

Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus booklet

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This salutary reparation to the Holy Face is a Divine Work to save modern society”
(Pope Pius IX)

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HISTORY

Devotion to the Holy Face was revealed by Jesus to Sr. Marie of St Peter (1816-1848) a Carmelite nun of Tours in France.

***The primary purpose of the devotion is to make reparation
for sins against the first three commandments:
Denial of God (atheism / communism),
Blasphemy,
and the profanation of Sundays and Holy Days***

The devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus, based on the life and writings of Sr. Marie of St. Peter, was eventually approved by Pope Leo XIII in 1885 who established the devotion as an Arch-confraternity for the whole world.

In January 1849 Pope Pius IX had the relic of Veronica's veil placed for public veneration in Rome.

During this time, the Divine Face appeared distinctly, as if living, and was illuminated by a soft light.

Reproductions of the veil such as the one above were later printed, touched to the original and sent abroad for veneration.

This devotion the Holy Face of Jesus so inspired St Therese that she took the title: '*Sr. Therese of the Child Jesus and of the holy face.*'

Promises given to Sr. Marie of St Peter for the devotion of reparation:

- 1) All those who honor my face in a spirit of reparation will by doing so perform the office of the pious Veronica. 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.
- 2) Those who by words, prayers or writing defend My cause in this work of reparation I will defend before My Father, and will give them My Kingdom.
- 3) By offering My Face to My eternal Father, nothing will be refused, and the conversion of many sinners will be obtained.
- 4) By My Holy Face, they will work wonders, appease the anger of God and draw down mercy on sinners.
- 5) As in a Kingdom they can procure all that is desired with a coin stamped with the Kings effigy, so in the Kingdom of Heaven they will obtain all they desire with the precious coin of my Holy Face.
- 6) Those who on earth contemplate the wounds of My Face shall in Heaven behold it radiant with glory.
- 7) They will receive in their souls a bright and constant irradiation of My Divinity, that by their likeness to My Face they shall shine with particular splendour in Heaven.
- 8) I will defend them, I will preserve them and I assure them of Final Perseverance.

The prayers of reparation dictated to and composed by Sr. Mary of St. Peter are found below. It was revealed to her that this work against blasphemy (abusing the Holy Name of God) includes reparation for all attacks against religion and against Holy Church, since these also constitute a form of blasphemy.

The Medal of the Holy face

On the first Friday of Lent 1936, Mother Maria Pierina de Michelli (who will be beatified on 30th May 2010) reported a vision of Jesus.

In further visions she was urged to make a medal bearing the Holy Face of Jesus. She was given permission to reproduce the face of the Holy Shroud of Turin and authorisation by the Curia to proceed in 1940 with the medal.



One side has the image of the Holy Shroud of Turin and the words of Psalm 66:2 "***illumina Domine Vultum Tuum super nos***" (may the light of your Face, O Lord, shine upon us).

On the other side there is a depiction of the sacred host with the letters IHS and "*Mane nobiscum Domine*" (stay with us O Lord).

Pope Pius XII approved the devotion and medal in 1958.

She also reported Jesus' desire of a special feast day on the Tuesday preceding Ash Wednesday each year (Shrove Tuesday), to be preceded by a 9 day novena of prayer.

The medal became famous for the miracles and spiritual favours associated with its use. In our Blessed Mother's own words, the medal is "*a weapon for defence, a shield for courage, a token of love and mercy in these troubled day of lust, evil, loss of faith and hatred for God and for His Church.*"

Whoever wears this scapular (medal) and, if possible pays a weekly visit to the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays in a spirit of reparation to the Holy Face will be a granted a gift of strong Faith and the grace to fly to its defence conquering if need be all interior and exterior difficulties. Moreover they will meet their death peacefully under the loving gaze of my divine Son.

In 1958, Pope Pius XII declared the feast of the Holy Face of Jesus for all Roman Catholics to be the day before Ash Wednesday (**Shrove Tuesday**).

(A Copy of this Blessed Medal can be obtained free from address at end)



Tuesdays and Eucharistic Devotion to the Holy Face

As noted above, a visit to the Blessed Sacrament on a Tuesday in a spirit of reparation to the Holy Face bestows special graces.

Sr. Mary of St. Peter writes:

“In the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, His adorable Face is more dazzling than the sun. He then once more promised to imprint his Divine Likeness upon the souls of those who honour the features of his Face” autobiography Page 187

St. Gaetana Catanoso (canonized by Pope Benedict XVI) said:

“if we wish to adore the real Face of Jesus... we can find it in the divine Eucharist where with the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the Face of our Lord is hidden under the white veil of the host.”

Pope Benedict XVI stated:

“we must allow ourselves be transformed by the ‘radiance of his Face’ ”.



The Holy Father referred to that “face concealed in the Eucharistic signs.”

Would you consider setting up a Holy Face confraternity of reparation in your own parish? Details available from the websites listed at the end of this pamphlet. Call our office for information on setting up such a group.

One can make a NOVENA OF REPARATION TO OBTAIN A FAVOUR by saying the *Golden Arrow* prayer and the *“litany of the Holy Face”* on nine consecutive days, preferably before the Blessed Sacrament or the picture of the Holy Face, and by going to Confession and Communion.

THE “GOLDEN ARROW” PRAYER

(Dictated by Our Lord to Sister Mary of St. Peter)

This “Golden Arrow” prayer was given to Sr. Mary of St. Peter to atone for the sins of blasphemy against God’s name. Just as sins of blasphemy were like a ‘poisoned arrow’ continually wounding God’s Heart, she saw in a vision that this “Golden Arrow” had the power to wound him “delightfully”.

Our Lord revealed to her the inseparable connection in honouring the unutterable name of God through the Golden Arrow prayer and in venerating the Holy Face of Jesus.

She saw how its recitation caused torrents of graces to stream for the conversion of sinners.

It is the central prayer in the devotion to the Holy Face.

“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.”

She said these are prayers of reparation to counter Gods’ wrath which men guilty of these sins draw down on the world and are a means of remedy, deliverance and God’s mercy.

The following prayers of reparation 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.

They can be used as provided herein as a “ready-to-go” format for public recitation. Tuesday is traditionally a day to honour the Holy Face. Why not conduct a holy face prayer group once a week or other frequency at home or in Church?

Prayers of Reparation to the Holy Face

Introductory Prayer

Dear Lord, through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary I (we) offer you 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 Your Holy Days of Obligation.

Prayer to offer the Holy Face of Jesus to God the Father to appease his justice and draw down mercy upon us

Almighty and Eternal Father, since it has pleased Our Divine Saviour to reveal to mankind in modern times the power residing in His Holy Face, we now avail ourselves of this treasure in our great need.

Since our Savior Himself promised that by offering to you His Holy face disfigured in the passion we can procure the settlement of all the affairs of our household, and that nothing whatsoever will be refused to us, we now come before Your throne.

Eternal Father, turn away Your angry gaze from our guilty people whose face has become unsightly in your eyes. Look instead upon the Face of Your Beloved Son; for this is the Face of Him in whom you are well pleased. We now offer You His Holy face covered with blood, sweat, dust, spittle and shame, in reparation for the worst crimes of our age, which are atheism, blasphemy and the desecration of Your holy days.

We thus hope to appease Your anger justly provoked against us. The All-Merciful Advocate opens His mouth to plead our cause; listen to His cries, behold His tears, O God, and through the merits of His Holy Face, hearken to Him when he intercedes for us poor miserable sinners.

LITANY OF THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS

(composed by Sister Mary St. Peter)

I salute Thee, I adore Thee and I love Thee, O adorable Face of Jesus, my Beloved, noble Seal of the Divinity! outraged anew by blasphemers. I offer Thee, through the heart of Thy blessed Mother, the worship of all the Angels and Saints, most humbly beseeching Thee to repair and renew in me and in all men Thine Image disfigured by sin.

O adorable Face which was adored, with profound respect, by Mary and Joseph when they saw Thee for the first time, have mercy on us,

O adorable Face which ravished with joy, in the stable of Bethlehem, the Angels, the shepherds and the magi, have mercy on us,

O adorable Face which transpierced with a dart of love in the Temple, the saintly old man Simeon and the prophetess Anna, have mercy on us,

O adorable Face which filled with admiration the Doctors of the Law when Thou appeared in the Temple at the age of twelve years, have mercy on us,

O adorable Face which possesses beauty always ancient and always new, have mercy on us,

O adorable Face which is the masterpiece of the Holy Ghost, in which the Eternal Father is well pleased, have mercy on us,

O adorable Face which is the ineffable mirror of the divine perfections, have mercy on us,

O adorable Face of Jesus which was so mercifully bowed down on the Cross, on the day of Thy Passion, for the salvation of the world! Once more today in pity bend down towards us poor sinners. Cast upon us a glance of compassion and give us Thy peace.

O adorable Face which became brilliant like the sun and radiant with glory, on the Mountain of Tabor, have mercy on us,

O adorable Face which wept and was troubled at the tomb of Lazarus, have mercy on us,

O adorable Face which was rendered sad at the sight of Jerusalem, and shed tears on that ungrateful city, have mercy on us,

O adorable Face which was bowed down to the ground in the Garden of Olives, and covered with confusion for our sins, have mercy on us,

O adorable Face which was covered with the sweat of blood, have mercy on us,

O adorable Face which was struck by a vile servant, covered with a veil of shame, and profaned by the sacrilegious hands of Thine enemies, have mercy on us,

O adorable Face which by Its divine glance, wounded the heart of St. Peter with a dart of sorrow and love, have mercy on us,

Be merciful to us, O my God!
Do not reject our prayers, when in the midst
of our afflictions, we call upon Thy Holy Name
and seek with love and confidence
Thine adorable Face.

O adorable Face which was washed and anointed by Mary and the holy women and covered with a shroud, have mercy on us,

O adorable Face which was all resplendent with glory and beauty on the day of the Resurrection, have mercy on us,

O adorable Face which is hidden in the Eucharist, have mercy on us,

O adorable Face which will appear at the end of time in the clouds with great power and great majesty, have mercy on us,

O adorable Face which will make sinners tremble, have mercy on us,

O adorable Face which will fill the just with joy for all eternity, have mercy on us,

O adorable Face which merits all our reverence, our homage and our adoration, have mercy on us,

O Lord, show us Thy Face, and we shall be saved!

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Prayer of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus to the Holy Face

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 that thou hast shed so abundantly 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, to set me on fire with Thy Love, and to make me worthy to contemplate in Heaven Thy glorious Face. Amen.

Chaplet of Sister Marie of St Peter

The following Chaplet of Reparation contains prayers composed by Sister Marie of St Peter after Jesus asked her to battle in prayer against the “enemies of God”, especially communists.

(Even if you do not have the ‘chaplet’ of beads, you can still pray the prayers). Chaplet beads can be ordered from the address at the end.

The Holy Face Chaplet beads consists of 33 beads made up of 5 sets of 6 beads each to make reparation for the sins of blasphemy against Our Lord’s Holy Face through His five senses and the last three beads in honour of the three years of our Lord’s public ministry on earth.

On the Crucifix say:

Eternal Father I offer You the cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ and all the other instruments of His Holy Passion, that You may put division in the camp of Your enemies; for as Your Beloved Son has said, "A kingdom divided against itself shall fall."

On the next five beads say:

- 1) May God arise and let His enemies be scattered and let those who hate Him flee before His Face!
- 2) May the thrice Holy Name of God overthrow all their plans!
- 3) May the Holy Name of the Living God split them up by disagreements!
- 4) May the terrible Name of the God of Eternity stamp out all their godlessness!
- 5) Lord, I do not desire the death of the sinner, but that he be converted and live.
"Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

On the medal say: *the "Golden Arrow" prayer.*

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Amen.”

On the thirty three white beads say:

Arise, O Lord, and let Your enemies be scattered, and let those that hate You flee before Your Face.

On each of the six large beads say:

My Jesus, mercy” and one “Glory Be..”

On the medal at the end say:

Eternal Father, I offer You the Holy Face of Jesus, covered with blood, sweat, dust and spittle, in reparation for the crimes of communists, blasphemers, and for the profaners of the Holy Name and of the Holy Day of Sunday. (This exclamation is also recommended to be recited frequently throughout the day).



“Every time my Face is contemplated, I will pour out my love into the hearts of those persons and by means of my Holy Face, the salvation of many souls will be obtained.”

Our Lord to Sr. Pierina

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