

SACRED HEART

Novena Reflections

SERIES



Day 8: “Will of the Heart of Christ, govern my heart”

Fruit: To allow the Holy Spirit to work in my soul, so that my will may be one with the will of God. To decide, with his grace, to live the commandment of LOVE.

Petition:

Lord Jesus, give me the grace to know you more intimately, to enter into your heart and experience your personal love for me. Jesus, just as you love me, I ask you for this grace:
Make me fall passionately in love with you!

Gospel:

*“And a lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” And He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?” And he answered, “**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.**” And He said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this and you will live.” But wishing to justify himself, he said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied and said, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among robbers, and they stripped him and beat him, and went away leaving him half dead. And by chance a priest was going down on that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite also, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, who was on a journey, came upon him; and when **he saw him, he felt compassion, and came to him and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them; and he put him on his own beast**, and brought him to an inn and took care of him. On the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I return I will repay you.’ Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers’ hands?” And he said, “The one who showed mercy toward him.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do the same”. Lk 10: 25-37*

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1. REFLECT:

Consider the characters

- Traveler
- Priest or Levite
- The Samaritan

2. CONTEMPLATE:

- The Heart of Christ

3. DECIDE:

“Go and do the same.” To decide to:

- Show others the **mercy and compassion** that I have received from Him.
- To love like He loves

“Love one another, as I HAVE LOVED YOU”. Jn 13: 34

Prayer:

Jesus thank you for revealing to me the desires of your Heart, I want to love as you love. Give me your eyes, Jesus, to see as you see, your tongue to speak your words of charity, your hands to treat others as you treat them, your feet to follow your path and walk to wherever is necessary to bring your message of salvation to others; your mind to think as you think. Give me your whole Heart, Jesus, so that you may be the one who lives, thinks, works, prays and loves in me.

With the Will of you Heart, govern my heart!

For prayer and reflection:

1. How have I experienced Christ in my life as the Good Samaritan? How has he stepped out and cured my wounds?
2. What governs my heart? What are my deepest desires? Is loving how Christ loves something my heart searches and longs for? If not, what impedes me from loving like this?
3. In what concrete aspects of my life can I, with the assistance of the Holy Spirit, live the charity that Christ asks of me? Am I determined to take this commandment of love seriously?

Image:

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