

**Novena in Consecration of the United States of America
to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
On the Occasion of the 250th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Republic.**

*The designs of his Heart are from Age to Age,
To rescue their souls from death
And to keep them alive in famine. (Ps. 33 (32): 11,19*

**+In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
AMEN.**

**Leader: My dear brother and sisters,
We are here to celebrate the Consecration of the United States of America to the
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.
Let us imitate the love and mercy which Christ has made known to us
through his Most Sacred Heart.**

**As we bow before the Lord, let us remember that in his own blood,
Christ has removed all divisions and
out of the many nations created the one people of God.**

**As we venerate the Sacred Heart,
let us reflect that we ourselves are Christ's disciples and must therefore follow him,
loving not with stony hearts, but with living hearts.**

**Let us, then, take part with all our hearts in this celebration,
so that we may grasp the mystery of his love more clearly
and experience its power more deeply.**

Let us pray.

**All: Clothe us, Lord God
With the virtues of the Heart of your Son
And set us aflame with his love,
That, conformed to his image,
we may merit a share in eternal redemption.**

**Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.**

AMEN.

The Litany of the Sacred Heart

L: Lord, have mercy on us. (repeat)

L: Christ, have mercy on us. (repeat)

L: Lord, have mercy on us. (repeat)

L: Christ, hear us. (repeat)

Christ, graciously hear us. (repeat)

L: God the Father of Heaven,

R: Have mercy on us.

L: God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

R: Have mercy on us.

L: God the Holy Spirit,

R: Have mercy on us.

L: Holy Trinity, one God,

R: Have mercy on us.

L: Heart of Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father,

R: Have mercy on us.

L: Heart of Jesus, Formed by the Holy Ghost in the womb of the Virgin Mother,

R: Have mercy on us.

L: Heart of Jesus, Substantially united to the Word of God,

R: Have mercy on us.

L: Heart of Jesus, Of Infinite Majesty,

R: Have mercy on us.

L: Heart of Jesus, Holy Temple of God,

R: Have mercy on us.

L: Heart of Jesus, Tabernacle of the Most High,

R: Have mercy on us.

L: Heart of Jesus, House of God and Gate of Heaven,

R: Have mercy on us.

L: Heart of Jesus, Burning Furnace of charity,

R: Have mercy on us.

L: Heart of Jesus, Vessel of Justice and love,

R: Have mercy on us.

L: Heart of Jesus, Full of goodness and love,

R: Have mercy on us.

L: Heart of Jesus, Abyss of all virtues,

R: Have mercy on us.

L: Heart of Jesus, Most worthy of all praises,

R: Have mercy on us.

L: Heart of Jesus, King and center of all hearts,

R: Have mercy on us.

L: Heart of Jesus, In Whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge,

R: Have mercy on us.

L: Heart of Jesus, In Whom dwelleth all the fulness of the Divinity,

R: Have mercy on us.

L: Heart of Jesus, in Whom the Father is well pleased,

R: Have mercy on us.

L: Heart of Jesus, Of Whose fullness we have all received,

R: Have mercy on us.

L: Heart of Jesus, Desire of the everlasting hills,
R: Have mercy on us.

L: Heart of Jesus, Patient and abounding in mercy,
R: Have mercy on us.

L: Heart of Jesus, Rich unto all who call upon Thee,
R: Have mercy on us.

L: Heart of Jesus, Fountain of life and holiness,
R: Have mercy on us.

L: Heart of Jesus, Atonement for our sins,
R: Have mercy on us.

L: Heart of Jesus, Filled with reproaches,
R: Have mercy on us.

L: Heart of Jesus, Bruised for our offenses,
R: Have mercy on us.

L: Heart of Jesus, Made obedient unto death,
R: Have mercy on us.

L: Heart of Jesus, Pierced with a lance,
R: Have mercy on us.

L: Heart of Jesus, Source of all consolation,
R: Have mercy on us.

L: Heart of Jesus, Our Life and Resurrection,
R: Have mercy on us.

L: Heart of Jesus, Our Peace and Reconciliation,
R: Have mercy on us.

L: Heart of Jesus, Victim for our sins,
R: Have mercy on us.

L: Heart of Jesus, Salvation of those who hope in Thee,
R: Have mercy on us.

L: Heart of Jesus, Hope of those who die in Thee,
R: Have mercy on us.

L: Heart of Jesus, Delight of all the Saints,
R: Have mercy on us.

L: Lamb of God Who takest away the sins of the world,
R: Spare us, O Lord.

L: Lamb of God Who takest away the sins of the world,
R: Graciously hear us, O Lord.

L: Lamb of God Who takest away the sins of the world,
R: Have mercy on us.

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

Reflection/Meditation

L: Let us pray.

All: O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:
You know the longings of our hearts,
And you desire that we enjoy friendship with you.

From your pierced side,
You have poured out the wellspring of
Life, for which we thirst.
Your heart burns with a love for all people to return to a right
Relationship with you.

We celebrate the abundant gifts you have given this nation,
Founded on the evident self-truths
That our Creator has endowed all people
With the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

We make reparation for the offenses against you
And against human dignity
That have taken place in this nation.

May our hearts be united to yours, so that our families and communities
Enjoy peace and happiness;
May broken relationships be reconciled, injustices repaired,
And the wounds of our land be healed.

May your holy Catholic Church serve as a sign,
Pointing all people to your infinite love.

O Desire of Nations and Center of History,
We ask you to bless these United States of America.
Who live and reign with God the Father
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

AMEN.

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