

Elements of Devotion to the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

The Unity Prayer

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- P42: Then the sweet Redeemer asked me to pray with Him the prayer that expresses His deepest desires:
- May our feet journey together.
- May our hands gather in unity.
- May our hearts beat in unison.
- May our souls be in harmony.
- May our thoughts be as one.
- May our ears listen to the silence together.
- May our glances profoundly penetrate each other.
- May our lips pray together to gain mercy from the Eternal Father.

Jesus' Prayer To Us

- The Unity Prayer is Jesus' prayer to us as well as our prayer to Him
 - P42: I made this prayer completely mine. The Lord meditated on it many times with me, asserting that these are His eternal longings. He taught me this prayer, so that I would in turn teach it to others. With all our strength and mind, let us make our own His eternal thoughts and burning desires.
- It blinds Satan:
 - P42: Jesus: "This prayer is an instrument in your hands. By collaborating with Me, Satan will be blinded by it; and because of his blindness, souls will not be led into sin."
- It's not about us and Him
- It's all about sacrificing together for others

May Our Feet Journey Together

- Much more than a poetic statement of unity
 - Elsewhere, Jesus explains what He means
 - The prayer is a call to the way of life of the Flame of Love
- Journey where? - To Calvary for the salvation of others!
 - p87: Jesus: "You suffer, do you not? Suffer for Me. This is My gift. You can only receive suffering like this from Me. Whether the suffering is spiritual or bodily, accept it from pure love for Me. You know what I told you: We must go up to Calvary. May our feet journey together. And if you are feeling alone, I permit it only so that you receive merits that you can offer for your faults and for souls consecrated to Me.
 - Do not be frightened by the suffering that frequently comes upon your soul. I do this to get you accustomed to sufferings. By these, we walk together and gather together."
 - p88: Jesus: "My little Carmelite, your continual sacrifices give witness to your continual fidelity to Me and to My work of Salvation. These make you walk on the path of martyrdom. Do not fear, our feet journey together, and even though you grieve, let us continue walking together."

Walking to Calvary

- Jesus' request to accompany Him to Calvary is a perfect example of devotion to the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
 - It is nothing new – cf. Luke 9:23-24
 - Pouring out our lives for others as Jesus did (I John 3:16) is not just imitation but is literal grace as Jesus lives in us and continues His redemptive work of showing love by suffering for others – Col 1:24
- Jesus is simply bringing to this devotion what we should have been doing all along to open the floodgates of grace
- The willingness to give anything for the sake of saving others is central to the Flame of Love – which is Jesus Himself
- This is a huge topic and will be its own series of presentations

May Our Hands Gather In Unity

- P82: Jesus: “You know that you must always gather with Me. Now, here in this silence, you can gather with Me; also, in the quiet of the night, while you are watching. I teach you so you learn and teach others how to gather souls. The will of the soul is love, and love can do everything. You must just desire with all your strength. **May our thoughts be always in unison – to save souls from eternal damnation.** Only in this way can you lessen My cruel sorrow. Let that not be boring to you. I have repeated it to you over and over: Suffer with Me.”
 - At this time, He shared with me the precious sorrow of His Soul as a precious gift of His grace.
 - On another occasion, He said:
 - Jesus: “**Do you know how much My Soul suffers because souls are lost? May our hands gather in unity.**”
 - “Lord, I am only able to gather so few.”
 - Jesus: “Make up for this by your desires and your ardent yearnings, My little one, and take refuge in Me with all trust.”

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- P91: Jesus: “May our glances melt in one another. In My eyes bathed with tears and blood, you will see the longing of My Heart for souls. **Gather with Me**, My little one! I placed in your heart that **desire for souls** and I will continually increase it, but you must take advantage of every opportunity.”
- p92: Jesus: “Ask for abundant graces so that there will be many holy confessors. How many souls would come closer to Me if spiritual directors guided souls with more understanding and patience. Let that also be part of your missionary work. Sacrifice much for this. **May our hands gather in unity.**” (His voice was gracefully entreating.)
- p100: Jesus: “To participate in My work of Salvation, you must **attract those souls who despise Me** and do not understand Me. This is not easy but **our hands will gather in unity.** Whoever gathers with Me is assured of the results. Although the fruit may not be apparent, you can be sure of it. Ask the Father in My name and He will grant you whatever you ask for on My behalf.
- p156: Jesus: “Trust. I have always told you that whatever you ask for in confidence, consider you have already received it. Do you think that if you **asked Me for souls**, I would not grant them to you? **May our hands gather in unity.** Ask! Never grow tired of asking and desiring for Me. If large numbers were asking, how many would be converted.”

May Our Hearts Beat In Unison

- p203: Jesus: “I let Myself be known to you as true God and true Man. Not only you, but all those who eat My Body and drink My Blood. As true God, I penetrate your heart and as true Man, I speak to you because My human Heart beats at the same rhythm as My Divinity. Your heart beats to the same rhythm as My Heart. Do you know what this means? **It means that you participate in My Divinity** [Grace].
 - All who feel with Me and whose thoughts are My thoughts will receive this participation. Whoever lives this way can only bless. This blessing increases the effect of My work of Redemption. This effect makes you saints. You see, this blessing is an eternal circular movement between Heaven and earth. Your sacrifices unceasingly rise up to Me and I shower My abundant graces upon you and upon all who dedicate themselves for the glory of My Holy Name.”
- p142: Jesus: “You see why I say, ‘Do not leave Me alone!’ [The subject was remaining in the cold church for adoration] Let Me give you abundant graces which are stored up in the immeasurable love of My Heart. **May our souls be in harmony. May our hearts beat to the same rhythm. Draw many souls to Me. May our hands gather in unity. . . .**”

May Our Souls Be In Harmony

- p207: Jesus: “May our souls be in harmony. Offer this to Me. Taking your food without any taste is a **sacrifice** from your heart which is tasty for Me. **In this way, our hands gather in unity.**”
- p98: On Thursday and Friday, at the Lord’s request, I eat only bread and water, and I offer it for the twelve priests and to make reparation to the Lord. Meanwhile, the Lord sat – in a spiritual way – next to me and said:
 - Jesus: “Oh, how this pleases Me. So few times have I enjoyed participating in such an intimate banquet. The souls that make reparation and faithfully follow My desires are so few.”
 - “May our souls be in harmony. In this way, our hands will gather in unity.”
- p97: Jesus: “You see My riches. I need you and I enrich you. Therefore, may our hands gather in unity since our thoughts are one and our souls are in harmony.
 - I ask you to take advantage of every opportunity to ask our heavenly Father that more would know Me. For many, this is not easy, but they will experience difficulty only until they get very close to Me. Once they are beside Me, all will be easy because love makes sacrifices easy to bear.”

Harmony Is Different Than Unison

- In Unison, everything is the same
- In Harmony, things are different but complementary
- Multiple paths to God’s will creates the “Latitude of Love”
 - John 2:3-5, Ex 32:11-13, Gen 18:23-32
 - I Tim 2:4 - God desires all people to be saved but the great latitude for love is when - sooner or later – Are we waiting for God to pick up the pieces at the end?
 - Does love inspire us to do all that we can so that souls will escape the suffering of Purgatory, have far greater joy and love in this life, hurt fewer other souls, and return love to God now rather than just later (I Cor 9:19-22)?

May Our Thoughts Be As One

- p97: Jesus: “My little one, did I send you many sufferings in these past few days? I implore you, do not grow weary of these great pains. Endure them for your family and those of the whole country. You know that Satan, foaming with rage, wants to destroy families. Let us suffer together. I suffer united to you and you to Me. I love you very much and I will not leave you without sufferings. Embrace suffering. Love only Me, serve Me with fidelity, and do not be surprised that I always manifest My love through sufferings.
 - The excessive love of My Heart makes Me consider you worthy of sufferings. This is the only way you can save many souls. You are a mother of a family and you are aware of the several forms of family disintegration. To save families, throw yourself into the furnace of suffering. Oh, how much sinning is done against Me by destroyed families! **Make reparation and suffer for them.** Do not lose the least opportunity. **May our thoughts be in unison.** Consider clearly the value of your sufferings. The number of those reaping with Me is so small. Do you know why? Because there are no souls willing to bear sufferings, especially those who would do it steadily. Without it, they cannot merit that I shower My graces on them continuously.”

May Our Glances Profoundly Penetrate Each Other

- p131: Earlier, the Lord Jesus again strengthened me with an amazing grace. He does not make me feel His presence, but He looks at me and accompanies me with the penetrating gaze of His eyes. He said:
 - . . . “Take courage. Look at Me. Always look into My eyes because in this new battle that Satan wants to wage against you, the look of My eyes will blind him. This will not happen quickly because I allow you to be tempted. May our glances melt in one another.”
- p133: At the dawn prayer, while I was meditating, I saw again the penetrating glance of the Lord’s eyes. The desire of His Heart that He shared with me a while ago, He now asked me for it and not through words, but through the penetrating gaze of His eyes. Oh, these eyes! My bodily eyes cannot withstand His glance. I shut my eyes tightly. Trembling, I could hardly look. The look of His eyes is like a flash of lightning which lights up everything. It penetrated my whole being and I saw all my hidden sins. I cried for hours without stopping. “My sins! Oh, my sins!” I whispered while moaning. While that was happening, the sorrow in my heart for my sins was greater than I had ever experienced it. Meanwhile, the penetrating glance of His eyes rested upon me. This is an unbearable brightness. The Lord said:
 - Jesus: “May our glances melt in one another.”
 - “I, a sinner, a very great sinner! Yet, the glance of my sinful eyes will be one with the glance of Your divine eyes? Not just my eyes, but according to Your desire, the eyes of everyone.” The Lord Jesus said:
 - Jesus: “May the gaze of he who walks and harvests with Me meld into mine.”

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Divine Mercy in My Soul (Diary of Saint Faustina) Section 852:

Today the Lord's gaze shot through me suddenly, like lightning. At once, I came to know the tiniest specks in my soul, and knowing the depths of my misery, I fell to my knees and begged the Lord's pardon, and with great trust I immersed myself in His infinite mercy. Such knowledge does not depress me nor keep me away from the Lord, but rather it arouses in my soul greater love and boundless trust. The repentance of my heart is linked to love. These extraordinary flashes from the Lord educate my soul. O sweet rays of God, enlighten me to the most secret depth, for I want to arrive at the greatest possible purity of heart and soul.

May Our Lips Pray Together To Gain Mercy

- p84: Jesus: "I will walk with you and stay with you all day. May our lips beg our heavenly Father, together, to obtain mercy." [The subject is fasting for priests in Purgatory]
- It's not about mercy for us but for others
- The whole prayer is not about us
- It's not about us and Him
- It's all about sacrificing together for others

Next Steps

- Explore ways to live as well as pray the The Unity Prayer
 - Seeking deep union with Him by allowing Him to pour our lives out for the salvation of others – more about this later
 - The Flame of Love Hail Mary and Rosary
 - This is a way to pour out our time for others to blind Satan and release souls from Purgatory
 - The five-fold Sign of the Cross – joining our minds to His suffering
 - Offering our work, sacrifices, Masses, and Adoration for the blinding of Satan and the salvation of souls