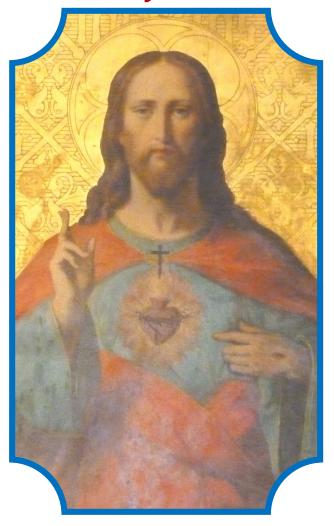
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ASPIRATIONS TO THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS



I.

MOST SACRED Heart of Jesus, admirable Heart, worthy of the majesty of God and of the mercy of the Redeemer, how little are thy perfections known! Enlighten my soul in the knowledge of thine unbounded excellence, that I may render to thee the glory and the praises which are thy due.

II.

O HEART of my Jesus, infinitely amiable! possess my heart, unite it so closely to thee, that it may never be separated from thee.

III.
O HEART,
infinitely holy,
model of all hearts!
sanctify my heart,
and render it
like to thine.

IV.

O SACRED Heart, inexhaustible source of graces! enrich my soul with the treasures which are contained in thine.

V.

O SOVEREIGN
King of hearts!
submit to thy
sweet empire
my ungrateful and
rebellious heart.

VI.

O HEART of Jesus, always inflamed with the divine love, the most pure and the most perfect! enkindle in my heart thy divine charity.

VII.

O HEART of Jesus, the most delightful object of the complacency of the Eternal Father! make me become worthy of his benign countenance, perfect my affections with thine, and deign to supply, by the sanctity of thy works, the imperfection of mine.

VIII.

O DIVINE Heart, the seat of all virtues! teach my heart to relish and imitate these virtues.

IX.

HEART sorrowful unto death for the sins of the world! penetrate me with sorrow for my sins.

Χ.

AMIABLE Heart,
pierced with a lance
for the love of me,
and open to serve
as a refuge for pure
souls! purify me,
in order that I may be
admitted into this holy
and pleasing abode.

Ant. Sacred Heart of Jesus, abounding in goodness and tenderness for us, may all in us be consecrated to thee!

V. Jesus, meek and humble of Heart,

R. Render our hearts like to thine.

