

with thee. It is through her that I hope to obtain of thee contrition, the pardon of my sins, and the acquisition and preservation of wisdom.

Hail, then, O Immaculate Mary, living tabernacle of the Divinity, where the Eternal Wisdom willed to be hidden and to be adored by angels and by men! Hail, O Queen of Heaven and earth, to whose empire everything is subject which is under God. Hail, O sure Refuge of Sinners, whose mercy fails no one. Hear the desires which I have of the Divine Wisdom; and for that end receive the vows and offerings which in my lowliness I present to thee.

I, (mention your name), a faithless sinner, renew and ratify today in thy hands the vows of my Baptism; I renounce forever Satan, his pomps and works; and I give myself entirely to Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Wisdom, to carry my cross after Him all the days of my life, and to be more faithful to Him than I have ever been before.

In the presence of all the heavenly court I choose thee this day for my Mother and Mistress, I deliver and consecrate to thee, as thy slave, my body and soul, my goods, both interior and exterior, and even the value of all my good actions, past, present and future; leaving to thee the entire and full right of disposing of me, and all that belongs to me, without exception, according to thy good pleasure, for the greater glory of God, in time and in eternity.

Receive, O benignant Virgin, this little offering of my slavery, in honour of, and in union with, that subjection which the Eternal Wisdom deigned to have to thy maternity, in homage to the power which both of you have over this poor sinner, and in thanksgiving for the privileges with which the Holy Trinity has favoured thee. I declare that I wish henceforth, as thy true slave, to seek thy honour and to obey thee in all things.

O admirable Mother, present me to thy dear Son as His eternal slave, so that as He has redeemed me by thee, by thee He may receive me! O Mother of mercy, grant me the grace to obtain true Wisdom of God; and for that end receive me among those whom thou lovest and teachest, whom thou leadest, nourishest and protectest as thy children and thy slaves.

O faithful Virgin, make me in all things so perfect a disciple, imitator and slave of the Incarnate Wisdom, Jesus Christ thy Son, that I may attain, by thine intercession and by thine example, to the fullness of His age on earth and of His glory in Heaven. Amen.

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Response to Our Lady's Call for Conversion at Fatima



The more the Holy Ghost finds
Mary His dear and inseparable
spouse in any soul, the more
active He becomes in producing
Jesus Christ in that soul and that
soul in Jesus Christ
St. Louis De Montfort-

RESPONSE TO OUR LADY'S CALL FOR CONVERSION AT FATIMA

As we mark the hundredth anniversary of the apparitions of our Lady of Fatima, we should measure our response to Our Lady's call for conversion, prayer and penance. The message of Fatima is the message for our time and, if we are children of Mary, we need to take the message to heart. By making an act of consecration to Mary, we place ourselves in the sure refuge of the Immaculate Heart of Mary trusting that She will bring us to God.

No one can show us how to respond to Our Lady's call better than the children of Fatima who saw her. In little Jacinta, we see a great desire to intercede for the conversion of sinners. The July apparition, during which Our Lady showed the children a brief glimpse of Hell, left a profound and lasting impression on Jacinta. She was filled with a desire to save souls. This same desire should fill our hearts. To her prayers, Jacinta offered daily sacrifices for the conversion and salvation of sinners. We can and should do the same.

Francisco was filled with a desire to comfort the Heart of Jesus so abused and abandoned in the Blessed Sacrament. He spent hours adoring the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus offering his love to make up for the indifference of others. These two children heard the same message and responded generously as they obeyed Our Lady's call for prayer and penance.

If we are to be called Children of Mary, we are also called to say YES to Our Blessed Mother's requests. We should strive to imitate the love and generosity of these two little Saints. We know that if we faithfully pray the rosary daily and live our life according to our consecration to Jesus through Mary, we are helping to hasten the day of the Final Triumph of the Immaculate Heart.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY BY ST LOUIS DE MONTFORT

("All our perfection consists in being conformed, united and consecrated to Jesus Christ; and therefore the most perfect of all devotions is, without any doubt, that which most perfectly conforms, unites and consecrates us to Jesus Christ. Now, Mary being the most conformed of all creatures to Jesus Christ, it follows that of all devotions, that which most consecrates and conforms the soul to Our Lord is devotion to His holy Mother, and that the more a soul is consecrated to Mary, the more it is consecrated to Jesus.

Hence it comes to pass that the most perfect consecration to Jesus Christ is nothing else but a perfect and entire consecration of ourselves to the Blessed Virgin, and this is the devotion which I teach; or, in other words, a perfect renewal of the vows and promises of holy Baptism." – from: 'True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary', by St Louis de Montfort).

This is the formula whose making and living has opened the heavens for so many favoured souls:

THE ACT OF CONSECRATION

O Eternal and Incarnate Wisdom! O sweetest and most adorable Jesus! True God and true man, only Son of the Eternal Father, and of Mary, always virgin! I adore thee profoundly in the bosom and splendours of thy Father during eternity; and I adore thee also in the virginal bosom of Mary, thy most worthy Mother, in the time of thine Incarnation.

I give thee thanks for that thou hast annihilated thyself, taking the form of a slave in order to rescue me from the cruel slavery of the devil. I praise and glorify thee for that thou hast been pleased to submit thyself to Mary, thy holy Mother, in all things, in order to make me thy faithful slave through her. But, alas! Ungrateful and faithless as I have been, I have not kept the promises which I made so solemnly to thee in my Baptism; I have not fulfilled my obligations; I do not deserve to be called thy child, nor yet thy slave; and as there is nothing in me which does not merit thine anger and thy repulse, I dare not come by myself before thy holy and august Majesty. It is on this account that I have recourse to the intercession of thy most holy Mother, whom thou hast given me for a mediatrix