



NOVENA TO SAINT JOSÉ MARÍA DE YERMO Y PARRES

DAY 1

LOVE AND REPARATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Opening prayer for each day

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Leader

Father Yermo had a great and ardent devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus to the point of binding himself by vow to propagate love and worship to the Sacred Heart everywhere.

Father Yermo's thoughts

A devotee to the Sacred Heart is he who insists in imitating the spirit of Christ in His feelings, thoughts, words and actions, in Jesus' love for His heavenly Father and all people, and also in His sorrowful reparation.

I want to suffer and suffer much in reparation for my sins and those of my brothers and sisters, and I venture to tell you, Lord, that I want to suffer with you and for you as true friends suffer together.

I unload all my fears and sorrows unto your most Sacred Heart. I place there all my eagerness, hopes, and all my love. I feel at ease because I know well that all my being is in your hands.

Reflection and petition in silence

V. Saint Jose Maria de Yermo, servant of God and father of the poor.

R. Pray for us.

Closing prayer for each day

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DAY 2
DEVOTION TO MARY

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Leader

Love for the blessed Virgin Mary in Father Yermo is marked by the filial trust of one who did not know any other mother. He called her "My sweet Mother and all my hope".

Father Yermo's thoughts

The cooperation of my Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, in the Incarnation was of a limitless fidelity, even until heroism.

My Mother, Virgin most faithful, obtain for me the grace of an inviolable fidelity.

My Mother, help me, I am your weak child, but I want to become eternally the faithful friend of my Lord Jesus, the only love of my soul.

By myself I am nothing; I have placed my trust in the protection of the Blessed Virgin my sweet Mother and Lady.

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DAY 3
THE PROTECTION OF SAINT JOSEPH

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Leader

Father Yermo had great confidence in the powerful intercession of saint Joseph acknowledging that “nothing commended to his intercession has been refused by God”.

Father Yermo's thoughts

I am determined that just as Joseph of Egypt was the procurator of that kingdom, so may our Patriarch, saint Joseph, be the procurator for the spiritual and material affairs of the Society, and in mine as well.

How good is God our Lord and how efficient and kind saint Joseph who effectively does his job as Procurator for the spiritual and material affairs entrusted to him by the Society.

Saint Joseph must be the model of a prayerful life for all Christians. This saintly Patriarch enjoyed the earthly presence of the Son of God for the greater part of his life and was united to him through the most ardent inner contemplation. And if prayer is talking to God, surely his daily contact with the Divine Child was continuous prayer. Listen to him in his conversations and the intimacy of his secret colloquies.

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DAY 4
LOVE FOR THE CHURCH

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Leader

Whoever loves Christ, loves his Church; that is why Father Yermo wrote: "As catholic, and what is more, as priest, it is my greatest desire to always be subjected to the Church with indissoluble ties".

Father Yermo's thoughts

The constant observance and unique glory of this Congregation will reside in an ever-greater adhesion, love and obedience of its members to the Holy Roman Catholic Church, and to the august Vicar of Christ on earth, the Roman Pontiff.

If Jesus Christ became our Savior through his humanity, then all of us must become missionaries with him.

(about the Church)... I will never stop loving her with filial tenderness; she is my Mother.

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DAY 5
ACCEPTANCE OF GOD'S WILL

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Leader

Father Yermo considered that “the unmistakable proof of true love of God is the firm and constant resolution to fulfill always, in all pleasant or unpleasant events, the ever adorable will of God”. That was the true path of his sanctification.

Father Yermo's thoughts

You know Lord that above all things I have loved your will.

To long for what God wants for me is uniting myself to his divine will and this is already something. Yet, this union of desire is not enough; I need all my actions to be a valiant offering of all my being to his divine will.

My cooperation with Christ must be limitless, active or passive, working or suffering according to God's will.

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FRATERNAL LOVE

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Leader

Saint Jose Maria de Yermo knew that love for God is not genuine if it is not manifested in a sincere love for all people, in the course of his life he practiced it in a heroic degree deserving to be called "Giant of Charity".

Father Yermo's thoughts

I want to give You now and forever the proof of my sincere love by forgiving and loving much more those who behave as my enemies.

Charity, charity always and with everybody, especially with those who seek to do me wrong, whatever the cost even to my own life.

May your charity be in actions not only in words. May it be manifest in all circumstances and actions of your life.

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DAY 7
LOVE FOR THE POOR

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Leader

Love for the poor was the reason impelling Father Yermo to undertake great and beneficial works with truly evangelical charity for their welfare. He was indeed father of the poor.

Father Yermo's thoughts

Grant me, my God, a very great love of all people, my brothers and sisters, especially the poorest and most abandoned.

I know that love for the poor must be firmly rooted in humility, sincerity, self-forgetfulness, and the most generous offering of everything to your will.

I want to imitate Christ my good Jesus, who came to teach us by His word and example preferential love for the poor and unfortunates despised by the world.

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HUMILITY

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Leader

Humility was a characteristic virtue in Father Yermo. The Lord wanted to test his soul with severe humiliations. He generously accepted them to the point of saying: "I want dishonor and to suffer the scorn of all to imitate you, Lord, as your true friend".

Father Yermo's thoughts

I am just what I am; and this is known only by my heavenly Father, the sole witness of my inner life. I want to suffer for him, with him and in him without honor and glory. I am nothing. It is his love that enraptures me and strengthens me.

Lord, even if I find it necessary to put my priestly honor at stake in order to keep the works you have entrusted to me and in spite of my own reluctance, I abandon myself into your hands.

This total sacrifice I make to you is costing me a great deal, Lord, if you were not with me, I would rather die.

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OBEDIENCE

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Leader

Obedience is the touch-stone, the guarantee that a virtue is authentic. Father Yermo understood this and he left us admirable examples of obedience. He was convinced that “whoever is truly obedient has heaven secured”.

Father Yermo's thoughts

It can be said that anyone truly obedient always does his/her will, because his/her own will is identified with what God wants and asks through obedience. How free and truthful is the freedom gained through obedience.

The one who obeys serves God, frees his conscience and walks towards heaven where he will enjoy the freedom he began to enjoy on earth through obedience.

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Note: For the TRIDUUM in honor of saint Jose Maria de Yermo, the same outline can be used by choosing three days from the previous Novena.

