

Prayer Service for Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Introduction: Excerpt from Pope Francis' encyclical "He Loved Us"

"He Loved Us", St. Paul says of Christ (Rm. 8:37), in order to make us realize that nothing can ever "separate us" from that love (Rm. 8:39). Paul could say this with certainty because Jesus himself had told his disciples, "I have loved you" (Jn. 15:9, 12). Even now the Lord says to us, "I have called you friends" (Jn. 15:15). His open heart has gone before us and waits for us, unconditionally, asking only to offer us his love and friendship. For "he loved us first" (Jn. 4:10). Because of Jesus, "we have come to know and believe in the love that God has for us" (1Jn. 4:16).

St. John Paul explained that by entrusting ourselves together to the heart of Christ, "over the ruins accumulated by hatred and violence, the greatly desired civilization of love, the Kingdom of the heart of Christ, can be built". This clearly requires that we "unite filial love for God and love of neighbor", and indeed that is "the true reparation asked by the heart of the Savior". In union with Christ, amid the ruins we have left in this world by our sins, we are called to build a new civilization of love. That is what it means to make reparation as the heart of Christ would have us do. Amid the devastation wrought by evil, the heart of Christ desires that we cooperate with him in restoring goodness and beauty to our world.

Suggested Hymns: Earthen Vessels; Jesus Remember Me; Love Divine, All Loves Excelling; You Are Mine

Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus (separate sheet)

Suggested Scripture Readings: Jn. 19:31-37 (Pierced Side)

Mt. 11:28-30 (Come to Me)

Jn. 7:37-39 (Streams of Living Water)

Litany of Reparation (separate sheet)

Silent Prayer and Reflection

Closing Prayer and Benediction:

As this time of adoration closes, O Jesus, I renew my faith and trust in You. I am refreshed after these moments with You, and I count myself among a privileged number, even as Your disciples were, who shared your actual presence. I am resolved to go forth again to my duties and my concerns with a renewed spirit of perseverance and good will. In my daily life I will try to love and serve God well, and love my neighbor also, for these two things go together. I will try to be a true disciple. Help me, O Jesus, in this my resolution. Amen.