prayer of the humble. Prayer from the heart is as a sweet smelling incense to the nostrils of God.

Children, it is not necessary to devise long, flowery prayers. It is not necessary to use complicated vocabulary. Do you think the literate man is heard before the illiterate man? Oh no, my children, it is the heart that is heard and listened to before the mouth. Be humble when you pray and be simple, my children. Give me your heart and I, in turn, shall give you mine." (March 4, 1996)

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"I, Jesus, say to you: "there is nothing that you need that I do not have, but sadly, it is your impatience that will cause you to make a grievous error."

Children, learn from me. I am meek and humble of heart. I am patient. Be patient with one another. If you ask me for something, do not say, "He has not answered me, so I shall go elsewhere." There is no prayer that is left unanswered. There is no petition that is disregarded.

Children, you inhale, you exhale, but it is I, Jesus, who placed my breath of life within your lungs. I have given you everything. Every drop of my blood was spilled for you. If I have given you everything because of my immense love for you, then why would I disregard your prayers?" (May 27, 1996)

"Always pray in accordance with the Holy Perfect Will of the Eternal Father, for his way is perfect." (May 27, 1995)

### 2. THE LORD TEACHES US HOW TO PRAY DAILY

#### Messages on Daily Prayer

"My beloved children, in every job, whether it be in a small office or in a large company, there are a certain amount of tasks that must be completed daily. There is the opening of the business, the work during the day, and then the closing of the business. Each business has its own ways and procedures, but all in all, they are basically similar.

Why do I, Jesus, bring up this example? If you are truly one of my disciples, then each day you must begin with your opening prayer. You must do your work throughout the day, and then you must end your day in prayer. If you neglect any of these procedures, then your spiritual business shall not run well. Mistakes that could have been avoided will occur. If you are an employee of the Most High, then you are responsible to conduct yourself as heaven commands.

The daily offertory prayer is critical, for I, the Lord, use all works for the benefit of souls. Also, this offertory prayer enlists the aid of your fellow coworkers, the heavenly court, and my beloved Holy Spirit, who sanctifies all that you do and who guides your work, shall be always at your side. But then, as in another business, you cannot close the doors until the day's work is completed.

My beloved children, for each of you the day's work is different, for what exhausts some is only a small task for others. Yet, I say this to you, unless you begin your day and end your day with prayer, you shall falter in your work. Your goals shall not be accomplished. Call to me and I, the Lord, shall give you the gift of prayer." (May 15, 1996)

"My beloved child, I have missed you. In your illness you have distanced yourself from me. My little sparrow, come and rest within the sanctuary of my Sacred Heart. Be not afraid. Be not afraid of illness, nor of anything of the earth. If you are with me, nothing of the earth can harm you.

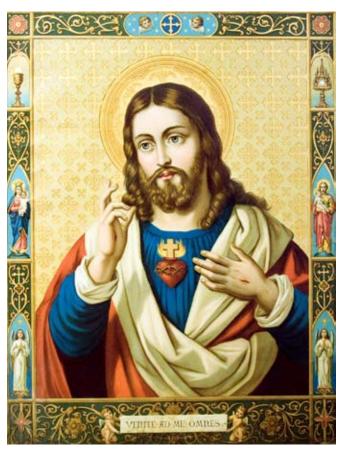
(I'm so sorry, my Jesus. I haven't been praying much.)

My beloved, prayer is the soul's lifeline to me. Prayer is the very essence and heartbeat of the soul. Even though you are ill, you can permit your soul to rest within my heart. Ask my Holy Spirit to pray for you. Call upon my beloved Mother and the entire celestial court to pray for you; then shall your soul be elevated to my Sacred Heart, though your body and mind be separate.

Truly, I tell you, that the soul who is elevated by prayer, is elevated in the light of the Most Holy and Blessed Trinity. That soul's petitions are heard and straight away answered. For surely the Lord God of Hosts honors those who honor him.

Therefore, my beloved ones, when you are ill or in great tribulation, recommend your soul to my Sacred Heart and to the Immaculate Heart of my Mother. For we shall continue to send heavenly waters upon the garden within your soul, that you will not thirst nor hunger.

Remember, my beloved, I am always by your side, loving you eternally." (June 19, 1996)



#### • Prayer of Consecration to the Sacred Heart

Father, Eternal Wisdom and Majesty, transfuse my entire being with the light of your love. Place my heart within yours. Place my mind within yours. Place my spirit within yours. I consecrate my life to the Sovereign and Omnipotent God of All Creation. Help me to be mesmerized by your love. Help me to forsake my earthly attachments. Help me not to be distracted by the things of this earth. Lord, I come before you on my knees, completely willing to empty the blood from my veins and to accept your blood. Help me to be hungry for your Body and Blood every day, as you desire to nourish me in the Holy Eucharist. I ask now for my seat at the heavenly banquet, that my seat remain empty until you, Lord, call me home to heaven. I consecrate and offer my life as reparation, that I may obtain by this offering a seat at your banquet for someone who is lost from you. With abundant gratitude I accept the blood you have shed for me at Calvary. Let me be distracted in your love and nurtured by your blood. May the name of the Lord be **blessed forever.** Amen. (December 28, 1995)

(The Lord had taught us a prayer of daily consecration to his heart on December 28, 1995. I had asked the Blessed Mother for a prayer of consecration to her Immaculate Heart, but she informed me that she "favors the DeMontfort Consecration." We, the Disciples of Mercy have been requested to say both daily. Here, the Blessed Mother is asking everyone to do so.)

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"My beloved one, I am here. I am Blessed Virgin Mary and the Mother of Hope. Children, I am the Mother of Courage, the Mother of Chastity, the Mother of Perseverance, and the Mother of Loyalty. I am the Mother of Goodness and Virtues.

All my beloved children, look around you. Do you see what is happening in your homes, in your cities, and in your country? You are being victimized and attacked by satan and his demons. The roaring lion is tearing to bits the sheep. Shall you be torn as well? What can you do to prevent falling into satan's powerful grip?

Again, I, your most holy Mother, am requesting the consecration of your heart to the Heart of my Jesus and to my Immaculate Heart. Our hearts shall be your only shelter during the storms of evil. So much evil shall be unleashed upon your world that even the faithful will be confused, but God will not forsake his consecrated souls. God will not abandon all those who have heeded my requests. The time to act is now. Do not procrastinate, my children. Satan is a roaring lion and you are his prey. He will use anything he can to bait you and confuse you. If you are consecrated to my beloved Son and to my Immaculate Heart, satan shall not prevail against you." (July 29, 1996)

# Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary St. Louis De Montfort's Consecration

I,. N., a faithless sinner—renew and ratify today in thy hands, O Immaculate Mother, the vows of my Baptism; I renounce forever satan, his pomps and works; and I give myself entirely to Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Wisdom, to carry my cross after him all the days of my life, and to be more faithful to him than I have ever been before. In the presence of all the heavenly court I choose thee this day, for my Mother and Mistress. I deliver and consecrate to thee as thy slave, my body and soul, my goods, both interior and exterior, and even the value of all my good actions, past, present and future; leaving to thee the entire and full right of disposing of me, and all that belongs to me, without exception, according to thy good pleasure, for the greater glory of God, in time and in eternity. Amen.

"Difficult times are approaching, dear daughter. Consecrate yourself and your family to my Immaculate Heart. In my motherly heart you shall find shelter." (May 29, 1994)

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"My beloved one, I am here. I am the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Mother of the Redeemer. Children of my Immaculate and Tender Heart, my motherly mantle cries out for each one of you. You are lost, my children. Those of you who are wandering outside the sanctuary of my Immaculate Heart and the Sacred Heart of Jesus, are as prey to satan's vultures. They are waiting to devour you. We are your only sanctuary. The heart of God is your only true resting place.

Dearest children, why do you reject my calls to conversion and reconciliation? I am trying to spare your world great catastrophe and punishments. I have come to intercede for each of you in a very personal and intimate way. Only if you are consecrated to my Immaculate Heart, can I place my complete mantle about you. This consecration is vital to the well-being of your soul, for God truly honors all souls who are consecrated to me." (August 2, 1996)

# • Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for Protection and Intercession

Mother of the Eternal Flame of Love, Mother of the Heart and Soul of All That is Seen and Unseen, let your heart be a hiding place for sinners. Let your heart be the cavern that I may find the eternal shelter and peace that God so longs to bestow upon me. Mother Immaculate, please permit your mantle of grace and protection to shield me from the eyes of God and from the evil one's plots to capture my soul. Mother, so full of love and tenderness, permit me to rest in the sanctuary of your most Immaculate Heart. Let your Immaculate Heart be as the nest for the Lord's lost sparrows to return. May the name of my beloved Jesus be praised and adored and blessed from every heart and tongue forever and ever. Amen. (February 24, 1996)

"Beloved children, you must change, and the way to accomplish this is to commend yourselves and your brothers and sisters to my Immaculate Heart. Change the borders that surround your heart from ones of aggression to ones of peace and love." (May 26, 1996)

"My dearest children, if you truly wish to serve my beloved Son, Jesus, you must cast aside all criticism. You must learn to love with his heart and not your own. You can accomplish this by consecrating yourselves to my Immaculate Heart and to the Sacred Heart of Jesus." (September 4, 1995)

#### Messages about the Holy Name of Jesus

"Return to me. Return to me. Come to me through my Mother. She will guide you. Remember my Holy Name. Say the name of "Jesus" often." (May 31, 1994)

"Child, you are part of my Body; a precious soul consecrated to me. My adversary shall try to tempt you in every way. Remember, he flees before my Holy Name. My Mother shall crush his head by her heel. Remain in her Immaculate Heart." (June 5, 1994)

#### • Messages about Prayer In The Family

"Seek shelter for yourself and for your family in our hearts. We will protect you. Satan knows your weakness. He will pit one member of the family against the other." (June 5, 1994)

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"Little one, I come to you as the Mother of Divine Grace: Child, the power of prayer has no boundaries. Speak to us with your heart and we shall answer you with our hearts. Remember to unify your prayers, children, and begin to have family prayer." (August 9, 1994)

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"I, the Lord, am calling for the conversion of humanity and this must begin with the family." (January 22, 1996)

- Messages about Praying For Protection
  - Messages about Praying to the Whole Heavenly Court

"You have before you my heavenly court. Pray to the angels and saints for their assistance." (August 9, 1994) [See Appendix page 104 for the Lord's Explanation of the Heavenly Court]

"Child, you must learn to recognize satan's infiltration in your life. Where does your comfort lie? Know that when you are distressed and anxious, satan has penetrated your life. Did you see your nervousness and impatience today? Child, why did you not call upon me in despair? Who can rescue you but the Lord, thy God? Am I not your peace and your comfort?" (November 5, 1994)

"Children, realize that satan wants to destroy you. He is always among you sowing seeds of division and confusion. Always seek my help. Pray to the saints and angels. Pray constantly, children. Persevere. I, the Lord, Jesus Christ, will nourish and refresh you." (November 5, 1994)

## Message About Praying to Our Guardian Angel

"Ask my protection frequently. Pray to your Guardian Angel. Child, you are not unprotected. My blood has covered you and the evil one despises you." (June 5, 1994)

### Message About Praying to St. Michael

"Child, all goodness and peace come from me. If your heart is not at peace, be on guard. Do not permit the evil one possession of your heart. Implore my protection. Implore the protection of my beloved saints. Remember the prayer to St. Michael. Make this a daily prayer." (June 5, 1994) [See Appendix page 108 for Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel]

#### Message About Praying to St. Joseph

"Call upon St. Joseph to assist you to weave holiness and righteousness throughout your family." (January 22, 1996)

#### Message About Praying to Padre Pio

"Children, you do not realize the love and power of the heavenly court. Call to your angels and pray to the saints. Call upon Padre Pio to assist you. Oh, children, there is nothing greater in heaven than to help you on your journey in righteousness." (Good Friday, April 14, 1995)

#### Prayer to Angel Stephen

(I had requested from the Lord a prayer to Angel Stephen whom he had appointed as special protector to the Disciples of Mercy. He had also conferred Maximilian Kolbe, the martyr of Auschwitz, as our patron saint. St. Maximilian Kolbe was a Polish priest (Conventual Franciscan) who willingly surrendered his life for another prisoner who had a family.)

Beloved Stephen, guardian divine, come into our homes and hearts. Take there up thy rest and assist us in all our endeavours. May the name of the God of Israel be blessed forever. Amen. (August 3, 1996)

Messages about Praying the Rosary [See Appendix page 109 for the Holy Rosary]

"Children, my children, I, Jesus say this to you: "my youth are lost." Satan has claimed them and he disguises himself in many different fashions. Pray each day the Rosary for my youth. Many of you shall not embrace your children in heaven, for they shall not go there." (January 22, 1996)

"Child, hear my words. My Mother has taught you the significance of the Rosary. It is the sword of holiness. A most powerful weapon given to you freely by our love." (June 5, 1994)

"Continue to pray the Rosary. Do not rush while you pray the Rosary, but pray slowly and pray from your heart." (August 9, 1994)

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"Prayer from the heart can cause all the changes that God wishes to effect, especially when it occurs during the Rosary. The holy Rosary is a simple prayer that is loved by the Eternal Father. It requires a simple and humble soul to recite the Rosary from his heart. Many a day the Rosary has caused my Eternal Father to lower his hand of justice that was about to strike." (June 1, 1996)

#### Messages About Reading Holy Scripture

"My children, know the signs of the times. Meditate on my Holy Word and many graces shall be given you. Daughter, I desire that you increase your prayers. Increase the time that you read Holy Scripture. I AM will sustain you.

My Jerusalem, you have fallen and I, the Lord, Jesus Christ, shall rebuild you. Then shall I dwell again in your midst, and all who shall dwell in my Jerusalem shall be called "holy"

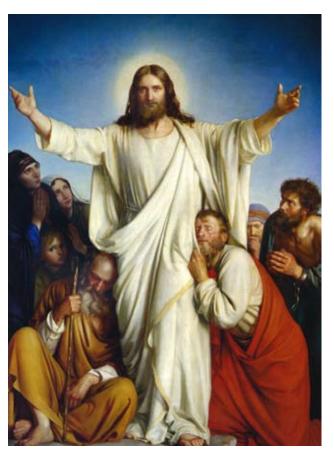
amongst men. Daughter, I desire that my words be read, as my heart is burning with love for my children." (October 8, 1994)

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"Children, I, the Lord, have spoken to you in a variety of ways, but never forsake my Holy and Sacred Scripture. It is in my words to you that every question shall be answered. It is through the Holy and Sacred Scripture that innumerable graces flow. My words are food to the hungry and medicine to the sick. Read the Scriptures, my children, and partake of the holy nourishment I desire to give you." (July 27, 1996)

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"Little children, read the Holy Scripture and partake of my abundant grace. Let my Word refresh and comfort you. Ah, children, I have implored you repeatedly, yet you do not hear. Children, to walk with me you must be obedient. You must persevere in your daily tasks and remember, precious children, always desire to do my will. Accept my will with resignation and humility. I shall always help you." (August 18, 1994)



## • Prayer of Consecration to the Holy Will of God

Abundant God of Love and Mercy, Source of all Comfort and Peace, let your Holy Perfect Will consume me. Let the Will of God be my food day and night, for I shall have no rest outside the sanctuary of your Holy Will. I consecrate and offer myself to be the keeper of the house of your Holy Will, for your will is as a house, O Lord, where the walls and roof fortify and protect one. I consecrate myself to guard the sanctuary of your Holy Will as a priceless treasure. I consecrate myself to be the pliable metal for you to use as you desire. I consecrate my heart to your Sacred Heart, that I may be used freely and without reservation by God Almighty. May the name of the Lord be blessed and adored for all eternity, and may the Holy Perfect Will of God be cherished as the light within the darkness. Amen. (March 10, 1996)

#### • Prayer for Discernment

Father of the Four Corners of All the Heaven and Earth, teach us to discern between your most majestic and holy influence, and that of the malignant deceiver. Though the deceiver places luxurious carpeting under our bare feet, let us feel the sting of the nails. Eternal Father, let us not be fooled by the mirages in the desert of sin. For only you, Lord, give us the water from the chalice of your mercy. Let us always recall your attributes and be steadfast and without hesitation to pursue the Kingdom of God. For as we pursue the Kingdom of God, all things, therefore, shall be given. In the name of the God of Israel, be blessed forever and ever. Amen. (June 28, 1996)

"Discernment is a gift which must be prayed for daily. Discernment is the gift which, in a sense, wraps the soul in a security blanket. As the soul progresses in grace and virtues, that soul is taught to understand whether he is on the narrow path to me or the wide path to perdition. I shall teach you a prayer." (June 28, 1996)

"Pray always to the Holy Spirit for guidance and the gift of discernment. Do not be complacent in your prayers. Make every effort to be holy and I, the Lord, shall carry you the rest of the way. For truly I desire to make saints out of each of you." (April 21, 1996)

#### • Prayer for an Increase of Faith

Father Eternal, Majesty Most High, I desire to love you with a pure love. Grant me the grace of faith that I may ponder your marvelous works. Father, I cannot approach you without faith. I pray that despite my sinfulness, you will hide me under the umbrella of your love and let your lovely countenance shine upon me, and I shall bless your Holy Name forever and ever. Amen. (May 10, 1995)

"Listen to my words.

The heart, my children, is as a vault. What is in the vault remains hidden from the outside world. What is in the vault cannot be removed unless permission is given. O children, learn from me. I am Jesus. I am the Keeper of the Great

Vault of Love. I am freely offering my heart to you. I am waiting to give each of you the precious gift of faith. Once you receive this gift, it is stored in your heart as a priceless gem is stored in a vault. My beloved children, there is no one who could remove your faith. You must truly desire to lose your faith and, even then, shall your faith only become hidden deep in the chambers of your heart. Once you have been given the gift of faith, you must consider it the most precious possession you have. For without faith one cannot enter into the kingdom of heaven. Without faith one cannot come to know me, the Lord God.

Children, each day you should pray for an increase in faith. Faith in me is not limited because I, the Lord, am Infinite. I am waiting to bestow many gifts on all those who ask. Come, children, come." (August 12, 1995)

# 3. PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND TO CONSOLE THE HEART OF JESUS

"I shall teach you a prayer of gratitude, which is praise. When the soul acknowledges its inability to function without my help, then the soul offers gratitude to me, the Lord God. Listen carefully child, say:

#### • Prayer of Praise

Gracious God, humble and generous in thy affections, compassionate and loving in thy responses, consumed with love and mercy for the wretched, I come to offer you nothing but praise. I come acknowledging you as Lord and God. I come seeking your counsel and wisdom. But most of all, my gracious God, I come to adore you and praise your Holy Name. May the name of the Lord be blessed and adored, forever and ever. Amen. (August 6, 1995)

"Children you have asked how you may console me. Each time you are kind to your brother, you are kind to me. Each time you recognize my sovereign authority, you bring consolation to my heart. The greatest consolation, however, is for me to look into one's eyes and to see them teary with love for me. Oh, how my heart leaps for joy." (November 21, 1995)

# Prayer of Dedication to the Sovereignty of the Heart of God

Almighty and Everlasting Eternal Father, who knows the wilderness of each heart, come with your grace and heavenly aid. Pour forth water on the desert of each heart. Quench our thirst. Still our desires. Let you alone become our desire. Let our hearts mourn for you, for you are the only true consolation of the soul. May the name of the God of Israel be blessed forever. Amen. (September 4, 1996)



#### • Prayer of Consolation

Father and Majesty of All Heaven and Earth, what could a wretch like me say to console you? I shall say that I am grieved by my offenses to you. I shall say that I will worship and adore the Union of the Three, the Most Holy and Blessed Trinity. On my knees do I come to whisper love songs to you. Grant me your passion to love you. Grant me your heart to love the world. Grant me your eyes that I may see your crucified body impaled upon the heart of everyone I meet. And when I love the stranger, it is because I love you. When I do my work silently, it shall be to console your grieving heart. When I am forgiving of those who mock and wound me, I will be anointing all your wounds. When I console others, then I am consoling you, my God. Amen. (November 21, 1995)

#### 4. PRAYERS FOR VIRTUES

#### • Message About Holiness

"Let your hearts and consciences be pure before the Lord, thy God. Be upright in my sight. Place no value on another's opinion, for only I, the Lord, am a Just and Merciful Judge. Children, do not cast shadows on those I have sent to bring you my words. Let no man crucify the places I have called holy. Do not therefore walk in front of me, dear children, but always seek counsel from the Spirit of Truth.

Remember, children, when holiness and righteousness walk among arrogance and pride, always shall the light of the Lord, thy God, prevail.

Children, you must be obedient to my commandments, for your reward and consolation is me. Strive always for perfection, and I, Jesus Christ, beloved Son of God, and Eternal Fire, shall help you. To remain courageous in the face of human weakness, you must pray unceasingly to the Holy Spirit for courage and fortitude to prevail against temptation. Children

of darkness, repent of your sins and I, the Lord, shall lift you into the light of my love." (October 15, 1994)

#### • Prayer to Love with the Heart of Jesus

Infinite God, source of love and comfort, source of all creation, blessed be your Holy Name. Teach me your ways, O God. Reveal your heart to me that by your love my heart shall burn as a candle upon the eternal altar. O Father Eternal, set a flame in my heart. Teach me your ways. Teach me to love with the Great Heart of Love. May the name of the Lord be blessed forever and ever. Amen. (September 6, 1995)

#### • Prayer for Virtue and Purity

Beloved Spirit of God, who is with wisdom in the ways of counsel, who is the God of Right Judgement, I come before you lacking in virtue and purity. I implore you, O Spirit of God, to embrace my heart and by the fire of your love purify me and place my feet upon the foundation of holiness. For mighty are you, O Lord, my Redeemer, who tears apart and rebuilds by his own breath. O Lord my God, keep not your Spirit from me, for I desire to walk with you all the days of my life. Amen. (December 10, 1994)

#### • Prayer for Humility

Father, Eternal Master, grant us the garments of humility that we may come before you desiring reconciliation. For in that hour, Father, surely you shall not chastise the truly humble and repentant of heart. Though we be naked before you, take away our layers of pride and greed of heart, and gently cover us in the sweet fragrance of humility. Dear Father, turn not your face nor your ears from our cries, but in your mercy hear and answer us. Amen. (March 1, 1995)

#### • Prayer for Holiness

O Spirit of Truth and Righteousness, Protector of the Tabernacle of Each Heart, look with pity upon your children. See the chalices which they themselves have filled and empty them, O Spirit of God, into the ocean of your forgiveness. Set a new chalice in front of each heart and bestow the gift of holiness upon each one of us. Fill every chalice with good works, desires for your love, and graces from the Eternal Gift-Giver. And then, Most Holy God, Spirit of Light and Love, permit us to drink from the cup that you have anointed with your Blood. Let every mouth proclaim the glory of the God Israel. Amen. (October 27, 1995)

#### • Prayer for Docility

Redeemer of Israel, Sanctifier and Purifier of Souls, we long to dwell in the land of the righteous. We desire to build a new house which we may call the Temple of the God of Israel, who is Holy, who is One. Let the fire of your love purify us. Make us pliable and useful to you that we may become upright in thy sight. Close not your eyes. Make not your ears deaf to our pleadings. O Lord, drown us in your mercy and hear our lamentation, for the Lord is our God, and holy is his name. Blessed be the name of the Lord forever. Amen. (January 17, 1995)

# 5. THE LORD TEACHES US HOW TO OVERCOME TEMPTATION AND ADDICTIONS

#### • Message on Temptation

"Children, temptation is a word. It is a feeling, not an action. Temptation, in reference to the soul, is as a gate which temporarily blocks the soul from the light of my love. Temptation is an assault on the character of the soul. Temptation pushes the soul to its maximum capacity and then the soul, who is tormented, must cry out to me, the Lord God. Temptation, my beloved ones, is a purification. It is, in essence, a mountain and temporarily the soul cannot find me and even has difficulty seeking me, for the mountain of temptation blocks its view.

But this I tell you, stand up against temptation. Follow my footsteps through the desert of temptation. Do not be frightened by temptations and feelings. Consider them to be a prayer which begs for my immediate attention.

Children of my Sacred Heart, to overcome any temptation, you must begin to visualize my Crucifixion. See me on the Cross. See my blood seeping to the ground that the very earth should be purified. See my blood spilling upon you, drop by drop. Each drop of my blood purifies you and brings you to holy perfection. When you are distraught over temptations, you may call to me in the following way; if you repeat this, my beloved ones, I shall place your temptations within the sanctuary of my wounds and they shall be purified. You have nothing to fear, my little lambs." (February 19, 1996)

# An Aspiration during a Time of Temptation

Lord, Holy God, may these temptations pass through your sacred wounds and return to me as gentle thoughts. (February 19, 1996)

(Lord?)

"Child. ask."

(I'm having a lot of problems with the food and my compulsion to eat. I pray you will take it away.)

"Have you given it to me, child? Am I the author of the countless books you read? Spend more time reading my Word. Any compulsion blocks you from me. When I come into your heart, let me not find adversaries. Remember, I am a jealous God."

(Lord? How am I supposed to stop overeating and the craving to eat?)

"Of yourself you can do nothing. Do not fear to eat all that I have created. Moderation is a gift and a grace from me. Prideful men esteem themselves on their ability to regulate their behavior, the term is willpower. Oh, wicked Generation, when will you give me credit for the power I provide you? Surrender yourselves to me. I will help you. Pray for fortitude and perseverance."

(Lord, will you teach me a prayer?)

"Child, listen closely. Say:"

#### • Prayer for Righteousness and Perseverance

Almighty and everlasting God, Eternal Father, prepare my heart in the ways of goodness and righteousness. Let perseverance be your gift to me, O holy and eternal God. From age to age, eternity to eternity, you are my God, mighty and eternal. Blessed be the name of the Lord forever. Amen. (June 1, 1994)

#### Messages About Addictions

"For those who are oppressed by addictions and malignant lifestyles, you do not realize that satan holds you captive in his prison of despair. Come to me, children, for I am the key to freedom. I shall bring light to your souls and my enemy shall vanish in my presence but, children, you must call to me, for I offer my love freely. To those who accept my love, darkness and despair shall not overcome them.

Repent of your sins frequently, children, that your souls may be radiant with the essence of mercy and forgiveness." (September 5, 1994) "My little child, come into my arms and receive strength. Receive courage.

Each of you, my children, is weak and frail. You are as delicate flowers in the midst of a storm. The storm I, the Lord, am referring to, is satan. He attacks you by tempting you in your weakness. He uses your loves to weaken you and then he eagerly overtakes you. In essence you are held hostage by your temptations. You become the victim of your lusts and pleasures, instead of becoming the master of your desires.

Oh, how weak is the flesh and how easily the flesh yields to temptation. To overcome your weaknesses, you must desire to do my will at all times. No matter the cost to your earthly body, you must desire to do my will first. Then, and only then, will you be able to overcome your temptations, and the evil one shall no longer be able to dull your senses with material possessions. Yes, cravings for various things can be put to rest, but only by grace received from me.

How do you obtain strength, my children? Prayer and faith are the means by which the soul flourishes and receives strength to overcome the temptations of the flesh. You must persevere in your prayers, my children. Do not give up if the answer you are seeking does not immediately come. All prayers are answered according to the Holy Perfect Will of the Eternal Father." (August 1, 1995)

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"You are my rebellious one, child, and yes, I do speak this term to many of you. Search your hearts, you know who you are. You are my precious Peter. I extend my hand to you and as you are standing above the water, you fall from your lack of faith. Believe in my power totally, child, and you shall never fall. The temptations that cause you to fall into sin today, shall not move you when you trust me completely. Do you see how I am willing to rescue you each and every time you fall?

My beloved child, I am the Ship of Mercy, come to receive the drowning victim. But sadly, many of you still refuse my help. I, the Lord, am the only help of the soul." (June 27, 1995)

"This is the month of my Sacred Heart. As this month draws to a close, reflect upon your hearts, children. Are your hearts of the world or are they with me and seeking me? Little ones, what a lonely path you are on!

I am calling you to walk on the path to me and with me. You are lost, my children. You are lost in the wilderness of sin. In the wilderness you will hear two voices calling to you, my little ones. The voice of the Lord, your God, and the voice of temptation, of satan. Which way will you turn, little ones? Child, open your heart to hear the words of my Spirit.

Children, your feet are being scorched by the desert sand from your lust for greed, wealth, and power. The devil has created a mirage for you, my children. Oh, these temptations are wicked and they are passing.

Generation, do you revel in the decay of your immortal soul? The stench of satan's infiltration and your abominations has reached the very Throne Room of Heaven. Children, the Lord, your God is calling you to repentance, to purification. Let me breathe the incense of holiness. Let the sweet fragrance of righteousness reach my nostrils.

Children, I am Jesus, beloved Son of God. I AM seeks you, children, and implores your return to my heart of forgiveness. Oh, that my heart would rest in the love of my people, Israel. Children, continue to betray me and the heavens shall be shaken by the hand of justice of the Lord, your God. From generation to generation and everlasting to everlasting, I AM calls to his people from the Throne Room of Heaven. Listen, children. A great purification is about to befall mankind. Whose voice in the desert will you continue to listen to, children?

I wish to teach you a prayer. This is a prayer of love, love which is life. I am Love:"

#### • Prayer of Petition

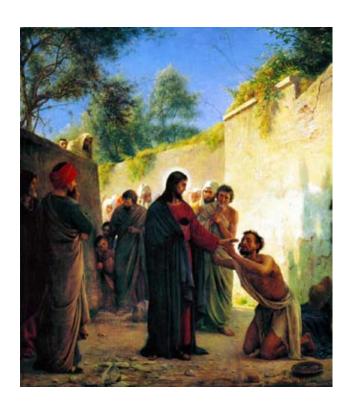
Lord God, Father of All Nations, Lord of the weak and of the mighty, open your ears to hear the cries of your people. Send your Spirit upon the earth, O Father, that he may dwell in the hearts of all. Then, O Israel, rejoice in the saving majesty of the One, True God. Hear our prayers in our weakness and wretchedness and say, "yes" to your children, O Lord. Amen. (June 29, 1994)

#### 6. THE GIFT OF HEALING

#### • Prayer for Healing

"Dear one, I the Lord shall teach you a prayer. This prayer will heal the sick and anoint many with my love:"

Father Eternal, by the merits of your most obedient Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, we come before you sick and wounded by our sins. Heal us, O Lord, and take our iniquity from us by the passion of our most merciful Savior, Jesus Christ. Heal us of all our suffering both in body and soul, and fill our hearts with the fire of your love. O Holy Master, grant us new hearts. Mend our wounds. Transform us into your image, that by our healing we may bring glory and honor to your Holy Name. For all thy benefits we thank thee and bless thee forever. Amen. (May 15, 1995) [The Lord asked the Disciples of Mercy to repeat the prayer three times]



"Dear one, I AM has sanctified this prayer which has been taught you by my heart of love. Remember always my merciful heart. Echo this prayer, dear ones, and many will be healed. Whoever recites this prayer [see prayer above] will receive grace from me." (May 15, 1995)

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"Oh, you poor, foolish doctors and scientists, how much better your patients would be, if you prescribed prayer as well as medication. But my beloved, when you limit your resources, why do you wonder that your solutions are limited? Prayer has no boundaries in heaven. The soul that prays unites his heart eternally to my heart. The soul that prays is heard and answered." (October 27, 1995)

## Messages about the Healing Sacrament of Reconciliation

"Children of the earth, unite in my Sacred Heart. Frequent the sacraments and humbly accept your sinful ways. Acknowledge your sins before me and I, the Lord, shall heal you. I shall make you whole of spirit, so your spirit may soar in the joy of my love. My daughter, if one is not led by the Spirit, then one is led by the flesh and of satan." (September 5, 1994)

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"Children, in order for you to be in a state of grace, you must be reconciled to me. You must confess and repent, and I, the Lord, shall shower you with the grace of forgiveness. Thus, you will be healed. Many of you only seek physical healings. Truly, I tell you, unless your soul is healed by forgiveness, your physical body can never be well.

If you were to bandage a wound that had not been cleansed, the wound would not heal. In fact, it would grow worse. So it is with the accumulation of sin. Sin does not disappear from the soul just because you place a bandage of silence or complacency on it. On the contrary, my beloved children, sin multiplies as a cancer and suffocates the soul. The soul which was in light is plummeted into darkness. With grace received by confession of one's sins, the darkness is lifted and the soul is fragranced by the light of my love." (September 3, 1995)

"My wounds are as soft cushions that provide a resting place for those who are wounded as well. When a precious soul comes to me with a wound, the first thing I do is cleanse it. After the wound is cleansed I, the Lord, place a bandage upon it until it is healed.

Children, in order for a wound to be cleansed, you must call the wound to my attention. When a child is injured, he first brings the injury to his parents' attention. He trusts his parents will cleanse and bandage the wound and he will be healed.

When you come to Confession, children, you are saying, "Lord, I am wounded, take care of me." It is in this sacrament that I gently cleanse the wounds that have been inflicted by sin. The Act of Contrition bandages the wound and it is by grace that the wound does not become infected. So many of you are wounded and deeply scarred.

But I, Jesus, have come to heal you. Just as a physician carries a bag with items for healing, I, the Lord, carry a physician's bag as well. In it is the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Holy Bible, and the Eucharist which is the medicine of life.

Many of you are so deeply scarred that one scar lays upon another, which lays upon another, which lays upon another. Only in the doctor's bag that I, Jesus, carry is the medicine to heal these wounds.

The Holy Mass is my hospital. Come, my little sick ones, come to my hospital and receive nourishment and healing. In my sanctuary precious gifts are given and only love is expected in return." (January 3, 1996)

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(The previous day, one of the disciples had requested that possibly the Lord would provide a prayer assisting us in the proper reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our Lady answered this request today with this beautiful prayer of honest admission of sins in the loving atmosphere of her arms and before a most forgiving and merciful Lord.)

"This is the purpose of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, to make you a pure, unspotted lamb in the eyes of God. Before going to Confession, you should pray to the Holy Spirit the words that I, your Mother, shall teach you:"

#### Prayer Prior to the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Eternal Father, I am a sinner; have mercy on me. Beloved Jesus, I am a sinner; have mercy on me. Beloved Holy Spirit, I am a sinner; have mercy on me. My heart and my soul are blackened by my offenses. Grant me a voice of confession and not one of omission. Permit my most holy Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, to place her loving arms about me as I confess my sins. Permit her to obtain for me mercy and forgiveness from you, my God. Grant me your eyes to see my iniquities. I place them at the foot of the Cross and I ask you to cover them in your Holy Precious Blood. Heal me of the scars of my sin, O Lord, and make me a pure, unspotted lamb in your sight. Amen. (December 12, 1995)



# Messages from Jesus Encouraging us to Begin Again

"Children, realize how you are treating your Savior. Come back to me, children. No matter what you have done, I shall forgive you. Begin again, little ones, before it is too late." (October 24, 1994)

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"Little child, I have lifted you up and carried you in my arms and now you are a toddler learning to walk. Remember, I am your holy teacher and your God. Let all those who hear my words call to me. I shall become your teacher and you, my students. Children of the earth, you have allowed satan to rule your hearts. He has taught you his ways and you have grown exceedingly with pride and malice of heart. Children, unlearn what you have learned. Begin again. Begin with me, the Lord, your God. I will teach you my laws and my ways and you shall thirst no longer. Come to the Giver of Life. Come to the Author of Salvation. Confess your sins before me and I shall cover you with my Precious Blood and you shall be as a new creation in me, the Creator." (July 28 1994)

"Children, I am the Lord God. I am the one who sees into men's hearts and abhors the corruption within them. Change now, children. Your lives are polluted with sin. All that you have done will be forgiven by me. Together we will begin again. Call to me, say, "Lord, help me to begin again, I am a sinner, change my heart." I solemnly assure you, that all those who seek me shall find me, and all those who ask for help shall receive my help." (November 25, 1994)

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"Oh, children, you do not realize all that you have done to destroy what I have given you. All that I, the Lord, have given you has been given in love. All that I, the Lord, have given you have I blessed that it may grow and blossom, but children, you have suffocated my gifts by your sins. Children, if you desire peace, you must first come to the Giver of All Peace. I will heal you and help you to begin again. Begin with me. I am Jesus, King of Peace." (November 20, 1994)

#### \* Prayer of Repentance

O merciful God, Creator and Redeemer, I come before you in my wretchedness. I am an abomination in thy sight. I can do no right, nor serve you, for I am made blind by my wickedness. Accept me, O Lord, and by thy mercy transform me, that I may be pleasing in thy sight. I am a sinner, Lord God. Have kindness and compassion on me who is nothing before thee. Make me holy, O Lord, and teach me thy ways, and I shall persevere by your grace to be an abomination in thy sight no longer. Amen. (July 30, 1994)

### Prayer for Purification

Sustaining Lord, who lifts me out of the mud by his mighty hand, turn not your face from me. Close not your eyes nor your ears to my call, for I am weak and have been scarred by my sin. Cleanse me, O Lord. Make me a new creation in thy sight. Blessed be my rescuer, the Lord of Hosts. Amen. (June 22, 1994)

#### \* Prayer for Transformation

Eternal Father, who can gather the sparrows as they fall from the nest, who can breathe life into the dead and transform a heart of stone into a heart of love, Father, we implore thy goodness and mercy, lest we fall from the nest of thy great love. Keep us always in thy bosom that we may see thy glory and salvation. Amen. (September 8, 1994)

 Messages about the Healing Sacrament of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass – the Highest Form of Prayer

"Foolish children, do you believe there was only one Judas? Do you believe there was only one to betray me? Ah, my children, you sleep. Search your hearts, my beloved ones. Each one of you has betrayed me with a kiss. Each time you come to receive me in the Eucharist and you come with sin in your heart, you betray me with a kiss.

I, the Lord, have provided the means for you to approach me in grace. I have given you the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I

have empowered my priest to carry out my desire to have each of you reconciled to me. What do you fear, my children? Do you think I'm unaware of your sins? It is not the priest that grants you forgiveness, children. I am the one who wraps my merciful arms around each of you and showers my forgiveness upon you. Make use of this sacrament, my children, before you partake of me in the Eucharist. Come to me with a humble and contrite heart. Come to me hungry. Come to me thirsty. I am the Bread of Life. From Everlasting to Everlasting, I AM. Partake of me and you shall never hunger, nor shall you thirst." (September 28, 1995)

"I AM WHO AM is the Holy Eucharist. We are one and we are the same. Therefore, children, again I say, "Come to the Mass hungry that you may eat; come thirsty that you may drink." The heavenly banquet actually begins in the Mass. It is at the Mass that a seat is reserved for you in heaven, for the Eternal Father sees all those who partake of the Lamb on earth and desires them to do the same in heaven." (March 5, 1996)

"My beloved ones, I am the Lord, the God of the Eternal Heart.

If you truly desire to be my disciple, you must learn how to cast aside distractions. You must learn how to rest in the sanctuary of my Sacred Heart. Many of you, children, make only a physical appearance at the Mass. You kneel at certain times. You stand at certain times. You speak at certain times, but you have left your heart someplace else. When you come to the altar to receive my Body and Blood, I look inside you. There is nothing there.

Tell me, my children, how can I feed your heart if your heart is not present? I am grieving, my children. During the Holy Mass, I, the Lord, am asking for your complete attention. I give all of myself to you in the Holy Eucharist but it as if I am giving myself to a finger, or to an eye, or to a leg. Truly, I tell you if you do not bring your heart to the Holy Mass, you shall leave this holy meal hungry.

Where are your hearts, my children? I, Jesus, shall tell you. Your hearts are concerned with your work, with your friends, with the evening dinner, with the afternoon meal, with the garments worn by those in attendance, with the topic of the

homily, with the weather, with your parking spot, and so on, and so forth. I am a jealous God, my children. During the Holy Mass I demand your complete attention, for surely on Calvary I gave you my complete attention. At the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass I again give you my complete attention.

My beloved children, oh, that you could see how my love consumes you. I am well aware of the evil one's attempts to distract you. However, he is not responsible for all of the distractions. Some of them occur because of your self-preoccupations. Imagine yourself in a room with me. Imagine there to be trash all across the floor in the room. You should take a broom, sweep up the trash, that we may be in the same room with nothing to separate us. If you truly desire this union with me at the Holy Mass, you may simply say:"

## Prayer Prior to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Blessed God, sweep the floor of my heart and cast the garbage of my sins into the ocean of forgiveness. Let me have no thoughts, no concerns, no adversaries in my heart when I come to Mass. Let my heart be unshackled from its human bondage so that as I approach your altar, my heart shall be an empty vessel ready for you to use as you will. Let me not permit worldly adversaries to come between thee and me. Let my ears hear only your voice. Let my mouth speak only your words. Let everything I think, and say, and do, be for the glory of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Let my heart beat with yours all the days of my life. Amen. (March 20, 1996)



## Messages about the Mass as Prayer

"Daughter, when you go to Mass, know that I am the High Priest on the altar. I am speaking to you through my priests. I inspire their words. All petitions, spoken or unspoken, are received by me. Every prayer is answered by me according to the soul's best interest. I welcome all prayers. Pray with faith. Be humble when you pray. Believe in what you ask for, always keeping in mind my holy perfect will. Child, I am the Bread of Life. I am Love, undivided and perfect. I am the Everlasting to Everlasting. Always, be aware of my presence." (June 11, 1994)

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"Children, I am the Alpha and the Omega, from Everlasting to Everlasting. Why did I choose to die on the Cross? Why did I not choose to be stoned or beaten to death? Why would I, the Lord, permit two pieces of wood to be the trademark of your salvation? I shall tell you, my beloved ones. Every work of my hands is productive and has special significance. What is a primary purpose of wood? It is used in the fire to keep the fire burning and alive for a long period of time.

Remember, that I, the Lord, have placed a candle upon the altar of each heart. I also desire for this fire to burn eternally. I use the wood of the Cross to keep the spiritual fire within each heart alive as well. Everything in my creation has a three-fold purpose. This is something you cannot understand but it stems from the Holy Trinity. The wood of the cross was used to light fires in those days. And as the means of my death, I use it to burn the fire in each heart. What does it mean to come to the foot of the Cross?

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is a re-enactment of my Crucifixion. Those who consume my body and blood will reap the full benefits of my Resurrection as well. If you could visualize the events of the Mass, you would see me nailed to the Cross. You would see a priest holding a chalice under each one of my wounds to collect the blood. You would see my death and Resurrection. This is why you cannot comprehend the magnitude of the graces at the Holy Mass.

However, my beloved ones, because I have made an altar on your heart, you can come to the foot of the Cross in prayer. Because it is the wood from the Cross on Calvary that keeps the fire alive in your heart, when you kneel in prayer, you are kneeling at the foot of the Cross.

There is yet another way. The soul that fully acknowledges my death and resurrection on the Cross at Calvary is given the grace by the Eternal Father to come to the foot of the Cross each time he prays. Children, love and mercy flows from the Cross. The soul that acknowledges my kingship and authority is taken spiritually by the Eternal Father to Calvary when he prays. He is given the blessings as if he was actually present on that day." (November 28, 1995)

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"The road to Emmaus is a long winding road running through every Mass as well. At the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass it is as if the road divides; those with faith will see my Son, Jesus, in the breaking of the bread and will continue their journey with abundant graces. Those who approach the altar without faith and with hardness of heart will not see Jesus in the breaking of the bread. They are as travelers who have lost their way." (December 27, 1995)

"My children, to you my plan appears as a jigsaw puzzle. Each day, I, Jesus, give you several pieces to work with. When you find the spot those pieces belong to, I shall give you more. Do not be discouraged, my little lambs. Though some

pieces may be more difficult to place than others, you must remember there is an exact place for them. It takes insight and patience to put a jigsaw puzzle together. When you come to Mass, my children, I will feed you. The food I shall feed you shall give you insight and patience." (February 8, 1996)

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"Children you must attend Mass frequently, for darkness surrounds you. You must partake of my body and blood in the Holy Eucharist frequently. Children, grow strong in my love. Grow strong in my Spirit. I, the Lord, shall help you." (November 5, 1994)

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"My precious ones, you cannot comprehend the magnitude of graces afforded at each Mass. At each Mass I am sacramentally presented to the Eternal Father. So great is my anguish for not only do I recall my physical sufferings, I must recall my emotional sufferings as well.

Children, there are many chalices of my blood in heaven. When one of my beloved priests consecrates a host, the chalices of my blood spill upon the people. They are united to me by your immersion in my holy sacred blood. Yes, the blood of the Lamb consumes his people Israel." (February 27, 1996)

## \* Prayer for Eucharistic Ministers

O Spirit of Wisdom and Truth, with gratitude I accept this great opportunity to feed your poor and hungry people. Cleanse me and forgive me for all of my offenses. Let me be a pure vessel to bring the Bread of Life to God's people. I am only a servant at the foot of the Cross. As the blood from your wounds spills upon me, allow me to place it in the chalice of your mercy and give it to your people to drink. Allow me to carry your broken and wounded body in my arms and present you to those who hunger. And if I should wander from the flock, come and find me, Lord. Nurture me, forgive me, and feed me, so that once again I may become one of the gardeners to take care of your precious rose [the Church] upon the earth. Amen. (January 16, 1996)



## Messages for Eucharistic Ministers

"If you are a Eucharistic Minister, then you must realize the great responsibility placed upon you by the Eternal Father. When my Son knocked upon a door of a house, sometimes he was invited to eat and rest, and this house was blessed by the Eternal Father. Sometimes the door was slammed in my beloved Son's face, and all the blessings upon this house were taken and given to another. If you are a Eucharistic Minister, you must be as the one who invited my Son for supper. You must desire to dine with my Son before you have others do so.

I, your Mother, say this because many who participate in the holy banquet are as the Pharisees, they do not really care about my Son. Prepare yourselves in this way: 1) come to Mass hungry that you may understand the hunger of the people you feed; 2) be reconciled to God; 3) be reconciled to your brothers; and 4) leave your grievances at the altar with my Crucified Son and know that the Eucharist will heal you." (January 16, 1996)

"Many Eucharistic Ministers take my Son from place to place, yet you say nothing to him. You spend hours with him, yet you say nothing to him. He loves you so, that he remains silent wherever it is you place him. But I grieve in the silence, my heart breaks to see the silence between you and my Son. If you are a Eucharistic Minister, do not take for granted the time you have been given to spend with Jesus. Truly, it is the wise man who realizes he is in the presence of his Lord. And truly, it is the wise man who spends this time in prayer, in petition, and thanksgiving. It is also the wise man who realizes he is nothing more than a grain of sand, and it is by God's loving grace that he has been granted such a position.

Children, any endeavor to attain holiness and to do the will of my Son will always be blessed. Go in peace, my little children, but remember, be the one who invites my Son to dinner when he knocks, for that day occurs in everyone's life." (January 16, 1996)

## Messages about Praying Before the Tabernacle

"Children, I, the Lord, became a prisoner of the tabernacle as I took my last breath on Calvary. It is my last breath that is in every tabernacle throughout the world. It is the breath of my ardent desire for the salvation of souls. When you present your needs to me in front of the tabernacle, I inhale them into my Sacred Heart. Oh, children, who among you can understand the magnitude of my love? The breath of God is within the tabernacle. The mercy and compassion of God is within the tabernacle. The tabernacle is my heart. It is my breath and my heart upon the earth.

Do you wish to console me, my children? I shall teach you a prayer.

### \* Prayer before the Tabernacle

Father most merciful, most majestic in glory, teach us to breathe mercy as your beloved Son did, for truly Christ lives in us. Let every breath we take be as his last one—the one that obtained for us all the blessings from Heaven. Father, in your most intimate love, heaven is made manifest upon the earth, in the Holy Sanctuary of the tabernacle. When we view the tabernacle, let us see your beloved Son, Jesus, taking his last breath for love of us. O God of Mercies, we bless you. Amen.

Children, every breath I took as I was upon the Cross was painful. Do not forsake me in the tabernacle, for I have placed my final breath there that you may receive all the tender mercies of my heart. I have given you everything and I continue to do so in the Holy Eucharist and in the tabernacle. But in order for you to partake of me in this fashion, you must come. Again, I extend my invitation of love." (April 23, 1996)

"Oh, beloved, how do I, Jesus, treat one of my servants? Do I not become the servant? Do I not wait day and night to be of

service to you? I wait, the Prisoner of Service, in the tabernacle. Yes, the tabernacle is as the servants' quarters. Come to the tabernacle, my children, and you shall find me eager to serve you." (March 6, 1996)

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"All prayers that are said in front of the tabernacle are inhaled into my Sacred Heart, for my Heart and the tabernacle are one and the same." (June 1, 1996)

# 7. PRAYERS OF PETITION AND FOR COMFORT

## • Prayer of Petition

Lord God, Father of All Nations, Lord of the weak and of the mighty, open your ears to hear the cries of your people. Send your Spirit upon the earth, O Father, that he may dwell in the hearts of all. Then, O Israel, rejoice in the saving majesty of the One, True God. Hear our prayers in our weakness and wretchedness and say, "yes" to your children, O Lord. Amen. (June 29, 1994)

## • Prayer for the Lord's Faithful Guidance

Eternal Father, from the infinite treasures of thy heart you have prepared a dwelling place for your people. Forget not your people, Israel. By your mighty right hand guide them back to your holy city. Let all of heaven and earth proclaim your mighty name and shout your praises, for thou art our God, Mighty and Eternal. Blessed be the name of the Lord forever. Amen. (October 13, 1994)

"I am Blessed Virgin Mary and the Mother of God. My child, I am aware of your difficulties, but do not despair, little one of my Immaculate Heart. All avenues that you are traveling lead to God who sustains your journey.

Child, all your needs shall be provided for by my beloved Son according to the perfect and holy will of the Eternal Father. Open your heart, child, to accept the will of God. Yes, heavy is the cross upon your shoulders but soon you shall witness your consolation. Child, try always to realize that the light in any dark situation is the light of God's eternal love." (December 18, 1994)

## • Prayer for Unity and Proper Direction

Father, hear the voices of your children roaming in the wilderness, the lost and scattered sheep of Israel. Father, unite your children. Bring them home to the heaven you have prepared for them. By your mercy, let all men find love enkindled by the Spirit of Love. Rejoice, O Israel, for the spirit of the Lord is among you. Give praise and glory to the Lord, your God. The Lord is one, and holy is his name. Blessed be the name of the Lord forever. Amen. (June 10, 1994)

### • Prayer before Every Endeavour

O Holy God, brutalized for my offenses, given a king's robe in mockery, given a king's scepter in mockery, please take this cloak which is a cloak of authority and holiness, and cover our work with it. In this way, you will be glorified and our work will be blessed in heaven. O Holy Jesus, our King, please permit us to be your subjects. Let the garment that touched your Holy and Sacred Body touch us and our work. This will turn all mockeries and persecutions into abundant blessings. May the name of the King of Israel be honored and adored for all eternity. Amen. (March 7, 1996)



## • Prayer for Hope in a Time of Adversity

Almighty and everlasting God, who knows the hearts of men but you? Who stops the destroyer from entering the hearts of your chosen ones? Despair not, O Israel. Remember the compassion of the Lord, your God. Call upon his mighty name for his right hand will sustain you in despair. Father, come to your children. Weak and wretched, they await your mighty arms. Place them in the chariot of your heart and bring them to the heaven prepared from the beginning of time. Most holy God, Giver of Mercy, Giver of Comfort, we adore and praise your mighty name. Amen. (June 21, 1994)

## Prayer for Comfort and Sustenance

O Holy and Sacred God, Founder of Creation, our light in the midst of darkness, our hope in the midst of despair, be never far from our hearts. Press your ears to our sighs, O Lord, our God. Be ever near when we call, and quickly wrap your sustaining arms around us. Keep us safe from our adversaries and be ever one with us, O Lord. Amen. (July 11, 1994)

# • Prayer for Comfort through the Sacred Wounds

Lord of Infinite Vision, Lord of All Interior Quests, Lord of the Weak and of the Mighty, you are a sanctuary for the weak and humble of heart. You, O Lord, are a branch for the sparrow. You, O Lord, are a leaf to cover and protect all creatures. Grant us refuge in your holy sacred wounds. Bathe us in their sweet consolations. Feed us with their sweet and holy nourishment. It is through your sacred wounds that one may journey ever closer to your heart. May the name of the Lord be praised and adored forever. Amen. (May 7, 1996)

## Messages about Praying with Trust

"Why do you despair, little mercy of my heart? You dwell in my heart and I, the Lord, uphold you. My little one, although you may struggle at times, know that I, the Lord, am with you always to encourage you. I watch you, child, as a tender newborn. As soon as you turn your face to me, I lift you into my heart of love. Child, do not be intimidated by the things of the earth. Am I not stronger and wiser? Can I not help you in any situation you face? You must trust completely in my guidance and loving care of you. Remember always to call upon me, for my love is the salve to mend your wounds. My compassion shall give you dignity. My mercy shall enable you to stand up and begin again in any situation. Put on your helmet of faith and be completely covered in my mercy and love. Let my love shine upon you and renew your spirit. Allow me to dwell in your heart that our hearts shall be as one." (February 26, 1995)

"Daughter, when will you learn to trust me completely? Have I, the Lord, ever abandoned you?

Child, remember that each trial and tribulation strengthens your faith and your commitment to me. Do not despair, my little child. Remember, all things are possible with God, the One who is All Powerful.

Daughter, many nights the sky is cloudy and you cannot see the stars. Does that mean they no longer exist? No, only that they are unable to be seen by man's eyes. Children, so it is with me. I, Jesus, am always by your side. Because you cannot see me does not mean I do not exist. Children, I am a God of the living, not of the dead. Come to me, children, and live with me for all eternity. Do not permit the clouds in your life to veil you from my love." (November 15, 1994)

## 8. PRAYERS FOR PERSERVERANCE

## • Message about Perseverance

"Today, my dear ones, we shall talk of the bridge to heaven. It is perseverance, my children.

Yes, the road to me and with me is narrow. It is a road that is paved with sorrow. It is a road less frequently traveled than the road to perdition. But, oh, my beloved, do you realize what awaits you at the end of the journey? I await you. I await you with outstretched arms and my heart bursting with love.

Children, at each intersection on the road to salvation you must choose to persevere, lest you fail to progress. But remember, my little ones, that I, the Lord, go before you always. I am the Lamb of Reconciliation who makes a path for you to the Eternal Father.

There is a bridge to your inheritance, children, and that bridge is perseverance. Here you are, my beloved children, and what have you learned? Try and see the benefits of my wisdom. Do not be in a rush, my children, lest it be a rush to

love me. Do not walk ahead of my Spirit of Counsel, children. Children, the bridge to salvation spans the lifetime of the individual. Those who persevere in faith and good works shall find their journey full of rewards from me, the Gift-Giver.

Remember, I, the Lord, desire to bestow abundant gifts upon all of you. Continue, my precious ones, in your efforts to please me and oh, how the fruits of my labor will multiply.

I bless you, all my devoted servants. Go in the peace of my love." (April 30, 1995)

## • Prayer for Spiritual Aridity

Father Eternal, the desert surrounds me. The mountains reject me. The valleys scorn me. The rivers laugh at me. I call your name, my God, for you are my refuge. Place sandals upon my feet that they shall not be scorched by the hot desert sand. Place a staff of perseverance in my hands. Send your Holy Spirit to guide me. Father, create in me a deeper hunger and thirst for you. When the hot sun of loneliness beats down upon my brow, let me find shelter within the sanctuary of your wounds. When the snake and scorpion come to lure me away from you, let me remember that my only comfort lies within the contemplation of your holy passion. Though my soul is experiencing labor pains, grant me the courage to grow as you desire it.

Let me remember, Father, that you are the only water in the desert of aridity. Father, when it is time for my birth as a new spiritual being, I desire you to cut the umbilical cord of complacency. Walk with me, O Lord, through the desert and stay ever by my side, my Lord and my God. Amen. (February 13, 1996)

### • Prayer for Righteousness and Perseverance

Almighty and everlasting God, Eternal Father, prepare my heart in the ways of goodness and righteousness. Let perseverance be your gift to me, O holy and eternal God. From age to age, eternity to eternity, you are my God, mighty and eternal. Blessed be the name of the Lord forever. Amen. (June 1, 1994)

# 9. THE LORD TEACHES US TO PRAY FOR HIS MERCY

## Prayer for the Suffering Souls in Purgatory

O Eternal Wisdom, glorious in majesty, soothe the pain of your children in purgatory. Let them drink from the eternal fountain of your mercy. Send your most holy Mother to comfort and nurture those who are suffering.

Father, let the most Blessed Virgin Mary present to you all those who suffer in the fires of purification, for it is through her motherly womb they shall be brought into the eternal heaven. For just as the birth of our precious Lord, the womb of Mary, our Mother, purifies and sanctifies all souls. She is the bridge between purgatory and heaven. Therefore, we commit their souls to her Immaculate Heart.

Oh, what blessings does the Queen of Heaven and Earth obtain for sinners! Listen, O Israel. Listen, O Israel. Listen, O Israel. Amen. (April 18, 1996)



"Little disciple of mercy, come to me, your Father. I have been waiting to receive you into my heart of love. Child, I shall teach you a prayer about my mercy. Let this prayer go out amongst the nations, for I, the Lord, your God, am speaking. Listen carefully, children, and let the Spirit who dwells among you speak to your hearts...Daughter, let all who call upon the name of the Lord receive this prayer:" (August 17, 1994)

### • Prayer for Mercy

O Eternal Father, Majesty of Heaven and Earth, your mercy pours forth from the everlasting fountain of your love. From eternal to eternal, so mighty and infinite is thy mercy. Let sinners rejoice, that thy mercy may cover us and cause our hearts to burn with the fire of thy love. Let the rays of the Divine Mercy shelter us and make us holy in thy sight, for thy mercy is so abundant. O Lord, our God, we implore and beseech thy mercy in this great hour of our redemption, that we may join your heavenly court and dwell with you forever and ever. Amen. (August 17, 1994)



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### • *Messages about the Divine Mercy*

"My dearest disciple, I, Jesus, have chosen you to be the tour guide to my Divine Mercy. I have chosen you because of your wretchedness, and not for your merits. For truly it has been your sinfulness that has attracted me to you, and I, the Lord, have lifted you out of the mud of your iniquity. I have lifted you up, and have made a special place for you within my Infinite and Sacred, Merciful Heart. This is what I desire to do for each one of my children. Many of you desire mercy, but ALL of you are in need of it. But alas, you do not know how to obtain my mercy.

My beloved daughter, tell others to seek my Sacred Heart. For within the depths of my Sacred Heart are immeasurable gifts and unlimited treasures. Beseech my mercy in a humble and repentant manner and I shall willingly open the great storehouses within my Sacred Heart. My mercy shall consume you, and you shall be converted. But this I say to you, beloved, beloved children, satan shall distort your perceptions. He shall lead you to believe you have obtained my mercy and forgiveness when, in fact, you have plummeted further into darkness.

How would you like to be the last one in a building? But rather than to leave, you will be locked in, in complete darkness, and eventually you will suffocate. This is what the evil and malignant one wishes to happen to you. I, Jesus, tell you these things, for I have placed a most powerful adversary of satan at your disposal. That is the Queen and my most Beloved and Holy Mother. Yes, it is the Blessed Mother, most Holy Virgin, who has been given the authority to make sure you reach my Sacred Heart of Mercy. The shortest and most absolute way of achieving this, is by total consecration and dedication to her Immaculate Heart. Should you be the last one to leave a building, then my beloved Mother shall be walking behind you, safely guarding you."(June 10, 1996)

"Beloved children, every street has two sides. In some cases the street faces the north and south, or the east and west. But no matter what direction the homes or stores on any particular street face, it matters not. Why do I say this? For the day will come when everything shall be turned to dust, when everything shall vanish. Yes, all shall vanish, except for you, except for me, and except for the evil one and his consortium of demons.

On the final day, the only thing that will matter is which direction you are facing, and which direction you have faced your entire life. If you have always faced to the north, than you shall go to the north. If you have always faced to the south, than it is to the south you shall go. There is only one way to alter the compass of your life and that is through my Divine Mercy.

It is my Divine Mercy that shall be as the tugboat to guide even the largest vessel to port. My Divine Mercy shall be as the lighthouse beacon to all those vessels lost at sea. On that day every home, every person, and every soul shall be plunged into darkness. Only my Divine Mercy shall be the hand of light to guide sinners to my Sacred Heart. Only my beloved Mother's hand shall be the light to bring sinners to my Sacred Heart by first presenting them to her Immaculate Heart. For sinners the surest way to me is through the most Immaculate Heart of my Mother, which is a supreme act of my Divine Mercy. The Lord, the God of Israel, is again extending his mighty hand of mercy. The choice is yours, my children." (June 7, 1996)

"Dearest children, how many of you have visited a harbor? There are boats of all different sizes and for a variety of purposes. My boat is in the harbor as well. It is called the "S.S. Mercy," the "S.S." standing for the Salvation of Souls. My boat has a crew as do other vessels. My priests are the crew, for they are the navigators to guide this boat to my new Jerusalem. The passengers are sinners who have accepted my invitation. But, my children, where have these passengers come from? They were drowning in the ocean of sin and I, Jesus, have cast the net of my mercy that these drowning sinners may be rescued.

Yes, children, you may consider me to be the commander of a coast guard rescue mission. Though my ship of mercy patrols the ocean of sin, many shall swim away from my nets of mercy. They shall not want to be rescued by me. And then, what shall happen, my children? Satan and his demons shall take hold of this poor sinner and he shall be fooled into believing satan's trickery. He shall be convinced that satan is the rescuer and I, the Lord, am the terrorist. But this I tell you, my ship of mercy shall gather all those who are wet and discouraged. On my ship I shall give you new garments and a holy meal.

Do you know, my children, that anorexia exists in the soul as much as it does in the body? The soul that does not partake of me in Holy Communion is dying of starvation. Therefore, say I, the Lord of Hosts, ask to be rescued from sin, and I shall extend the net of my mercy. You shall be lifted from the ocean of sin and despair and tenderly placed within the sanctuary of my Sacred Heart." (March 12, 1996)

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"Come, child, you are my messenger of mercy. Record my words. Today [the Feast of Divine Mercy 1995] the depths of my mercy has been given to my creation. But there were few to partake of my abundant love. There were few to come to me seeking my mercy. What shall I do with you, O Wicked Generation? You are alive yet dead.

Remember, those who call upon my holy name though they are dead, yet shall they live. But none shall live outside my merciful heart. None can approach my altar in the Throne Room of Heaven unless clothed in garments of mercy and righteousness.

Dear child, I have desired this feast of my mercy so that sinners may come to my banquet and share in my royalty. Yes, I desire to share my crown with all my devoted faithful ones, but you must be covered in mercy and forgiveness. There is none among you that is unblemished. But ask for my mercy and you shall receive my mercy. The depths of my mercy are more than the sands of the earth and so many of you reject my mercy.

Children, you shall thirst and there shall be no quenching it. You shall hunger and there shall be no food, for the arrogant of heart would rather die than to admit his grievous ways. Children, I, the Lord, Jesus Christ, burn with love and mercy. Come and bathe in my goodness. Take comfort in me and me alone. Remember, I am the Eternal Comfort." (April 23, 1995, the Feast of Divine Mercy) [See Appendix page 106 for Explanation of the Feast of Divine Mercy]

"Dearest ones, how many of you will honor my beloved Mother today? [Feast of the Assumption 1996] How many of you will leave the comfort of your homes, your televisions, your dinner table, to come and give glory to me and honor to my beloved Mother? Sadly, there will be many empty seats. Ah, but what blessings there shall be for those that partake of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Children, there are more graces given you at the Mass than at any other time.

Today, on the Feast of the Assumption my mercy shall assume and completely cancel all your sins, if it is desired. I shall assume your sins unto myself and cast them into the ocean of forgiveness where they shall be forgotten. All those who humbly partake of the Holy Mass shall be given this blessing." (August 15, 1996, Feast of the Assumption) [This is an astounding blessing the Lord is giving to mankind in honor of the feast of his Mother's bodily assumption into heaven. I know of no other occasion that such an outpouring of forgiveness takes place except on Mercy Sunday, the Sunday following Easter which the Lord communicated to Blessed Faustina. Understandably, those in the state of mortal sin must seek the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to attending Mass and receiving this great grace of which the Lord is speaking. This confessional activity would certainly fulfill the prerequisite contained in the phrase "if it is desired."]

# • The Heart of God: God's Bridge of Mercy from St. Faustina until Today

"Little one of my heart, the era of mercy is as a great bridge spanning the river of sin. Many of you have recognized my calls for you to leave the shore of darkness and come to the shore of light. To do this, you must embrace my mercy and cross the bridge. Crossing this bridge represents your willingness to discard sin and to accept the commandments of the Lord, thy God. When the era of mercy has ended, the era of justice shall begin and those who are caught on the shore of darkness shall pay heavily for their previous ways.

What direction are you traveling, my little children? Consider the bridge of mercy as the Red Sea where I, the Lord God, am providing a way to rescue my people, Israel. But again, many of you will refuse my help. Many of you will refuse the voice of my prophets. Blessed are those who hear my prophets and listen. They shall be granted abundant gifts by the Eternal Father, for they heard, and they listened.

Just as I parted the Red Sea for the Israelites to pass through, I am parting the sea of sin and am securing a bridge of mercy

there. I have referred to my mercy as an ark and have told you to be aboard when it sets sail. The same principle applies to the bridge of mercy. Make your way across the bridge now, my children, before the bridge is removed. Do not procrastinate. This is the time of mercy. Now is the time to cross the bridge, lest you shall be left behind." (January 15, 1996)

## Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet

On May 19,1996, in *The Heart of God*, the Lord tells Lori G., "Today, my beloved one, I instructed you that you are to be the tour guide to bring people to my merciful heart. Bring souls to my heart, my child. Bring them to me physically at the Holy Mass, and bring them to me spiritually in prayer."

Similarly, in Divine Mercy in my Soul - Diary of the Servant of God Sister M. Faustina Kowalska, Jesus requests: "My daughter, secretary of my mercy, your duty is not only to write about and proclaim my mercy, but also to beg for this grace for them, so that they too may glorify my mercy." (1160, June 1937)

In October, 1937, Jesus further requests of Faustina:

At three o'clock implore My Mercy especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in my abandonment at the moment of agony. This is the hour of great mercy for the whole world...In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion. (1320)

I remind you, My daughter, that as often as you hear the clock strike the third hour, immerse yourself completely in My mercy, adoring and glorifying it; invoke its omnipotence for the whole world, and particularly for poor sinners, for at that moment [mercy] was opened wide for every soul. In this hour you can obtain everything for yourself and for others for the asking; it was the hour of grace for the whole world – mercy triumphed over justice.

My daughter, try your best to make the Stations of the Cross in this hour, provided that your duties permit it; and if you are not able to make the Stations of the Cross, then at least step into the chapel for a moment and adore in the Blessed Sacrament, My Heart, which is full of mercy; and should you be unable to step into the chapel, immerse yourself in prayer there, where you happen to be, if only for a brief instant. I claim veneration for My mercy from every creature... (1572)

Also at the three o'clock hour we can say another little prayer, taught to Sister Faustina by our Lord, which she repeated every morning and often during the day to renew her act of consecration to The Divine Mercy:

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You. (84) [See Appendix page 107 for the Divine Mercy Chaplet]

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## Message about the Apostolic Blessing

[A disciple questioned whether the Lord would still honor the Sacrament of Last Anointing and the "Apostolic Blessing or Pardon" that accompanies the rite of Viaticum outside the mass and whether the Lord would immediately admit into heaven the dying individual. The Lord, in his infinite and incomprehensible mercy, responded most affirmatively.]

"The "Apostolic Blessing" causes my heart to swell with mercy. This "Blessing" and the sight of a pitiable soul at death's door unleashes the unfathomable mercy and compassion in my heart. It is here, at this moment, that the story of the prodigal son applies. It is here, that the Heavenly Father kills the fatted calf and a banquet is prepared." (January 4, 1996)

[The "Apostolic Blessing or Pardon" is a plenary indulgence granted at the very moment the soul departs from the body. An indulgence is a remission of the temporal punishment due to sin granted by the Church after the guilt of sin has been remitted. The Church distinguishes between eternal and temporal punishment due to sin. Eternal punishment (guilt of sin) is remitted by the Sacrament of Reconciliation or a perfect act of contrition, while the temporal punishment due to the forgiven sin still remains, which explains why it must be expiated while we are here on earth or in purgatory before one can sit at the heavenly banquet. A plenary indulgence which the Church proclaims is imparted in the "Apostolic Blessing or Pardon" grants full remission of the temporal punishment. (January 4, 1996) [See Appendix page 112 for the Apostolic Blessing

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# • The Lord's Explanation of the Heavenly Court

"My beloved children, I am the Lord, the Holy Spirit. I, the Lord, shall answer your question.

Heaven is an ongoing revelation of my love. It is the source of all love and it is the infinite apostleship of love. Only I, the Lord, comprehend heaven. Heaven is an ongoing revelation even to my closest angels, for heaven is infinite; it cannot be defined.

Just as human beings are part of my Mystical Body upon the earth, my Heavenly Court is part of my body as well. This is why heaven and earth become as one during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. When I, the Lord, say, "Heavenly Court," I am referring to the Lamb's army of intercessors. I am referring to all those who spend their heaven assisting my children upon the earth. It is a combination of saints and angels, and holy creatures. This was partially revealed in the Book of Revelations.

There are many saints that have not been recognized by my Church. There are many roses in an ordinary garden. Those who become saints are the ones who have always spent their time trying to please me. They are charitable and conscientious about my ways. They are, as I have already explained, the small hidden leaf in the belly of a bush.

It is my greatest desire, children, to see each one of you become a member of my Heavenly Court. It is there that you are given garments of love and mercy, and a heart of infinite love. All those who desire to spend their heaven assisting people upon the earth become a part of my Heavenly Court.

There are many other jobs as well, my beloved. As an example, there are those who guard the Lamb's Book of Life. There are those who prepare heavenly garments.

Oh, my little beloved ones, do you see how quickly I, Jesus, come to answer your questions? The moment you utter my name, I AM by your side.

Children, my children, tell others of my love. I am lonely for my children's love. How long would you wait for someone to love you? I, the Lord, wait an eternity." (December 16, 1995)

## • Explanation of the Feast of Divine Mercy

The Lord is referring to the feast celebrating his Divine Mercy. The origin of this feast is traced to the alleged apparitions of the Lord to St. Faustina Kowalska of Poland during the 1930s. She took the religious name, "Sr. Maria Faustina of the Blessed Sacrament" upon entering the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in 1926. This humble soul had been chosen by our Lord to bring to the twentieth century marvelous messages of his love and mercy for sinners, and particularly for those who have lost hope in God's mercy entirely. The Lord had requested St. Faustina to record his words, and that the first Sunday after Easter be a day commemorating his mercy by prayer, repentance, and veneration of his image of Divine Mercy. It is my understanding that tremendous graces are poured forth upon the world on this day for those souls who petition the Lord with a repentant heart. I have heard it said that the soul who approaches the Sacrament of Reconciliation and receives Holy Communion on this day shall obtain complete forgiveness of sin and punishment, comparable to a second Baptism. (August 23, 1995)

## • Divine Mercy Chaplet

(from the Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska: Divine Mercy in My Soul, 476)

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is said using the beads on the rosary.

Say one Our Father: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Say one Hail Mary: Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with Thee. Blessed art Thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of Thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Say the Apostle's Creed: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I 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. Amen.

On the Our Father beads, say: Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On the Hail Mary beads, say: For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

After five decades, say this three times: Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

# • Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host – by the Divine Power of God – cast into hell, satan and all the evil spirits who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

## The Holy Rosary

#### Joyful Mysteries (Mondays and Saturdays)

- 1. The Annunciation
- 2. The Visitation
- 3. The Nativity
- 4. The Presentation in the Temple
- 5. The Finding of Jesus in the Temple

#### Luminous Mysteries (Thursdays)

- 1. The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan
- The Wedding Feast at Cana
- 3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God
- 4. The Transfiguration
- 5. The Institution of the Eucharist

#### Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesdays and Fridays)

- 1. The Agony in the Garden
- 2. The Scourging at the Pillar
- 3. The Crowning of Thorns
- 4. The Carrying of the Cross
- 5. The Crucifixion

#### Glorious Mysteries (Sundays and Wednesdays)

- 1. The Resurrection
- 2. The Ascension
- 3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit
- 4. The Assumption
- The Coronation

On the crucifix say the Apostles Creed: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I 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. Amen.

On the first bead say the Our Father: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those

who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

On the three smaller beads say the Hail Mary: Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with Thee. Blessed art Thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of Thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Then say the Glory Be to the Father: Glory Be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

For each decade, say one Our Father, ten Hail Mary's, and one Glory Be to the Father.

At the very end, say one Hail Holy Queen: Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve: to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin

Mary. *Pray for us O Holy Mother of God*. That we may we made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.

## • The Apostolic Blessing

Ideally, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is administered as a liturgical celebration, with the reception of the Eucharist preceded by Penance. However, for the more common occurrences, the sacrament is administered by the priest to the seriously ill, consisting of the Anointing with sacred oil, Penance and Viaticum (reception of Communion as preparation for the journey to eternal life). After this ritual, the priest may impart the Apostolic Blessing, which has two forms in the *Pastoral Care of the Sick* (Rites of Anointing and Viaticum). Form A: "Through the holy mysteries of our redemption, may Almighty God release you from all punishments in this life and in the life to come. May he open to you the gates of paradise and welcome you to everlasting joy."

Form B: "By the authority which the Apostolic See has given me, I grant you a full pardon and the remission of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, (+) and of the Holy Spirit." The Handbook of Indulgences reassures us that "If a priest cannot be present, holy mother Church lovingly grants such persons who are rightly disposed a plenary indulgence to be obtained in articulo mortis, at the approach of death, provided they regularly prayed in some way during their lifetime." The Apostolic Constitution on Indulgences, Indulgentiarum Doctrina, explains praying regularly, as "The one condition is the practice of praying for this all during life. Use of a crucifix or cross is recommended for the gaining of this indulgence. Either Form of this blessing is short and can be easily prayed as a daily aspiration.

# • The Stations of the Cross

Lord, by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free. You are the Savior of the world. (repeat after prayerfully meditating on each station)

1st Station: Jesus is condemned to death

2<sup>nd</sup> Station: Jesus carries his Cross

3<sup>rd</sup> Station: Jesus falls the first time

4<sup>th</sup> Station: Jesus meets his Mother

5<sup>th</sup> Station: Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry his Cross

6<sup>th</sup> Station: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

7<sup>th</sup> Station: Jesus falls the second time

8<sup>th</sup> Station: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

9<sup>th</sup> Station: Jesus falls a third time

10<sup>th</sup> Station: Jesus is stripped of his clothes

11th Station: Jesus is nailed to the Cross

12<sup>th</sup> Station: Jesus dies on the Cross

13<sup>th</sup> Station: Jesus is taken down from the Cross

14<sup>th</sup> Station: Jesus is laid in the tomb

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