

NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

'Hearts on Fire' –

The Solemnity of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

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1st Day: Wednesday, 19th June - [A Heart For Us](#)

Scripture Reading:

When the hour came He took his place at table, and the Apostles with Him. He said to them, 'I have longed to eat this passover with you before I suffer. This is my body given up for you, my blood poured out for you.....Luke 22: 14-20.

Reflection:

Jesus came on earth for us, lived, suffered and died for us; intercedes today with His Father for us. 'For us...and our salvation He came down from heaven... for our sake He was crucified'. St. Paul reminds us, 'If God is for us who can be against us?' *Rom.8:31*

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, we thank you that you gave your life for us. Help us to live for you and for others.

End with the Novena Prayer:

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2nd Day: Thursday, 20th June - A Forgiving Heart

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'Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing'.....Luke 23:34

Reflection:

After all Jesus has been through: the hatred of the Jewish leaders, the weakness of Pilate, the fickleness of the crowd, the cruelty of the soldiers, he pleads with His Father to forgive them. This is surely 'the breadth and the length, the height and depth' of love. We can only sit or kneel in silence letting gratitude well up from within.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, we are too small, too weak to grasp your love. We are overwhelmed by your love that transformed evil by goodness. A goodness strong enough to defeat the spiral of violence. Help us, Lord, weak as we are, to unite our efforts to yours, so that so much that is good and joyful in life is not lost.

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3rd Day: Friday, 21st June - A Docile Heart

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Scripture Reading:

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness...Matthew 4:1

Reflection:

How inspiring that Jesus himself is docile to the Holy Spirit. He does not make decisions alone. No, he waits to be led, to be inspired by the Holy Spirit. That involved getting up before dawn and going off to lonely places to be alone with his Father, so that silence in His heart could be in tune with the Holy Spirit. We too have received the Holy Spirit to guide our decisions. It is good to take time with the Lord and to ask for guidance to see whether the Spirit brings a sense of peace.

Prayer:

Lord, enlighten our minds to make good decisions, free from resistance, fear and self-preoccupation. May all we do is give glory to God and be of service to others.

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4th Day: Saturday, 22nd June - A Childlike Heart

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Scripture Reading:

'Unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the Kingdom of heaven'Matthew 18:2

Reflection:

These words of Jesus may have fallen on deaf ears. Some did not understand that the dependency of children on their parents, mirrored the dependency of us all on God. The Lord awaits our free response. There is no forcing, only a love that beckons and that never tires.

Prayer:

Lord, all we are and have are your gifts. Help us learn from the independence of children. Lord, grant us a childlike heart to allow You a free hand to create ever new possibilities for us even as we age.

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5th Day: Sunday, 23rd June - A Peace-Giving Heart

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Scripture Reading:

The doors were closed in the room where the disciples were for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said 'Peace be with you'. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord.....John 20: 19-20.

Reflection:

What relief and joy these words must have given to the Eleven having deserted him during the Passion. Words that freed them from their guilt at having left him. Jesus gently restores them to His friendship. Now that Jesus has forgiven them, they too can forgive themselves and be forgiving to others. Admission of our own failings is the beginning of compassion.

Prayer:

Jesus, Prince of Peace, I do want to be at peace: peace with all that has been in my life, peace in my difficult relationships and peace with You. Jesus give me the courage to be a peace maker.

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Scripture Reading:

'They have no wine...Do whatever He tells you'....John 2.

Reflection:

Mary with her feminine sensitivity knows that Jesus would not want their hosts to be embarrassed. She goes and tells the servants, 'Do whatever He tells you'. Whatever her Son does will be best; she trusts him unreservedly. She is not to be disappointed. What He does is beyond anything she could have dreamed of.

Prayer:

Mary, our mother, attune our hearts to the heart of your Son. Open our heart to the needs of others. O Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place our trust in You.

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Scripture Reading:

'While he was still a long way off, His Father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him'....Luke 15:20.

Reflection:

This story is more about the prodigal Father than the prodigal son! Jesus reveals what His father is like. Through our baptism, we have been adopted into God's family with the privilege of calling God, Father. Which of us has not gone our own way or misused our gifts? Our heavenly Father is continually watching out for us, longing for our return, so He can clasp us in his arms.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, may we never doubt your patience with us. We believe through the twists and turns of life, You are drawing us home to our real self, our true home which is your Father's household. Give us the courage to experience the joy of receiving your forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

End with the Novena Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, Your heart was moved with love for the men and women who came for help in their need. You healed the sick, You fed the hungry, You forgave sinners, You cried over Jerusalem. Above all, You showed to those who were prepared to listen, the way to true life, for You are the Way the Truth and the Life.

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Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place all our trust in you. **Amen.**

Prayer By All :

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Jesus, meek and humble of heart, Make our hearts like unto Thine.

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Sacred Heart of Jesus we implore, Make us love You more and more!

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Blessed be Jesus Christ, True God and true man!

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In the blessed Eucharist, the most holy Sacrament of His love.

Our Father..... Hail Mary Glory Be to the Father

Leader : Most Sacred Heart Of Jesus,

All : Have mercy on us all.

(3 times)

Hymn: Sweet Heart Of Jesus

Sweet Heart of Jesus! Make us pure and gentle

And teach us how to do thy blessed will;

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Chorus:

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8th Day: Wednesday, 26th June - A Unifying Heart

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Hymn: Sweet Heart Of Jesus

Sweet Heart of Jesus! Fount of love and mercy,
Today we come thy blessings to implore;
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Scripture Reading:

Father, may they all be one. May they be one in me as I am in You and You in me....John 17:21.

Reflection:

Rows in families, fallings out between friends, prejudice between groups, wars between nations are all signs of the absence of the Spirit. How much pain people endure today! The Spirit works to reconcile and build bridges but through the patience of others who seek to build up the community locally or nationally.

Prayer:

Lord, in our world of fragile relations where prejudice easily substitutes for knowledge, grant us the courage to welcome the outsider and to move beyond peer pressure. Help us to be ready to receive the Spirit at work.

End with the Novena Prayer:

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9th Day: Thursday, 27th June - *The Welcoming Heart*

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Scripture Reading:

Come to me, all you who labour and are over-burdened and I will give you rest...Matthew 11:28.

Reflection:

Come! We still welcome others with that little word: 'Come right in, come in and take the weight off your feet!' It was a word Jesus often used: 'Come and see; come and eat.' But how much more has Jesus to offer us? Rest, yes, but friendship unlike any other. Healing, guidance, peace, protection from evil, all offered by the Son of God who is 'gentle and humble of heart'.

Prayer:

Be still and imagine the Lord calling your name and saying to you: 'Come and give me your worries, come and trust me, come and listen to me as I speak my words in the gospel'. We thank you Lord for everything.

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