

Intentions Blessed By The

General Intention: FOR REPARATION TO THE SACRED HEART
BECAUSE OF OUR SINS

In manifesting to the world the devotion to His Sacred Heart, Our Lord Jesus Christ in His revelations to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, taught us that this devotion fills our souls with reparation and a love for fervent consecration. The Divine Heart was presented to us as loving and much offended, ardent in charity, but also crowned with a cross, wounded and surrounded with thorns, flowing with love for men but complaining at the same time of ingratitude, despised and forgotten by those who profess to love Him with a special love. For all this, we are requested to offer reparation for our sins.

Sinners that we are, burdened with so many faults, we should not be content with adoring God, offering Him thanks and begging Him for new graces; we should also recognize Him as a just Judge to Whom we should give satisfaction for our innumerable faults, offenses and negligences. On the other hand, the sanctity of God, because of the indignities we committed, may deny our offerings and petitions, instead of accepting them with pleasure.

The Superior who is much offended naturally has the right to punish the injury done to him. We cannot escape the ire of God who is much offended by our sins, except by a sincere sorrow of them, by sacramental absolution and the satisfaction imposed by His ministers.

But after receiving pardon for our sins, we should practice penance to offer satisfaction for the temporal punishment due them. All good works performed in the state of grace may serve as satisfaction for this temporal punishment, but other practices also have special power to make this satisfaction, like acts of contrition, giving of alms, works of charity and resignation to the Divine Will in times of tribulation.

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It is true that no creature is capable of making satisfaction for even one sin, if the Son of God did not take on human form to make this reparation. His death served as a superabundant satisfaction and wiped away all our sins. Nevertheless it is also true that Divine Wisdom requires that we complete in our flesh what is lacking in the Passion of Christ, and that the praises and satisfactions of Christ be united with ours. Because of this, the value of our works will surely be derived from the Sacrifice of the Cross and its unbloody repetition on our altars, but it is also certain that with the sacrifice of Christ should be united our reparation and penances. In addition, love asks for our reparation in as much as a continuous wave of crime in this world inundates the doors of the Sanctuary to offend the most patient Heart of the Divine Prisoner. His offended Love begs of us Communion of Reparation and the Holy Hour as a loving expiation.

Mission Intention: FOR THE SANCTIFICATION OF THE NATIVE CLERGY.

The native clergy in the missions should be considered as a fundamental stone on which depends the stability and progress of the Christians. Because of this, the first obligation of ecclesiastical superiors in these territories is the painstaking spiritual and scientific formation of youth destined for the Sanctuary. In the same manner, the Apostles of Christ entrusted the government of the new Christians to a clergy who came not from outside, but from the natives of the country and formed in them the sacerdotal virtues. Let us pray to the Sweetest Heart of Jesus for the native clergy, secular and regular, for the religious and those consecrated to a contemplative life so that the entire clergy of the missions may flourish in sanctity now especially in the midst of persecutions and exile and may continue to give glory to God and be examples of Christian fortitude.

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