

ACT OF REPARATION TO THE SACRED HEART



The Act of Reparation to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is a beautiful devotion that asks for atonement and forgiveness for offenses against the Sacred Heart, both offenses committed personally and those committed by the world. A partial indulgence is granted the Christian faithful who devoutly recite the act of reparation below. This indulgence will be a plenary one when this Act of Reparation is publicly recited on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (See *Handbook of Indulgences: Norms and Grants*, pages 54-55).

Most loving Jesus, how great is the love which you have poured out upon the world. How casual and careless is our response! Kneeling before you, we wish to atone for the indifference and the slights which pierce you to the heart.

R. *Praise to the heart of Jesus, our Savior and our God.*

We ask forgiveness for our own shameful neglect. We wish to make amends for those who are obstinate in their unbelief, for those who turn away from the light and wander like sheep without a shepherd; and for those who have broken their baptismal promises and reject the gentle yoke of your law.

R. *Praise to the heart of Jesus, our Savior and our God.*

We wish to make amends for the sins of our society: for lust and degradation, for the corruption of the young, for indifference and blasphemy, for attacks against your Church, for irreverence and even sacrilege against your love in this Blessed Sacrament, and for the public defiance of your law.

R. *Praise to the heart of Jesus, our Savior and our God.*

These are the sins for which you died, but now we share in your atonement by offering on the altar in union with you the living sacrifice you made on the cross, joining to it the sufferings of your Virgin Mother, and those of all the saints and the whole Church.

R. *Praise to the heart of Jesus, our Savior and our God.*

We promise faithfully that by your grace we shall make reparation for our own sins and for those of others by a strong faith, by holy living, and by obedience to the law of the Gospel, whose greatest commandment is that of charity.

R. *Praise to the heart of Jesus, our Savior and our God.*

We also promise to do our best to discourage others from insulting you and bring those we can to follow you.

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Jesus, Lord, receive this loving act of homage together with the prayers of our Lady, who stood by the cross, our model in reparation. Keep us faithful, even to the point of death, give us the gift of perseverance and lead us all to our promised land in heaven, where you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

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To obtain a plenary indulgence for this act, the faithful must also go to Confession (within 20 days before or after the act), receive Holy Communion on the day of the act, and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father on the day of the act (often done by praying an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be).

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