

ACT OF REPARATION TO THE SACRED HEART

Most loving Jesus,
how great is the love which You have poured out upon the world.
How casual and careless is our response!
Kneeling before You, we wish to atone
for the indifference and the slights which pierce You to the heart.

Praise to the heart of Jesus, our Saviour and our God.

We ask forgiveness for our own shameful neglect.
We wish to make amends
for those who are obstinate in their unbelief,
for those who turn away from the light
and wander like sheep without a shepherd;
and for those who have broken their baptismal promises
and reject the gentle yoke of Your law.

Praise to the heart of Jesus, our Saviour and our God.

We wish to make amends for our sins and our society:
for lust and degradation,
for the corruption of the young,
for indifference and blasphemy,
for attacks against Your Church,
for irreverence and even sacrilege,
against Your love in this blessed sacrament,
and for the public defiance of Your law.

Praise to the heart of Jesus, our Saviour and our God.

These are the sins for which You died,
but now we share in Your atonement
by offering on the altar in union with You
the living sacrifice You made on the cross,
joining to it the sufferings of Your Virgin Mother,
and those of all the saints and the whole Church.

Praise to the heart of Jesus, our Saviour and our God.

We promise faithfully
that by Your grace
we shall make reparation for our own sins
and for those of others
by a strong faith,
by holy living,
and by obedience to the law of the Gospel,
whose greatest commandment is that of a charity.

Praise to the heart of Jesus, our Saviour and our God.

We also promise to do our best
to discourage others from insulting You
and bring those we can to follow You.

Praise to the heart of Jesus, our Saviour and our God.

Jesus, Lord,
receive this loving act of homage
together with the prayers of our Lady,
who stood by the cross our model in reparation.
Keep us faithful even to the point of death,
give us the gift of perseverance
and lead us all to our promised land in heaven,
where You, with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

Praise to the heart of Jesus, our Saviour and our Lord.