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FORTY FLAMES
OR ASPIRATIONS OF LOVE
OFFERED TO THE LOVING
HEART OF JESUS
—*St. John Eudes*



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I. O wondrous Heart of my Jesus, what joy it gives me to behold in Thee all the grandeur, all the riches and wonders of all beings created and uncreated!

II. O divine Heart, first object of the Eternal Father's love, as well as of Thine own, I give myself to Thee to be plunged deep into the abyss of that love forever.

III. O adorable Heart of the Only Son of Mary, my heart is filled with joy to see that Thou hast more love for that Blessed Virgin than for all created things, and that her love for Thee is greater than for all created things together. I give my whole heart to that mutual love of Son and Mother.

IV. O most loving Heart of my Saviour, I offer Thee all that love which rises to Thee like a flame from the hearts of the divine beloved, begging them to kindle my heart with theirs.

V. O Jesus, lawful King and Lord of all hearts, be Thou the King of my heart, and let me be naught but heart and love towards Thee as Thou art to me naught but a Heart of love.

VI. O Jesus most good, whither shall I flee from Thy justice unless Thou hide me in Thy Heart?

VII. O wonderful Heart, Thou source of my life, let me live only in Thee and by Thee!

VIII. O most loving Heart, how dearly have I cost Thee, seeing Thou hast bought me with the last drop of Thy blood! How my heart would rejoice to give Thee its last drop!

IX. O Heart most good, Thou hast laden me with graces and favors. Let all my heart-beats be so many acts of love and praise of Thee!

X. O most gentle Heart, Thou hast always loved me. Let my heart not have a breath of life except to love Thee!

XI. O most charitable Heart, who hast died to give me life, let me live with Thy life and die by Thy death for love of Thee!

XII. O Jesus, Thy Heart is aflame with most pure love for me; let me also love Thee, not for any temporal or eternal interest, but purely and solely for love of Thee!

XIII. O my Jesus, Thy Divine Father hath put all things in Thy hands, and Thy love holds them ever open to give me all. May all that I have and all that I am be also entirely Thine forever!

XIV. O God of my heart, may the love which caused Thee to die for me make me also die for Thee!

XV. O Heart so great, what is there greater than Thou? Who shall tell me that there is aught, either on earth or in heaven, than that to which I have given my heart?

XVI. O Heart of Jesus, it is Thou who hast given me Jesus to be my treasure, my glory, my life, my all; let me also be all to Him!

XVII. O Only Son of God, how is it possible, being the Son of so good a Father, that Thou didst will to have so wicked a brother as I, who have so grievously offended Thy Most Loving Father?

XVIII. O Heart, full of wisdom and light, thinking of me and all the infinitesimal things that concern me, let my mind and my heart be also equally attached to Thee, and let me serve Thee faithfully in the smallest as well as in the greatest things!

XIX. O Heart most mighty, employ Thy divine power to destroy in my heart all that

offends Thee!

XX. O Heart so great, loving me everywhere in Thy omnipresence, let me also love Thee everywhere and in all things!

XXI. O Heart most faithful in Thy love, who lovest Thy friends in adversity more than in prosperity, make me love Thee more in times of affliction than of consolation!

XXII. O Heart of the King of the lowly, veritable abyss of humility, crush in me everything that is contrary to that holy virtue, and make it rule absolutely in my heart!

XXIII. O Heart most obedient, who hast preferred to lose Thy life rather than disobey, make me love obedience, for without it I cannot please Almighty God!

XXIV. O Heart infinitely purer than the hearts of angels, the source of all purity, imprint on my heart a very special love of purity and a vivid horror of all that is contrary to it!

XXV. O Heart and furnace of flaming charity, destroy and consume in us all that is opposed to divine charity, and make it rule in all the children of God!

XXVI. O divine Heart, who could fathom the infinite hatred Thou hast for sin? Imprint it upon our hearts and make us hate nothing in the world but that infernal monster, which is the sole object of Thy hate.

XXVII. O Father of Jesus, love Thy Son Jesus for me. Make me share in that love Thou bearest Him!

XXVIII. O Jesus, love Thy Divine Father for me, and enkindle my heart with the love Thou hast for Him!

XXIX. O adorable Spirit, who art all love and charity, do Thou love my Most Gracious

Father and my Most Loving Jesus for me, and transform my whole heart into love for Them!

XXX. O Jesus, Only Son of God and Only Son of Mary, love Thy divine Mother for me, and enkindle my heart with Thy wondrous love for her.

XXXI. O Mother of love, do thou love Thy Jesus and my Jesus for me, and make me share in the love Thou hast for Him.

XXXII. O blessed St. Joseph, St. Gabriel, St. Joachim, St. Anne, St. John the Baptist, St. John the Evangelist, St. Lazarus, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Martha, all ye holy apostles and disciples of Jesus, all ye holy martyrs, all ye holy priests and levites, all ye holy virgins and all ye other saints, especially ye beloved of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, do ye love Jesus and Mary for me, and pray them to model me after their example and to number me among the children of their Heart, and to associate me in your love for them forever and ever.

XXXIII. O my Jesus, since Thy Father hath given me all in giving me Thee, all the hearts of the universe belong to me; therefore I include them all in the desire to love Thee with all the love of which they were capable when Thou didst create them to love Thee.

XXXIV. O my Jesus, hast Thou not said that Thou didst come to cast fire upon the earth, and that Thou hast no greater desire than to kindle all hearts? How is it then that the whole earth is full of hearts like ice? Sin is the sole cause of man's frigid soul. O cursed sin, how gladly would I be reduced to nothingness that you might be annihilated in every soul!

XXXV. O Heart of my Jesus, great furnace

of love, send Thy sacred flames into all hearts of the universe, to enlighten them with heavenly fire and enkindle them with Thy divine sparks!

XXXVI. O Good Jesus, who hast so loved the Cross for love of me, that Thy Holy Spirit calls the day of Thy great sufferings the day of Thy Heart's joy, make me love and embrace with my whole heart all the crosses that are in store for me out of love for my most precious Crucified!

XXXVII. O most loving Hearts of Jesus and Mary, who are but one Heart in the unity of mind, will and affection, make your most unworthy child have but one heart with you and with all hearts that are yours!

XXXVIII. O Heart of Jesus, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort hath given Thee to me and Thou art really my heart. Do Thou love for me everything that I should love and in the way that my God wills that I should love it.

XXXIX. O Heart of Jesus and Mary, inestimable treasure of manifold good, be my one treasure, my refuge and my protection! To you I have recourse in all my needs and necessities. When the hearts of all men deceive and abandon me, I have full confidence that the most precious and faithful Heart of my Loving Jesus and of His most sweet Mother will not deceive me and never will abandon me.

XL. Attend and hear, O vast furnace of love! It is but a tiny straw asking most humbly and earnestly to be immersed, absorbed, lost, swallowed up and consumed in Thy sacred flames for ever and ever!

LIVE JESUS AND MARY