

An Act of Reparation and Consecration (Raccolta #257)

O most merciful Heart of Jesus, divine mercy-seat, for whose sake the Eternal Father has promised that He would always hear our prayers! I unite myself to Thee in offering to Thine Eternal Father this poor and needy heart of mine, contrite and humbled in His divine presence, and desirous of making complete reparation for the offenses that are committed against Him, especially those which Thou dost continually suffer in the Holy Eucharist, and more particularly those which I myself have unhappily so often committed. Would that I could wash them away with my tears, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, and blot out with my own heart's blood the ingratitude wherewith we have repaid Thy tender love.

I unite my sorrow, slight as it is, with the mortal agony which caused Thy sweat to become as drops of blood in the Garden of Olives at the very thought of our sins. Do Thou offer it, dear Lord, to Thine Eternal Father in union with Thy Sacred Heart. Render Him infinite thanks for the manifold blessings which He constantly showers upon us, and let Thy love supply for our want of thankfulness and remembrance.

Grant me grace always to present myself in a spirit of deepest reverence before the face of Thy divine Majesty, in order thus to repair in some measure the irreverences and outrages which I have dared to commit before Thee; grant also, that from this day forth, I may devote myself with all my might to drawing, both by word and example, many souls to know Thee and to experience the riches of Thy Heart.

From this moment I offer and dedicate myself wholly to propagating the honor due to Thy most sweet Sacred Heart. I choose It as the object of all my affections and desires, and from this hour forevermore I set up in It my perpetual abode, thanking, adoring and loving It with all my heart, in as much as It is the Heart of my Jesus, who is worthy to be loved, the Heart of my King and sovereign Lord, the Bridegroom of my soul, my Shepherd and Master, my truest Friend, my loving Father, my sure Guide, my unflinching protection and my everlasting blessedness. Amen.

An Indulgence of 500 days is offered and a Plenary Indulgence once a month on the usual conditions for the daily devout repetition of this prayer (S. P. Ap., April 19, 1923 and March 10, 1933).