

GNSH Prayer for the Feast of the Sacred Heart

June 19, 2020

Opening Hymn:

Sing or say the words to an appropriate hymn such as *Come to Me* (Weston Priory)

For the Gifts of Charity and Compassion by Edward F. Gabriele

O God, You are the origin of love
and the source of human affection.

You sent Jesus among us;
and in his compassion,
you bound yourself as closely as possible
to the cries of the poor and the hopelessness
of the hungry...

When Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross,
all of humanity and all of the earth were gathered up
into the passion You have for our good.

This (day) and always, increase in our life
the blessing of compassion.

You gather us when we are most lonely and afraid.
Do not let us fear to do the same for others.

Help us to share the gift of compassion.
Let us have the heart and mind of Jesus.
In our loving, may Your loving be seen.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit,
kindle a fire in our hearts
and make us loving people
whose passion for each other
reflects the passion of Christ.



Reading: 1 John 4: 7,12,16

Beloved, let us love one another because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten of God and has knowledge of God. No one has ever seen God. Yet if we love one another, God dwells in us, and God's love is brought to perfection in us. We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us.

Silent Reflection

The Heart of Eternal Love by Joyce Rupp

Heart of Love, Source of all kindness,
Teacher of the ways of goodness,
you are hidden in the pockets of daily life,
waiting to be discovered.

Heart of Gladness,
Joy that sings in our souls,
the Dancer and the Dance,
you are Music radiating in our
cherished caches of consolation.

Heart of Compassion,
the healing One weeping
for a world burdened and bent,
you are the heart we bring
to the wounded, worn and weary.

Heart of Comfort,
Sheltering Wings of Love,
refuge for sad and lonely ones,
you embrace all who bear loss,
gathering their tears with care.



Heart of all Hearts,
the First and Best of all Companions,
you are the Gift secreted in our depths,
connecting us with others.

Heart of Understanding,
One who gazes upon the imperfect,
the incomplete, the flawed, the weak
you never stop extending mercy.

Heart of Freedom,
the Uncontained Spirit bearing truth,
Great Liberator, forever calling to us,
you urge us toward unrestrained trust.

Heart of Generosity,
Abundance of insight and hope,
daily you offer us gifts of growth,
leading to continual transformation.

Heart of Deepest Peace,
Center of Tranquility,
Resting Place at the core of our being,
you are waiting always for our return
to this sacred home.

Reading: Matthew 11: 28-30

Come to me, all you who labor and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon your shoulders and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart. Here you will find rest for your souls, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Silent Reflection

We pause here and read Sister Denise's letter on this Feast of the Sacred Heart. We spend some time reflecting on those words or phrases that speak to our heart. If we are with others, we may choose to share what speaks to us.

Litany of the Heart by Wendy M. Wright

<i>Heart of Jesus, hear our prayer</i>	<i>Heart of Jesus, hear our prayer</i>	<i>Heart of Jesus, hear our prayer</i>
So loving So humble So gentle So compassionate So faithful So wise So patient So steadfast So tender So spacious	Freely flowing fountain Spring of grace Fresnet of forgiveness Merciful river Mystical dew	Our refuge Our shelter Our comfort Our rest Our welcoming breast
<i>Heart of Jesus, hear our prayer</i>	<i>Heart of Jesus, hear our prayer</i>	<i>Heart of Jesus, hear our prayer</i>
God's joy God's shalom Harp of the Trinity Wingbeat of the Spirit Breath of God Five-petaled rose	Warmth of our hearts Transforming fire Cosmic Furnace Enflamer of hearts	Wounded by love Pierced by our cruelty Broken by our hardness Mystic winepress Poured out as gift
<i>Heart of Jesus, hear our prayer</i>	<i>Heart of Jesus, hear our prayer</i>	<i>Heart of Jesus, hear our prayer</i>
Womb of justice Birthplace of peace Our dearest hope Longing of our lives	Heart of evolution Beginning and ending Center of all	Have mercy, gracious heart, Give us gratefulness Teach us tenderness Let us learn to love
	<i>Heart of Jesus, hear our prayer</i>	<i>Heart of Jesus, hear our prayer</i>
	Garden of virtues Mystical dew Table and food	

Prayers of Intercession

We pray for all those affected by the Coronavirus, especially those who are gravely ill and those who are dying. Heart of Jesus, hear us.

We pray for the families and loved ones of all those who have died from the Coronavirus, that they may be comforted in their grieving. Heart of Jesus....

We pray for our black and brown brothers and sisters, that we may continue to acknowledge their suffering and do all we can to eliminate racism from our nation and our world. Heart of Jesus, hear us.

We pray for our congregation, our Associates, and our colleagues in mission, that we may trust in God's work in us and respond wholeheartedly to God's call to us to be for others. Heart of Jesus, hear us.

For what else do we pray today?

Closing Prayer

Loving, compassionate God, we bring to you and to the Heart of Your Son, Jesus, all our needs and those of our world. We trust in Your provident care for us. Hear us today and grant us all that is according to Your will. We ask this through Jesus and the Spirit of love, who are one with You, God, forever and ever. Amen.



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