



*The Importance of the Holy Face Devotion
in the 21st Century*



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INTRODUCTION

*“I seek Veronicas to wipe and venerate
My Divine Face which has but few adorers...”*

Devotion to the Holy Face is as ancient a devotion as that of the devotion to the Crucified Lord. This pious custom began with the offering of a holy Jewish woman’s veil to wipe the spittle, dirt and blood from the countenance of Our Lord during His agonizing journey to Calvary. Her name was Veronica. The reward for her courageous act of mercy was the impression of His Face on her veil. The Image of Our Lord in His Passion is so detailed that it is written:

“A deep feeling of compunction is felt on beholding the head of the Savior pierced with thorns; the bleeding brow, the eyes swollen and filled with blood, the teeth loosened, the beard and hair torn off in many places, the face livid and blackened; on the right cheek, and seen through the bruises, is the print of the gauntlet of Malchus, who cruelly struck him in the house of Anne; on the other cheek, stains of spittle and mud; the nose bleeding and broken; the mouth open and filled with blood.”

Shortly after Christ's Ascension into Heaven, Veronica brought this relic from Jerusalem to Rome as Tiberius Caesar learned from Pilate of Christ's Passion and Resurrection. He had heard of the cloth of Veronica and its miracles. He sent his ambassadors to Jerusalem to ask for this miraculous image to obtain a cure. Veronica would not allow this relic to be taken from her so she carried it to Rome in a reliquary. This image obtained the cure for Tiberius. Because of this, Tiberius wished to put Jesus on the same level as other pagan gods but was not allowed as the Roman Senate believed it was not right to give homage to man as God.

This precious Image has been under the safekeeping of all the Pontiffs from the time of St. Veronica's death. It was first bequeathed to Clement I, fourth successor to St. Peter, and held in their possession up to our present Pontiff.

In the early years of the Church, it was hidden in the Catacombs to ensure its safety from the persecutors of the Faith. When the persecution ended, the relic was brought back into the Churches of Rome for veneration. It was encased in a special niche in St. Peter's Basilica along with the other Holy Relics of the Passion which include the Lance of Longinus and the Relic of the True Cross. Up until recent times, this relic was rarely seen by the faithful as it was held in such great esteem. Kings and Queens who gave allegiance to the Pope were allowed special privileges and indulgences to venerate this Holy Image. "In times of suffering and calamity, and during the 'Holy Years,' the people flew to this precious relic as a powerful palladium, crying, 'Oh God, show Thy face, and we shall be saved!' Many miracles were obtained in

favor of this devotion. The Church has always granted reluctantly the removal of the veil, which covers the precious Image; it was only permitted at distant intervals, and dates were kept in the archives of the Vatican noting this great event and the edict sanction” (In fact during this long period of Papal ownership, the veil has only been publicly exposed 33 times – the last time being during months of April and May, 2010.)

In more recent times, most especially in the 1800’s, veneration of this Image has become more popular due to the fact the popes of this time desired that “the faith of the people, so tepid and relaxing, may become reanimated to devotion.”

“We are living in a time of so much infidelity and immorality, the contagion of false opinions, the licenses, crimes, and violations of divine and social laws have reached such a climax, that not only our holy religion, but human society is perverted and miserably upset.” (Apostolic Letter of our Holy Father, Pius IX, convoking the Ecumenical Council to Rome, on the ‘feast of the Immaculate Conception, 1869)



PART ONE:
Work of Reparation in the 19th Century

*The Holy Face Devotion as given by
Our Lord to Sr. Marie St. Peter*

Our Lord appeared to a cloistered sister of the Carmelite community of Tours, Sister Marie of St. Peter, on August 26th, 1843. This convent was specifically chosen by God to spread devotion to the Holy Face due to the fact that the Reverend Mother had made a special vow promising God that for a whole year two of the religious in her community would offer their Communion for the special intention that the designs of the Sacred Heart should be accomplished. Through Sr. Marie of St. Peter, the world would one-day come to know that the designs of the Sacred Heart were to be accomplished through “The Work of Reparation.”

It was during a terrible storm on that August 26th that Sr. Marie of St. Peter was praying, offering Our Lord Jesus Christ to the Heavenly Father in expiation for her sins and the needs of the Church and felt the anger of God through this storm. She asked God if she was imagining this feeling or that in fact she was feeling His wrath. Our Lord replied in this way, “My Name is everywhere blasphemed! There are even children who blaspheme!” Sr. Marie of St. Peter writes in her autobiography ‘The Golden Arrow’:

“Our Lord made me visualize the act of blasphemy as a poisoned arrow continually wounding His Divine Heart. After that He revealed to me that He wanted to give me a ‘Golden Arrow’ which would have the power of wounding Him delightfully, and which would also heal those other wounds inflicted by the malice of sinners. The following is the formula of the ‘Golden Arrow’ which is an Act of Praise that our Lord Himself dictated to me, notwithstanding my unworthiness, for the reparation of blasphemy against His Holy Name.”

THE GOLDEN ARROW PRAYER

May the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most incomprehensible and unutterable Name of God be always praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified in Heaven, on earth, and in the hells, by all the creatures of God, and by the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Amen.

What is particularly noteworthy is the phrase “in the hells” as Sr. Marie of St. Peter was “astonished” at this terminology. However, Our Lord explained to her that Divine Justice was also glorified there where not only the reprobates reside, but the souls of the just who are being purified. Thus, this devotion is a reminder to all Catholics that there is truly a place called “hell” and a place called “purgatory.” On Feb 2, 1844 Our Lord spoke to Sr. Marie of St. Peter to mention that this “Work of Reparation” was also to include reparation for the profanation of Sundays. On January 5, 1846, Sr. Marie of St. Peter writes, “...this Work included

not only reparation for what is generally called blasphemy, ... but that it also embraced reparation for all of the attacks against Religion and Holy Church, since these also constitute a form of blasphemy.” So perhaps this “Work of Reparation” then could be considered an act of reparation against heretical attacks against the Church which are so numerous and vicious in these times.

On October 27th, 1845, Our Lord spoke to Sr. Marie Pierre:

“I seek Veronicas to wipe and venerate My Divine Face which has but few adorers...To you I give My Holy Face as a recompense for the services you have performed for Me... It is true you have actually achieved only little but your heart is filled with ardent desires. To you, therefore, I now give this Holy Face in the presence of My Eternal Father and in virtue of the Holy Ghost. Before all the angels and saints, I offer you this gift of My Holy Countenance through the hands of My Mother and those of St. Veronica who will teach you how it must be venerated. By My Holy Face you will work wonders!”

Our Lord said, as well, that only Reparation could disarm the Justice of God because the guilt of men had provoked His anger.

On October 4, 1846, Our Lord explained to Sr. Marie what chastisements of God’s Justice would be felt because of the profanation of Sunday. There had been a terrible flood caused by the overflowing of the River Loire that had been unprecedented for many centuries. Sr. Marie was told that God “wielded the elements” because of the profanation of Sunday. On this day, Sr. Marie was

given to know that in the future (perhaps because He was largely ignored) “God’s Justice would use as the instrument of punishment, not the elements, but the **‘malice of revolutionary men—that is the Communists.’**” (This was the **first revelation from Heaven concerning Communism.** Our Lord said that this devotion would defeat it. It is, therefore, the sister-devotion to the Fatima devotion--necessary to save the world. It is interesting to note that **Communism** was at its very beginning stages, as Karl Marx, the father of Communism, had not even published his “Communist Manifesto” until 1848.) Our Lord then ordered Sr. Marie to wage war against the enemies of the Church, the Communists, through her prayers and the instruments of His Passion which would be her only weapons against them and the devil himself.

Our Lord also requested that an Archconfraternity be established. Several attempts were made unsuccessfully, but there was one man whose work for the Holy Face was crowned with success. His name was Mr. Leo Dupont. Leo DuPont was a fervent Catholic and benefactor of the Carmelite Convent of Tours. Sr. Marie asked Leo DuPont for assistance in spreading the devotion to the Holy Face by the printing a small work on the Holy Face. The Carmelite Prioress also gave him a copy of the Holy Face of Veronica’s Veil which had been touched to the original in Rome on the very evening of a miraculous occurrence that involved the Veil. (“The miracle of the Vatican” happened in 1849 at a time when Pope Pius IX had fled to Gaeta before the Revolution. To appease the anger of Heaven and to obtain an end to the evils devastating the Church, he permitted the Holy Face Effigy and a Relic of the True Cross to be publicly venerated in Rome from the Feast of Christmas to

the Epiphany. It was during this time that the Holy Face, though covered with a silk veil, could be seen to become lifelike, change color and expression. This event lasted for three hours in front of a great crowd.) Upon receiving such a gift and great honor, Leo DuPont placed it on a prominent wall in his drawing room with a lantern of oil that he burned day and night in the spirit of reparation. People who visited him were drawn to this “shrine” in his home and asked about it. He was very happy to use this way as a means to teach people about the devotion to the Holy Face and “the Work of Reparation.” Many conversions and cures were obtained from prayers said before this little shrine and the application of the oil from the lamp that constantly burned before the Holy Face. **For thirty years, Leo DuPont carried on his mission in hopes that this devotion would eventually be officially approved by the Church.** Shortly before his death, his hope was realized. He died in the odor of sanctity. His home became a public oratory and a place of pilgrimage. It remains so even to this day.

On October 1, 1885, Pope Leo XIII established the Archconfraternity in this public oratory, as Our Lord had demanded. “The most beautiful work under the sun” had officially begun! It is interesting to note that Our Lord asked that every Confraternity member should wear a special cross called, “The Holy Face Protection Cross.” The cross bears the words on the front, **“Sit Nomen Domini Benedictum”** (Blessed Be the Name of God). On the reverse side of the cross, **“Vade Retro, Satana”** (Begone, Satan) The crossbeam shows the Sacred Heart on the right and the Immaculate Heart on the left and in the center is the reproduction of Veronica’s Veil, reminding wearers to run to Jesus and Mary in

time of temptation. This emblem of the Immaculate Heart present in this cross is yet another sign of this devotion being a sister devotion to Fatima. Unfortunately, this devotion was neglected and forgotten by the beginning of World War I (Perhaps-World War I being a just chastisement for this negligence). For an in depth study of this devotion read the books by Dorothy Scallan, “*The Holy Man of Tours*” and “*The Whole World Will Love Me.*” Also the book called “*The Golden Arrow*” is the autobiography of Sr. Marie of St. Peter. Also, John Vennari of Catholic Family News has an excellent talk on the Holy Face that is on an audiotape.

PROMISES OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST TO SR. MARIE OF PETER

1. By offering My Face to My Eternal Father, nothing will be refused, and the conversion of many sinners will be obtained.
2. By My Holy Face, they will work wonders, appease the anger of God and draw down mercy on sinners.
3. All those who honor My Face in a spirit of reparation will by so doing perform the office of the pious Veronica.
4. According to the care they take in making reparation to My Face disfigured by blasphemers, so will I take care of their souls, which have been disfigured by sin. My Face is the Seal of the Divinity, which has the virtue of reproducing in souls the image of God.

5. Those who, by words, prayers or writings defend My cause in the Work of Reparation, especially My priests, I will defend before My Father, and will give them My Kingdom.
6. As in a kingdom they can procure all that is desired with a coin stamped with the King's effigy, so in the Kingdom of Heaven they will obtain all they desire with the precious coin of My Holy Face.
7. Those who on earth contemplate the wounds of My Face shall in Heaven behold it radiant with glory.
8. They will receive in their souls a bright and constant radiation of My Divinity, that by their likeness to My Face they shall shine with particular splendor in Heaven.
9. I will defend them, I will preserve them and I assure them of Final Perseverance.

AN EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW:

This “Veronica” took Our Lord’s words to heart to repair the damage done to Our Lord’s Holy Name

In 1885, a dear family of relatives took the words of Our Lord seriously and put their signatures to the Holy Face Confraternity in Tours, France. They became “Defenders of the Holy Name of Jesus.” These families were none other than the close-knit families of Guerin and Louis Martin. St. Therese was then only 12 years

old. Did this act of becoming “Veronicas” cause this holy Martin family to become saints? It is an interesting question to think about. With the exception of Therese who is already canonized, all of the members of the Martin Family currently have their Cause for Canonization put forth. Thus St. Therese leads the way with her “Little Way.”

On the 10th of January 1889, the day of her clothing, Sister Therese of the Child Jesus took the new name of Sr. Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face. It seems to be a prophetic announcement of what she was about to undergo. First, she was to endure the great “standing by the cross” as St. John and the Blessed Mother, as she watched helplessly as her father became ill and mentally unrecognizable. In him, she saw the Crucified Christ as she records, “Our dear Father drinking of the bitterest and most humiliating chalice of all” in this mental affliction. Therese even distinguishes Our Lord’s Holy Face in the facial features of her humiliated father.

The words of Isaias Chapter 53 come to mind:

“There is no beauty in him, nor comeliness: and we have seen him, and there was no sightliness, that we should be desirous of him. Despised, and the most abject of men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with infirmity: and his look was as it were hidden and despised, whereupon we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our infirmities and carried our sorrows: and we have thought him as it were a leper, and as one struck by God and afflicted.”

Indeed, Therese's sister, Mother Agnes commented about her: "Devotion to the Holy Face was the Servant of God's special attraction. This was the basis of all her piety."

Even Christ's Passion and Death was reflected in St. Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face. Her "dark night of the soul" recalls Christ's Agony in the Garden and was her preparation for her last fatal illness.

On the eve of the Transfiguration, August 5th, 1897, the image of the Holy Face from the choir of the Carmelites was installed in the infirmary. It was a great consolation and joy for Therese. She was quoted as saying: "Oh! How that Holy Face has done me so much good in my life!" It is said that during those last sleepless nights she would spend gazing upon His Countenance.

"This loving contemplation leads her to a constant configuration with her Beloved, right up to the hour of her agony, endured on September 30th, in imitation of the agony of Jesus, "with no added consolation." At 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the monastery bell rang, as it rang every day, to recall the death of Christ. When "with her arms outstretched in the form of a cross, leaning on her two sisters, she is seen in her agony gasping for breath, it is the vision of the Crucified that makes its mark on the witnesses" The passion of St. Therese caused by the end stages of Tuberculosis mirrored that of the Crucifixion of Our Lord in that the patient dies of suffocation just as the victim of crucifixion. And so it is that His Beloved consummated her life in the same way as He did, her last words being, "My God, I love You!"

So if we are to look deeper into the life of St Therese – “her Little Way” was also the Way of the Cross- the Way to Calvary.



PART TWO:

Work of Reparation in the 20th Century

The Holy Face Devotion as given by Our Lord to Sr. Pierina

Work of Reparation in the 20th Century consists of Reparation for the Outrages that the Holy Face of Jesus received during His Passion and which He receives each day in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

In Part One, we wrote about the work of Sr. Marie Pierre of the Carmelites who in 1843, received orders from Our Lord Himself to begin the Work of Reparation. His Holy Face was to be the object of this Reparation. Our Lord wished the devotion to His Holy Face to be established as a weapon against **Communism. However, this devotion was not fully appreciated in the manner that Our Lord desired. Therefore, as a result of a lack of reparation for the sins of Blasphemy and profanation of Sundays, a planned worldwide Communist takeover was allowed by God which would eventually lead to World War I and continues to this day.** However, Our Lord is very patient and though He was not pleased with the progress of the devotion, He decided to choose another soul to further this work of reparation about one hundred

years later. Her name in religious life was Sr. Maria Pierina De Micheli, a Daughter of the Immaculate Conception.

He prepared this soul in this way. On Good Friday of 1902, when Sr. Maria Pierina was a young girl of 12 she was attending service when she heard “Will no one give Me a kiss of love on My Face to make reparation for the Kiss of Judas?” She proceeded to then kiss the crucifix on the face. This was the beginning of Sr. Maria’s preparation for the work she was to be given. It is the key to this devotion. For you will see in the last years of her life, she was asked to make reparation for bad religious. For as the kiss of Judas initiated Christ’s Passion and Death, so the gaze of the Holy Face from the Cross consummated it--that Holy Face that Peter could not bear to look at when he swore an oath of betrayal against His Savior and yes, that same Holy Face that St. John courageously beheld beneath the Cross as he supported Our Lady in her grief.

Years later, on Good Friday, 1913, during her novitiate in the Daughters of the Immaculate Conception, Our Lord repeated his request as she once again heard the voice of Jesus saying to her: “Kiss Me.”

She immediately obeyed by kissing the statue of the crucifix but instead of the touch of plaster of the image upon her lips, she felt the Sacred Cheek of Our Lord.

In many ways, Sr. Marie Pierina’s life mirrored the life of Mother Mariana de Jesus Torres of Quito, Ecuador and other great saints that had special missions. Not only did it seem as if God favored her at an early age with special gifts, but she also became a

religious in an order dedicated to the Immaculate Conception. As well, her life was quite ordinary in her role as novice. She, too, like Mother Mariana, took on a variety of jobs within the convent. Additionally, she suffered from many strange ailments and was attacked by the devil quite regularly- so much so in fact that whenever some kind of mishap occurred such as a fall or loud crash, it was assumed right away that the devil was the cause of this accident. In order not to frighten the other sisters, she always denied it and blamed it on her clumsiness. However, it was, in fact, the evil one tormenting her trying to tempt her to discouragement and despair.

In 1936, Our Lord revealed His desires to Sr. Marie on the first Friday of Lent. Jesus asked Mother Marie Pierina to share His spiritual agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. “I desire that My Face, which shows My Soul’s deepest anguish, My Heart’s sorrow and love, may be more honored. Whoever contemplates Me, consoles Me.” Later on in that same Lent, Our Lord shares a promise with her, “Every time that anyone gazes at My Face, I will pour My Love into hearts and by means of My Holy Face, the salvation of many souls will be obtained.” Then in 1937, Our Lord instructed her; *“It may be that some souls fear that the devotion and cult of My Holy Face diminishes that towards My Heart. Tell them that on the contrary, it will be completed and augmented. In contemplating My Face, souls will share in all My gifts and will feel the need for love and reparation. Is that not perhaps the true devotion to My Heart?”* Sr. Marie Pierina submitted all of these revelations to her spiritual director.

In May, 1938, Our Lord appeared with His bloodstained Face and repeated His offering of sanctifying and saving souls through the offering of His Holy Face, but He adds that when this offering is made “through My priests, miracles will be worked.” He asks for souls who will “sacrifice themselves with Me for the salvation of the world.” She left it in her Superiors hands to get the necessary permission to begin this work of reparation. Later that month on the Queenship of Mary, May 31, Our Lady appeared to her in a dazzling light. She held two pieces of white flannel joined by a cord. It was a scapular on which held the Image of the Holy Face having the words around it “*Ilumina, Domine Vultum Tuum Super Nos*” and then on the other, an image of the Sacred Host with rays of light shining out from It and the words around it saying “*Mane nobiscum, Domine.*” Our Lady said, “...This scapular is a weapon of defense, a shield of strength, a pledge of love and mercy which Jesus wishes to give to the world IN THESE TIMES OF SENSUALITY AND HATRED AGAINST GOD AND THE CHURCH. DIABOLIC SNARES ARE BEING LAID TO TEAR THE FAITH FROM MEN’S HEARTS AND EVIL SPREADS. True Apostles are few. A Divine Remedy is necessary and this remedy is the Holy Face of Jesus. All those who shall wear a scapular like this and will make, if possible, a visit to the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday, in reparation for the outrages that the Holy Face of My Son, Jesus, received during His Passion and which He receives each day in the Eucharistic sacrament, will be fortified in the Faith, made able to defend it and in the end will have a happy death under the loving gaze of My Divine Son.” Some time later, Sr. Pierina was bothered as she had medals cast

for distribution and she worried that she should have had scapulars made instead. Our Lady explained to her that either the medal or the scapular could be used. It did not matter which one, as both were equally pleasing to God.

Meanwhile, in daily life, the devil, seeing what tremendous merit this soul was accomplishing for the future of the Church and the Faithful, tormented her unceasingly. Poor Sr. Pierina could not manage to have a picture of either the Sacred Heart or the Holy Face venerated in her room, for this evil being would waste no time in burning it or ripping it to shreds. As well, when the medals were finally delivered for distribution, he flung them out of her hands and they all went flying across the room. Such was the furious wrath of Satan towards the missionary of this devotion. But Sr. Pierina accepted all, even going so far as to offer herself as a victim soul. She wrote to her Spiritual Director on November 16th, 1938, these words: *“Then this idea came to me. What if I were to ask Jesus to deprive me of all spiritual comfort for the rest of my life, to live in fact as one lives in certain terrible moments, knowing by faith alone that God is good, in order that Jesus might triumph in hearts?”* She was asking to be allowed to bear the trials of those in the state of despair even to experience the hopelessness of the damned in order to save souls from such an horrendous fate. As Sr. Pierina grew older, her mysterious sicknesses and injuries became more frequent. She continued to try to disguise her illnesses but, at times, a puzzling paralysis would takeover. Other times, people would see marks on her body of bruises or scratches as the devil took advantage of the nighttime hours to attack her physically.

World War II brought more suffering upon Sr. Pierina, both physically and spiritually. Despite all of this, she managed to work to spread this devotion. Throughout the war, medals were distributed across Europe. Many lives were saved under its protection.

In 1941, Our Lord asked Sister if she would be willing to join Him in the agony of His Soul in Gethsemane for the sins “of those most dear to Me and especially for the rebuffs I receive from the souls of many religious.” Our Lord asked her in particular to make reparation for the sin of pride in religious souls. These last years were spent in doing just that. The “Kiss” that was to make reparation for the kiss of Judas now takes on new meaning for her. For as Judas was a priest and a bishop of Christ, Our Lord, in His request, was asking Sr. Pierina to make reparation for all of the “Judases” of the world that were offending Him—most particularly religious “Judases.” For you see, those apostles who betrayed Our Savior on Holy Thursday ran from the Holy Face. **(And how many religious souls have run from Him and continue to run from Him in the past 60+ years since Our Lord appeared to Sr. Pierina?)** There was only one Apostle who did not run from it—St. John. Through that gallant act in which he stayed and comforted Our Lady as they watched Jesus throughout His Passion, St. John was given something none of the other apostles dared to receive which was an active participation in His Passion. This active participation merited for him a fortification in His Faith and made him able to defend it as He stood beside Our Blessed Mother. In that gaze from the cross, Christ gave His Mother to us via St. John. This was one of the greatest gifts He could have given us short of a promise of Heaven.

In conclusion, all that Our Lord asked of Sr. Pierina, she did wholeheartedly until the end of her days. Her last words being, “I will see all of you again in Heaven.” As she gazed at the Image of the Holy Face, she died in the odor of sanctity on July 26th, 1945. Let us have hope that she was not just talking to her dear fellow sisters, but all who have devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus. In that last love-filled look to Our Lord, she was showing us the way to Heaven.

We would like to remind you that Communism is far from being dead. The enemy does not sleep. Here is a recent quote from one Communist website called www.redsun.org, “...*we are unfolding within the new era, initiated with the October Revolution in 1917, in the past century, which is grand and glorious, a great milestone. You may be disturbed by the fact that restoration has taken place in the USSR and in China, but this implies not seeing the struggle between restoration and counter-restoration...Communism will not be in one country; it will be in the entire world, or it will not be at all...We are inexorably marching toward it. Nobody take us off this course.*”

These words filled with an ardent zeal for the spread of Communism are a reminder of what awaits us if we do not fight. We dare to say that we **MUST** take them off this course! With the Holy Face in one hand as our shield and Our Lady’s rosary in the other as our weapon, we must march toward this final battle in which Our Lady will be triumphant and crush the serpent’s head! **For in this mystery of the Holy Face is the core theme—Reparation. Reparation for those who are attacking the Catholic Church from without AND WITHIN—even our priests and religious who are infiltrators! This is a battle to the**

death - the death of Communism, the death of Masonry once and for all! Remember with the devotion of Our Lady of Good Success –she promises “good success” in all of our endeavors- we cannot fail! (All facts taken from “The Story of Sister Maria De Micheli by Sr. Maria Ildefonsa Rigamonti)

We will leave you with this excerpt from a lecture given by Father Mateo Crawley-Bouvey-SS SC, Apostle of the Sacred Heart:

“Are you really zealous? Are you really apostles of the Holy Face of Jesus? You must be the ones to set fire to other hearts. How many Catholics there are who have not grasped the duty of being apostles, the duty of gratitude! It is our positive duty - our obligation to bring others to Jesus, to give Him not only our souls, but the souls of others. Be grateful and generous in giving of the treasure of Holy Face of Jesus, which Our Lord has entrusted to your care, lavishing this treasure on souls, on poor starving souls. It is sad that so few truly love Jesus.”



PRAYERS OF REPARATION TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS

(As requested by Our Lord Jesus Christ)

These prayers are to be said on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, publicly (if possible), and preferably before the Blessed Sacrament or before the picture of the Holy Face.

Dear Lord, through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, I (we) offer Thee these prayers in reparation for the sins which offend God the most in these modern times – the sins of BLASPHEMY and the PROFANATION OF SUNDAY and Thy Holy Days of Obligation:

One Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be To The Father



THE “GOLDEN ARROW” PRAYER –

Dictated by Our Lord to Sister Mary of St. Peter

May the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most incomprehensible and unutterable Name of God be always praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified in Heaven, on earth, and under the earth, by all the creatures of God, and by the Sacred

Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Amen.

After receiving this prayer, Sister Mary of St. Peter was given a vision in which she saw the Sacred Heart of Jesus delightfully wounded by this “Golden Arrow,” as torrents of graces streamed from It for the conversion of sinners.

THE CHAPLET OF THE HOLY FACE

For

*“Triumph of Christ’s Holy Church,
and the downfall of Her enemies.”*

The Chaplet of the Holy Face comes from Sr. Mary of St. Peter, a Holy Carmelite Nun of Tours, France, given to her by our Lord November 15, 1843.

It is said for the *“Triumph of His Holy Church, and the downfall of her enemies.”* It is well to recite daily to obtain this. It is for the honor of the 5 senses of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The first 30 beads recall the 30 years of Jesus’ hidden life. They are divided into 5 groups of 6 beads each. Each one represents one of the 5 senses. TOUCH, HEARING, SIGHT, SMELL, and TASTE. Each decade is said meditating on one of the 5 senses to offer reparative homage for all the suffering and disrespect JESUS endured through the senses of His Holy Face during His passion.

St. Athanasius said the devils hate “Arise, O Lord and let Thy enemies be scattered...” more than any other scripture verse. He added that this always compelled them to take flight.

100 days extra indulgence for every prayer said before a picture of the Holy Face! Granted by Pope Pius IX, Dec. 11, 1876

The cross reminds us of the mystery of our redemption.

Sign yourself with the Cross and say:

V ... O GOD, incline unto my aid!:

R ... O Lord, make haste to help me!:

Then Glory Be ...

Now go to the first decade bead after the medal, on each of the 6 beads say:

V ... Arise, O Lord and let Thy enemies be scattered

R ... And let them that hate Thee flee from before Thy Face.

Then say Glory be to recall the sense you wish to honor.

On the Father beads say:

“My JESUS Mercy”

Repeat this sequence till you come to the medal

On the Medal say:

V ... O GOD, our protector, look down upon us,

R ... And cast Thine eyes upon the Face of Thy Christ!

The last 3 beads mark JESUS’ public life. On them, we honor all the wounds inflicted upon His adorable Face! Treat these beads the same, saying on the Our Father beads, “My JESUS Mercy,” preceded by a Gloria, then the “Arise O Lord.” When done, the Glory Be is recited 7 times in honor of the 7 last words of JESUS upon the Cross, and the 7 Dolors of the Immaculate Virgin.

When JESUS was named—Satan was disarmed!

~ From the “Little Satchet”

PRAYER OF ST THERESE OF THE INFANT JESUS AND THE HOLY FACE

It is said that this devotion brought St. Therese of Lisieux, “the Little Flower,” to her great sanctity. This is the prayer to the Holy Face St. Therese composed:

O Jesus, who in Thy bitter Passion didst become “the most abject of men, a man of sorrows,” I venerate Thy Sacred Face whereon there once did shine the beauty and sweetness of the Godhead; but now it has become for me as if it were the face of a leper! Nevertheless, under those disfigured features, I recognize Thy infinite Love and I am consumed with the desire to love Thee and make Thee loved by all men. The tears which well up abundantly in Thy sacred eyes appear to me as so many precious pearls that I love to gather up, in order to purchase the souls of poor sinners by means of their infinite value. O Jesus, whose adorable Face ravishes my heart, I implore Thee to fix deep within me Thy divine image and to set me on fire with Thy Love, that I may be found worthy to come to the contemplation of Thy glorious Face in Heaven. Amen.



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