



Consecration of the World to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

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O Mother of men and peoples, you who "know all their sufferings and their hopes," you who maternally feel all the struggles between good and evil, between light and darkness, that shake the contemporary world, receive our cry, which, moved by the Holy Spirit, we address directly to your Heart, and embrace, with the love of the Mother and the Servant, this our human world, which we entrust to you and consecrate, full of unrest for the earthly and eternal fate of men and peoples.

In a special way, we entrust and consecrate to you those men and nations that particularly need this entrustment and consecration.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God! Do not despise the pleas of us who are in trial! Do not despise! Accept our humble trust – and our entrustment!

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (Jn 3:16). It is precisely this love that caused the Son of God to consecrate Himself: "For their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be consecrated in truth" (Jn 17:19).

By virtue of that consecration, the disciples of all times are called to commit themselves to the salvation of the world, to add something to the sufferings of Christ for the sake of His Body, which is the Church (cf. 2 Cor 12:15; Col 1:24).

Before you, Mother of Christ, before your Immaculate Heart, I wish today, together with the whole Church, to unite myself with our Redeemer in this consecration for the world and for mankind, which only in His divine Heart has the power to obtain forgiveness and procure reparation. The power of this consecration lasts for all time and embraces all men, peoples, and nations, and overcomes all evil. Oh, how deeply we feel the need for consecration for humanity and for the world: for our contemporary world, in union with Christ Himself! Christ's redemptive work, in fact, must be participated in by the world through the Church.

Blessed are you above all creatures, you, Servant of the Lord, who obey the Divine call in the fullest way! Hail to you, who are completely united to the redemptive consecration of your Son!

Mother of the Church! Illuminate the People of God on the paths of faith, hope, and charity! Help us to live with the full truth of Christ's consecration for the entire human family of the contemporary world.

Entrusting to you, O Mother, the world, all men, and all peoples, we also entrust to you the very consecration for the world, placing it in your maternal Heart.

Oh, Immaculate Heart! Help us to overcome the threat of evil, which so easily takes root in the hearts of men today and whose immeasurable effects already weigh upon our present and seem to close the paths to the future!



Free us from hunger and war!

Free us from nuclear war, from incalculable self-destruction, from every kind of war, free us!

Free us from the sins against the life of man from its very beginning, free us!

Free us from hatred and the degradation of the dignity of God's children, free us!

Free us from every kind of injustice in social, national, and international life, free us!

Free us from the ease of trampling on God's commandments, free us!

Free us from the sins against the Holy Spirit, free us! Free us!

Receive, O Mother of Christ, this cry full of the suffering of all men! Full of the suffering of entire societies!

Let the infinite power of Merciful Love be revealed once again in the history of the world! May it stop evil! Transform consciences!

In your Immaculate Heart, may the light of Hope be revealed to all!

Amen!