

The Consecration of Family



**To the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
And to the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

Your Family Covenant is a pledge of communion with God.
Prayer is the language of this communion.
"The Church is a praying community.
What matters for Her is prayer"

(Pope St Paul VI)

To keep Jesus in your home, pray together.
"Where two or three are gathered in my name,
there am I in their midst" (*Mt. 18:20*)

To stay together, pray together!

THE ENTHRONEMENT CEREMONY

Prepare the place for the enthronement; put the image of Jesus and Mary on the "throne", the Bible and candles.

HYMN CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT *(Optional)*

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church, gathered today.

Make the Sign of the Cross.

Priest: In the name of the Father,
 and of the Son,
 and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Presider: Jesus, You are the King and Friend of our family. We accept Your loving rule over us. Stay with us as our best Friend. We need You. Our Immaculate Mother, St. Joseph our patron, our Guardian Angels and our Patron Saints, intercede for us during this time of prayer.

All: Amen.

ACT OF CONTRITION

All: My God, I am sorry for all my sins, with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you, whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, who suffered and died for us, have mercy on us.

Presider:

A reading from the Holy Gospel according St. Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

"All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Presider: Today we are going to turn our family over to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. When we were baptised we were dedicated to God. That's what we are going to do now - renew our dedication by consecrating ourselves to His loving Heart. This is our Family Covenant with God.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All stand

Priest: Let us profess our faith:

I believe in God the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell;
the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty,
from there He will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and life everlasting.
Amen.

CONSECRATION-COVENANT

Almighty and Eternal Father, we, the (N) family, consecrate ourselves and our home to the Sacred Heart of Your only begotten Son. Jesus Christ, our Lord, who loves us with a tender and everlasting love. May we return this love as He comes into the midst of our family to live and share our life in a special way from this day on.

Freely we make this covenant of love with You, Father, and dedicate to the Heart of Jesus all that we are, all that we have, without any reservation on our part, promising to amend our lives by turning from sin and all that might lead us into sin.

Jesus, we accept You as a living member of our family. Sanctify our joys and comfort us in our sorrows. May Your Holy Spirit make us continually aware of Your special presence among us, and in one another.

Stay with us, Lord, and through this consecration, help us to have a deep and loving respect for one another. Help us to imitate Your gentle and humble Heart, that we may give of ourselves in the faithful performance of our family obligations, to each other and to all mankind.

With the motherly aid of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, may this Enthronement of Your living, human Heart, Your divine and glorified Heart, O Jesus lead us to a renewed confidence in Your merciful time, for all the human family, especially the poor and the oppressed.

Use us, Lord, to make Your love known beyond our home. Dispel all our doubts. Strengthen our faith. Fill us with holy hope. Guide us to the solutions necessary to bring about justice and peace for all. Wipe away our fears and anxieties.

Teach us to use properly all material goods at our disposal. Show us the way to overcome class hatred and civil strife. Penetrate us with Your love, for it is in doing Your holy will that we desire to find our way. Amen.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,

All: we love You.

Sacred Heart of Jesus,

All: your Kingdom come!

Immaculate Heart of Mary,

All: pray for us.

St. Joseph,

All: pray for us.

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque,

All: pray for us.

Glory be to the Sacred Heart of Jesus forever and ever!

LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of heaven, *have mercy on us.*

God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on us.*

God, the Holy Spirit, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, one God, *have mercy on us.*

Heart of Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mother, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, united substantially with the Word of God, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, of infinite majesty, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, sacred temple of God, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, tabernacle of the Most High, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, house of God and gate of heaven, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, burning furnace of charity, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, abode of justice and love, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, abyss of all virtues, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, most worthy of all praise, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, King and center of all hearts, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, in Whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, in Whom dwells all the fullness of Divinity, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, in Whom the Father is well pleased, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, of Whose fullness we have all received, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, desire of the everlasting hills, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, patient and rich in mercy, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, enriching all who invoke You, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, fount of life and holiness, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, propitiation for our sins, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, loaded down with opprobrium, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, bruised for our offenses, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, made obedient unto death, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, pierced with a lance, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, source of all consolation, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, our life and resurrection, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, our peace and reconciliation, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, victim for our sins, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, salvation of those who trust in You, *have mercy on us.*

Heart of Jesus, hope of those who die in You, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, delight of all Saints, *have mercy on us.*

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,
spare us, O Lord!

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,
graciously hear us, O Lord!

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

V. Jesus, meek and humble of Heart.

R. *Make our hearts like unto Yours.*

Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, look upon the Heart of Your most-beloved Son and upon the praises and satisfaction which He offers You in the name of sinners; and to those who implore Your mercy, in Your great goodness, grant forgiveness in the name of the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You forever and ever.

All: *Amen.*

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Presider: We thank God, our heavenly Father, through Jesus, your Son, and through the Heart of His Mother.

- For giving us our parents,

All: We thank You, Lord.

- For giving us our children,

All: We thank You, Lord.

- For coming to our home,

All: We thank You, Lord.

- For giving us Mary, Your Mother, as our Mother,

All: We thank You, Lord.

- For our Holy Father, the Pope, our Bishop, our priests, our sisters and teachers,

All: We thank You, Lord.

If there is anything special you would like to thank Jesus for, now is the time to say it. (Pause)

All: We thank You, Lord.

Presider: Jesus is our King, Mary, His Mother is our Queen. Many Catholics, by their deeds, their bad talk, their immodesty, offend the Immaculate Heart of our Queen. Let us promise our Mother that we will try not to offend her by saying:

All: Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy!

Our life, our sweetness, and our hope!

To You do we cry, poor banished children of Eve;

to You do we send up our sighs,

mourning and weeping in this valley, of tears.

Turn, then, most gracious Advocate,

Your eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile

show unto us the blessed fruit of Your womb, Jesus;

O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

P: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,

R: that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Presider: That the Sacred Heart of Jesus may be known and loved and served in a special way, in our home, in our neighbourhood and in our parish, we pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer!

That Mary, our Mother, through her Immaculate Heart, help us keep alive the spirit of our Enthronement, by bringing us together daily to pray in the name of Jesus, let us pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer!

For all the members of our family who are not with us today, both living and dead, let us pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer!

That God may bless our family with vocations to the priesthood and religious life, let us pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

THE ANGELUS

All stand.

P: The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,

All: **And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.**

Hail Mary...

P: Behold the handmaid of the Lord,

All: **Be it done unto me according to Your word.**

Hail Mary...

P: And the Word was made Flesh, (*bow down*)

All: **And dwelt among us.**

Hail Mary...

P: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,

All: **that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

P: **Let us pray:**

All: Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord, your grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may, by His Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. **Amen.**

P: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

All: **as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

P: For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

P: Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord,

All: **and let perpetual light shine upon them.**

May they rest in peace. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

Presider: Thank You, dear Jesus, King and Friend of our family, for all the blessings of this day. Protect us and all families and help us so to live that we may all get to Heaven.

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,

All: have mercy on us!

Immaculate Heart of Mary,

All: pray for us!

St Michael the Archangel,

All: pray for us!

St. Joseph,

All: pray for us!

At the end, make the Sign of the Cross:

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R: Amen.

HYMNS

I LOVE YOU, LORD

I love you, Lord and I lift my voice
To worship You, Oh, my soul, rejoice!
Take joy my King in what You hear
Let it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear

HE IS LORD

He is Lord. He is Lord.
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord.
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess,
that Jesus Christ is Lord.

He is King. He is King.
He is risen from the dead and He is King.
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess,
that Jesus Christ is King.

He is love. He is love.
He is risen from the dead and He is love.
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess,
that Jesus Christ is love.



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