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Prayers



to the
Most Precious Blood
of Jesus Christ

Jesus noticed "*they have no bread.*"

[cf Mk 8:1-9]

Mary noticed "*they have no wine.*"

[Jn 2:3]

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Popes Reflect on the Blood

It is [the blood of Christ] that is the most powerful source of hope; indeed it is the foundation of the absolute certitude that in God's plan life will be victorious!

Evangelium Vitae #25
Pope Saint John Paul II

“The world can still set itself right and always will be able to, because the voice and Blood of Christ cries out for pity and mercy.

Devotion to the Precious Blood is the devotion of our time . . .
It is devotion for all souls, for the whole world.

Pope St. John XXIII

The face of the crucified Lord who poured out his Blood for the life of the world is certainly a face of sorrow, for in order to bring man back to the Father's face, Jesus not only had to take on the face of man, but he had to burden himself with the face of sin.

Yet most mysteriously, even in the midst of such affliction, Jesus did not cease to know the joy which came from union with his Father. And at the moment of Easter this joy came to its fullness as the light of divine glory shone on the face of the Risen Lord, whose wounds shine for ever like the sun.

Exhortation to the Congregation of the Precious Blood,
9/14/2001

Pope Saint John Paul II

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The Living Blood is worthy of the highest worship

What strikes us at the first thought of the Precious Blood? It is that we have to worship it with the highest worship. . . We have to adore it with the selfsame adoration as the uncovered splendors of the Eternal. It is no use repeating this a thousand times; yet we should have to repeat it a thousand thousand times, for years and years, before we should get the vastness of this piercing truth into our souls. We should worship one drop of the Precious Blood with the same worship as that wherewith we worship God. Let us kneel down, and hide our faces before God, and say nothing, but let the immensity of this faith sink down into our souls.

The Precious Blood by F.W. Faber (1860) [available free in PDF]

Relics of Blood are venerated, not worshiped

The Blood shed during the Passion that adhered to the nails, thorns, shroud, etc. lost union to the Word at the moment of Christ's Resurrection and are now holy relics which are rightly venerated but not adored.

[The Living Blood] is not a relic at which we should look with wonder and love, and which we should kiss with reverence, as having once been a temple of the Holy Ghost, and an instrument chosen by God for the working of miracles . . . Whatever Jesus did not reunite to himself in the Resurrection remained disunited from the Person of the Word forever, and therefore, however venerable, has no claim to adoration. But, had we been in Jerusalem on the Friday and the Saturday, we should have found objects, or rather the multiplied presence of an object, of dreadest worship everywhere. The pavement of the streets, the accoutrements of the Roman legionaries, the floors of their barracks, the steps of Pilate's judgment-hall, the pillar of the scourging, the ascent of Calvary, the wood of the Cross, many shoes and sandals of the multitude, many garments either worn or in the clothes-presses, ropes, tools, scourges, and many other things, were stained with Precious Blood; and everywhere the angels were adoring it. Had we been there, and had been wise with the holy wisdom of our present faith, we must have adored it also.

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Note: All prayers formerly indulgenced with a specific number of days were converted to a "partial indulgence" by Blessed Pope Pius VI.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who have appointed your Only-begotten Son to be the Redeemer of the world, and have been pleased to be reconciled to us by his Blood, grant us, we beseech You, so to venerate with solemn worship the price of our salvation, that the power thereof may here on earth keep us from all things hurtful, and the fruit of the same may gladden us forever hereafter in heaven. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Partial indulgence: July 15, 1935

ETERNAL FATHER, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ in atonement for my sins, and in supplication for the holy souls in Purgatory and for the needs of holy Church.

Partial indulgence: Sept. 22, 1817; March 10, 1933; April 3, 1941

O PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS, infinite price of sinful man's redemption, both drink and laver of our souls, You who plead continually the cause of man before the throne of infinite mercy; from the depths of my heart, I adore You, and so far as I am able, I would requite You for the insults and outrages which You continually receive from human beings and especially from those who rashly dare to blaspheme You. Who would not bless this Blood of infinite value? Who does not feel within himself the fire of the love of Jesus who shed it all for us? What would be my fate, had I not been redeemed by this divine Blood? Who has drawn it from the veins of my Savior, even to the last drop? Ah, this surely was the work of love. O infinite love, which has given us this saving balm! O balm beyond all price, welling up from the fountain of infinite love, grant that every heart and every tongue may be enabled to praise You, magnify You and give You thanks both now and for evermore. Amen.

Partial indulgence: Oct 18, 1815; June 25, 1932

Litany of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus

℣. Lord, have mercy.	℟. Lord, have mercy.
℣. Christ, have mercy.	℟. Christ, have mercy.
℣. Lord, have mercy.	℟. Lord, have mercy.
℣. Jesus, hear us.	℟. Jesus, graciously hear us.
℣. God, the Father of Heaven,	℟. Have mercy on us.
℣. God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,	℟. Have mercy on us.
℣. God, the Holy Spirit,	℟. Have mercy on us.
℣. Holy Trinity, One God,	℟. Have mercy on us.

Blood of Christ, only-begotten Son of the Eternal Father. . . ℟. Save us,
 Blood of Christ, Incarnate Word of God,
 Blood of Christ, of the New and Eternal Testament,
 Blood of Christ, falling upon the earth in the Agony,
 Blood of Christ, shed profusely in the Scourging,
 Blood of Christ, flowing forth in the Crowning with Thorns,
 Blood of Christ, poured out on the Cross,
 Blood of Christ, price of our salvation,
 Blood of Christ, without which there is no forgiveness.
 Blood of Christ, Eucharistic drink and refreshment of souls,
 Blood of Christ, stream of mercy,
 Blood of Christ, victor over demons,
 Blood of Christ, courage of Martyrs,
 Blood of Christ, strength of Confessors,
 Blood of Christ, bringing forth Virgins,
 Blood of Christ, help of those in peril,
 Blood of Christ, relief of the burdened,
 Blood of Christ, solace in sorrow,
 Blood of Christ, hope of the penitent,
 Blood of Christ, consolation of the dying,
 Blood of Christ, peace and tenderness of hearts,
 Blood of Christ, pledge of eternal life,
 Blood of Christ, freeing souls from purgatory,
 Blood of Christ, most worthy of all glory and honor, ℟. Save us.

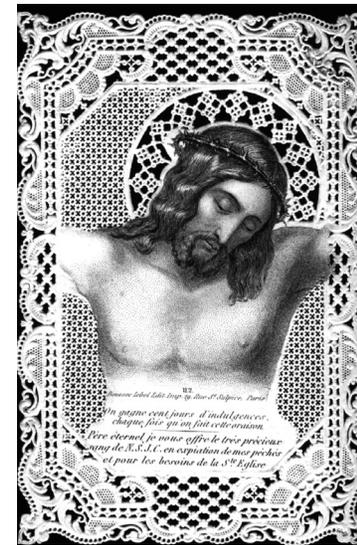
Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world.
 ℟. Spare us, O Lord
 Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,
 ℟. Graciously hear us, O Lord.
 Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,
 ℟. Have mercy on us.
 You have redeemed us, O Lord, in your Blood.
 ℟. And made us, for our God, a kingdom.

Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, you have appointed your only-begotten Son the Redeemer of the world, and willed to be appeased by his Blood. Grant we beg of you, that we may worthily adore this price of our salvation, and through its power be safeguarded from the evils of the present life, so that we may rejoice in its fruits forever in heaven. Through the same Christ our Lord.

℟. Amen.

*Enchiridion of Indulgences 1968
 Partial Indulgence
 S.R.C. Feb. 24, 1960; A.A.S., 52 (1960), p. 412*



Inscription on this 1855 French holy card. :

*Eternal Father, I offer you the Most Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus
 Christ in expiation of my sins and for the needs of holy Church.*

Chaplet of the Seven Bloodsheddings

Composed in 1809 by Msgr. Francesco Albertini, this chaplet was officially approved the same year for the Archconfraternity of the Precious Blood. The 33 "Our Fathers" are in honor of the 33 years of our Lord's earthly life.

On the Crucifix or medal

℣. O God, come to my assistance! ℞. Lord, make haste to help me!
℣. Glory be to the Father, etc. ℞. As it was in the beginning, etc.

I. The Circumcision

"And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised,
he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel
before he was conceived in the womb." (*Luke 2:21*)

Let us ask for chastity in body and soul.

℣. We pray you, Lord, help your servants!
℞. Whom You have redeemed with your Precious Blood!
Five *Our Fathers*

II. The Agony in the Garden

"And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly;
and his sweat became like great drops of Blood
falling down upon the ground." (*Lk 22:44*)

Let us ask for the spirit of prayer.

℣. We pray you, Lord, help your servants!
℞. Whom You have redeemed with your Precious Blood!
Five *Our Fathers*

III. The Scourging

"Then Pilate took Jesus and scourged him." (*John 19:1*)

Let us ask for patience and self-control.

℣. We pray you, Lord, help your servants!
℞. Whom You have redeemed with your Precious Blood!
Five *Our Fathers*

IV. The Crowning with Thorns

"And the soldiers plaited a crown of thorns, and put it on his head."
(*John 19:2*)

Let us ask for humility to atone from pride.

℣. We pray you, Lord, help your servants!
℞. Whom You have redeemed with your Precious Blood!
Five *Our Fathers*

V. The Carrying of the Cross

"So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross,
to the place called the place of a skull,
which is called in Hebrew Golgotha." (*John 19:17*)

Let us ask for acceptance of our daily crosses.

℣. We pray you, Lord, help your servants!
℞. Whom You have redeemed with your Precious Blood!
Five *Our Fathers*

VI. The Crucifixion

"There they crucified him, and with him two others,
one on either side, and Jesus between them." (*John 19:18*)

Let us ask for contrition.

℣. We pray you, Lord, help your servants!
℞. Whom You have redeemed with your Precious Blood!
Five *Our Fathers*

VII. The Piercing of his Side

"But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear,
and at once there came out Blood and water." (*John 19:34*)

Let us ask for perseverance.

℣. We pray you, Lord, help your servants!
℞. Whom You have redeemed with your Precious Blood!
Three *Our Fathers*

There are far more canonized saints than there are days of the year, and more are canonized by each new Pope. Thus there is a universal calendar and a diocesan calendar so that Catholics can celebrate their local saints. For example, France celebrates the feasts of St. Bernadette and St. Joan of Arc while the United States celebrates St. Kateri Tekakwitha.

According to popularity, some feasts begin in a particular locality and then spread to the universal Church. The feast of the Precious Blood gradually came to be celebrated in more and more dioceses, usually in Lent where there was already a custom of honoring different aspects of the Passion.

In 1848 the Masonic government drove Blessed Pope Pius IX from the Vatican and he took refuge in the kingdom of Sicily. The superior of Missionaries of the Most Precious Blood founded by St. Gaspar suggested that his Holiness extend the feast of the Precious Blood to the entire Church, if the Lord were give back to the Church the possession of the Papal dominions. Pope Pius IX did not wait until that grace was granted but decreed immediately. “Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ.” On June 30, 1849 God granted victory of the Papal and French army over the revolutionary forces. The following Sunday, the Pope dedicated to the Precious Blood.

The era of Blessed Pope Pius IX was tumultuous, but blessed by miracles. It was this pope who received and first read the Secrets of LaSalette. And to this papacy was granted the “Miracle of the Vatican”. Pope Pius IX sent word from his refuge to expose the Veil of Veronica throughout the Christmas octave (Dec. 25, 1848—Jan. 6 1849), for the many persons who were anxiously gathering to pray for besieged Christendom. On the Dec. 27th, feast of St. John the Beloved, author of the Apocalypse, the bloody features of the Holy Face assumed a death-like hue, and the eyes, deep-sunken, wore an expression of great pain. Tears flowed from the partly lowered eyelids. There were many witnesses of this “vision” which lasted three hours. A pen-and-ink sketch was made and “authenticated” silk copies were distributed throughout Christendom.

Collect of the Feast of the Precious Blood

when formerly celebrated on July 1st

Almighty and everlasting God, who did appoint your Only-begotten Son the Redeemer of the world, and have willed to be appeased by his Blood; grant unto us, we beseech You, so to venerate with solemn worship the price of our redemption, and by its power be so defended against the evils of this life, that we may enjoy the fruit thereof forevermore in Heaven. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect of the Solemnity of “Corpus Christi et Sanguine” {The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ}

presently celebrated on the Sunday after Trinity Sunday

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Month of the Precious Blood

The universal Church celebrated the feast on the first Sunday of July from 1850 onwards until it was moved to July 1st. The whole month of July became known in popular piety as *The Month of the Precious Blood*. Pope St. John XXIII approved a new Precious Blood Litany for the universal Church. He published an Apostolic Letter *Inde a Primis* in honor of the Redeeming Blood. And perhaps his decision to insert “Blessed be his Most Precious Blood” in the Divine Praises before the exposed Blessed Sacrament, that prompted the subsequent decision to unite the feast of Corpus Christi with the feast of Sanguis Christi. This feast usually occurs at the end of June, preparing us for a month of reflection on the precious price of our salvation.

8 **Seven Thanksgiving for the Seven Sheddings of Our Lord's Blood**

Against the Seven Deadly Sins

I. CIRCUMCISION

O most humble Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, true God and true Man, eternal praise and thanksgiving be to You, because in your tenderest age, on the eighth day of your mortal life, You did vouchsafe to shed your precious and innocent Blood for us, and as a true Son of Abraham to bear the pain of circumcision.

By this most holy shedding of your Blood, I beg of You the grace of humility against all pride and worldly vanity.

Our Father . . .

O Saviour of the world, who by your Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us: save us, and help us, we humbly beseech You, O Lord.

II. AGONY

O You whose love is like the pelican's for her young, Jesus Christ, true God and true Man, eternal praise and thanksgiving be to You, because in the Garden, out of exceeding anguish of your Heart, You did pour forth a bloody sweat, and, wholly resigning yourself to death, did offer it to your Father.

By this most holy shedding of your Blood, I ask of You the grace of liberality against all covetousness and avarice.

Our Father . . . *O Saviour of the world* . . .

III. SCOURGING

O most chaste Spouse, Jesus Christ, true God and true Man, eternal praise and thanksgiving be to You, because You did suffer yourself to be mercilessly bound in Pilate's judgment hall, and your virginal flesh to be cruelly scourged and mangled.

By this most holy shedding of your Blood, I implore of You the grace of chastity against all sensuality and lust.

Our Father . . . *O Saviour of the world* . . .

IV. CROWNING

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O most meek Lamb, Jesus Christ, true God and true Man, eternal praise and thanksgiving be to You, because You did suffer your Sacred Head to be crowned with piercing thorns and struck hard with a reed.

By this most holy shedding of your Blood, I pray You for the grace of meekness against all anger and desire for revenge.

Our Father . . . *O Saviour of the world* . . .

V. STRIPPING

O most sweet Jesus Christ, pattern of temperance and self-denial, true God and true Man, eternal praise and thanksgiving be to You, because You did allow your garments to be torn from your bleeding body both before and after the carrying of your Cross, which opened your wounds again, and caused them to bleed afresh.

By this most holy shedding of your Blood, I beseech of You the grace of temperance and abstinence against all greediness and gluttony.

Our Father . . . *O Saviour of the world* . . .

VI. NAILING

O good and faithful Samaritan, Jesus Christ, true God and true Man, eternal praise and thanksgiving be to You, because out of your burning love for us You did suffer your sacred hands and feet to be pierced and nailed to the Cross for our redemption.

By this most holy shedding of your Blood, I beg of You the grace of brotherly love against all envy and jealousy.

Our Father . . . *O Saviour of the world* . . .

VII. PIERCING

O most zealous High-Priest, true God and true Man, eternal praise and thanksgiving be to You, because You did suffer your sacred side to be pierced, opened, and wounded with a spear.

By this most holy shedding of your Blood, I earnestly pray You for the grace of holy zeal and fervor against all sloth and weariness in your service, and in every religious exercise.

Our Father . . . *O Saviour of the world* . . .

Christ's Blood in the Bible

Adam is sleeping an ecstatic sleep. God opens his side, removes a rib and forms Eve, the mother of all the living. But our view transcends this action and in spirit we behold the second, the divine Adam, Christ. He is sleeping the sleep of death. From his opened side Blood and water flow, symbols of baptism and the Eucharist, symbols of the second Eve, the Church, the Mother of all the living. Through Blood and water Christ willed to redeem God's many children and to lead them to an eternal home.

The thirsting earth soaks up Abel's blood as it shouts to heaven for vengeance. This shouting prefigured the scene on Calvary, where Christ's Blood cried to heaven for the redemption of mankind.

Millenia pass, and now we see Israel oppressed by Egypt. God commands the people to kill a lamb and to sprinkle the doorposts with its blood; houses thus besprinkled are spared by the messenger of death. But where the doors are not reddened with the blood of the lamb, all male firstborn from king to slave die. This blood on the doorposts was a type of the Blood of Christ. Can the blood of a lamb save a man? No, but as a figure of the Redeemer's Blood it certainly does. For when the Destroyer sees the thresholds of a human heart marked with Christ's sacred Blood, he must pass by. And another soul is saved.

In a vision the prophet Isaiah saw a man treading out grapes. The prophet asked the man: "Why are your garments so red?" "The wine-press I have trodden alone," he answers, "because from the nations there is no one with me." The trodder of the wine-press is Christ, his garments crimsoned by the Blood of redemption.

At Jerusalem a service in Yahweh's honor is taking place on the Day of Atonement. The high priest is making his annual entrance into the Holy of Holies to sprinkle the blood of bucks and bulls upon the covenant in expiation for the sins of the people. The Church shows us the higher meaning of this rite. Our divine High Priest Christ on the first Good Friday entered that Holy of Holies which is not made

with hands nor sprinkled with the blood of bucks and bulls; there He effects, once and for all, with his own Blood man's eternal redemption.

A finale. Holy Church transports us to the end. The heavenly liturgy is in progress. Upon the altar is the Lamb, slain yet alive, crimsoned by his own Blood. Round about stand the countless army of the redeemed in garments washed white in the Blood of the Lamb. Hosts of the blessed are singing the new canticle of redemption: "You have redeemed us out of every tribe and tongue and nation by Your Blood." Now from vision to present reality. How fortunate we are to have divine Blood so near to us, to offer it to the heavenly Father for the sins of the whole world!

*The Church's Year of Grace, Fr. Pius Parsch,
Symbols of the Precious Blood*

Chaplet of the Precious Blood especially for the Poor Souls

On each bead on any Rosary:

Eternal Father,
I offer You the most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ
in atonement for my sins,
for sinners everywhere,
in supplication for the Holy Souls in Purgatory
and for the needs of holy Church.

The Holy Spirit is communicated to us in the Blood of Christ

If our Saviour, by his death, became in the full and complete sense of the word, the head of the Church, it was likewise through his Blood that the Church was endowed with that fullest communication of the Holy Spirit, through which, from the time when the Son of Man was lifted up and glorified on the gibbet by his sufferings, she is divinely illumined.

[Pope Pius XII, *Mystici Corporis* #32]

The Blood carries the Breath

Living blood holds the body together. It carries oxygen and nutrients. When circulation ceases, the body decomposes. In the Law of Moses, "life is in the blood."

The life of the flesh is in the blood; I have given it for you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement, by reason of the life. . . Therefore I have said to the people of Israel: No person among you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger who sojourns among you eat blood. For the life of every creature is the blood of it.

[Lev. ch 17]

Catholics are Fire-Breathers

In the mind of the Hebrews, to eat blood was to become united to the life of whatever was eaten. Thus it was an abomination for them to eat animal meat that had not been drained. And this was God's way of preparing the Apostles, who were all Jewish, for the profound doctrine of Holy Communion by which we become united to God Himself!

Let us, then, come back from that table like lions breathing out fire, thus becoming terrifying to the devil, and remaining mindful of our head and of the love He has shown for us. . . This Blood, when worthily received, drives away demons and puts them at a distance from us, and even summons to us angels and the Lord of angels. . . How long shall we not take thought for our own salvation? Let us remember what privileges God has bestowed on us, let us give thanks, let us glorify him, not only by faith, but also by our very works. [St. John Chrysostom]

Blest be God.

Blest be his holy name.

Blest be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.

Blest be the name of Jesus.

Blest be his most Sacred Heart.

Blest be his most Precious Blood.

Blest be Jesus in the most holy sacrament of the altar.

Blest be the Holy Spirit, the Consoler.

Blest be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blest be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blest be her glorious Assumption.

Blest be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blest be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blest be God in his angels and in his saints.

The Trisagion

(The Thrice Holy)

Holy God,
Holy Mighty One,
Holy Immortal One,
have mercy on us.

In Latin:

Sanctus Deus,
Sanctus Fortis,
Sanctus Immortalis,
miserere nobis.

Mary is the Chalice

Why did Jesus give such special importance to the chalice?

“Moses took the blood and threw it upon the people, and said, ‘Behold the blood of the covenant which Yahweh has made with you in accordance with all these words.’” (*Ex. 24:8*) Moses “took the blood” but Jesus took the cup. Moses said “behold the blood of the covenant”, but Jesus said “this cup is the new covenant in my blood”. Why?

Why did our Lord delay so long to consecrate the wine?

St. Luke notes that only “when the supper was ended” did Jesus lift up “the chalice which is poured out for you, the new covenant in my Blood. (Lk 22:20) St. John gave us many details of the Last Supper. It was a lengthy affair. The Passover ritual involved several cups of wine. Jesus consecrated the bread during the meal, but He consecrated a cup only after the supper was ended. Why?

The mysteries unfold

Since 1830 the Mother of God has been appearing all over the world. For 1,830 years She had occasionally appeared to give personal or local messages, but with the exception of Guadalupe, Mary’s universal messages only began with her apparitions to St. Catherine Labouré. These numerous heavenly visitations in this modern era coincide with the Church’s deeper understanding of herself as the Mystical Body of Christ. Just as a husband is the “head” in a marriage, so Jesus is the “head” of his spouse, the Church. But the Church, like any social body, needs its own face and head. Mary is the Mother and head of the Bride-body.

A national body is strong when the citizens act in tandem with the leader. Mary has been urging us to act in tandem with her so that we, the Mystical Body of Christ, can truly operate in the world as a cohesive unity, conforming ourselves to the husband, Jesus Christ, so as to give a radiant and unambiguous witness of the bride’s great love for Him before a dark and confused world.

Mary’s role in bringing the Church to perfect unity is expressed by her repeated request that we consecrate herself to her Immaculate Heart. A heart is a vessel filled with blood. The heart gives a form to countless drops of blood.

“I want to combine all of your prayers, sacrifices, penance, consecration, self-denial, poverty and sufferings together, put them in the chalice of my Immaculate Heart, and offer them up to God’s justice which demands reparation.” [Mary allegedly said this in Naju, Korea on Feb. 3, 1994 where thousands of people have experienced miraculous phenomena. www.najumary.or.kr/English—www.marys-touch.com/messages.htm]

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercy of God, that you present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, pleasing unto God, your rational (thoughtful and deliberate) worship. [Rom 12:1]

Be you also as living stones built up, a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. [1Pt 2:5]

Yahweh dwelt among Israel by resting on a golden throne, the Ark of the Covenant. He did not touch the sin-stained earth directly. Jesus (Yah-Hoshua) likewise first rested in the pure womb of Mary, the holy and living Ark. When Jesus comes to dwell with us in the Eucharist, He rests on a golden paten and in a golden chalice. Yet, why is he divided into two vessels? Why the separate elevation, the double consecration at Mass? It seems to have to do with the long delay at the first “Last” Supper.

The Third Secret of Fatima

In Portugal, on July 13, 1917 Mary showed three children a vision of a “city in ruins”. They saw laypersons, religious, priests and bishops making their way toward a “cross of rough-hewn trunks as of a cork-tree with the bark.” This is not the cross of Jesus, but of the Bride! Cork is universally used for altar wine.

Beneath the two arms of the Cross there were two Angels each with a crystal aspersorium in his hand, in which they gathered up the blood of the martyrs and with it sprinkled the souls that were making their way to God.

At Akita and elsewhere, Mary has been foretelling that the Church will be undergoing a universal martyrdom, persecuted even by some of her own members, as was her Spouse. The Supper (Mass) will be ended (outlawed). But the blood of the martyrs, because of their union with the Immaculate Mother and with Jesus their God and Savior, will be empowered to sanctify their very persecutors! Hence the Angels gather it up and sprinkle people with this holy, powerful blood. Thus, in this manner, “in the end my Immaculate Heart will Triumph and there will be peace!”

Prayer to Most Holy Mary of the Precious Blood

In your virginal womb you conceived Christ without a human father. From you Jesus received his Body and his Precious Blood. When He hung upon the Cross, Jesus offered to the Father the price of our salvation—the shedding of the Blood that He received from you. You, Mary joined in this sacrificial offering of your Son—the shedding of the Blood He received from you, thus making you the Co-Redemptrix.

As your Son agonized on the Cross you were sprinkled by this same Blood flowing from the wounds of our Savior. In death your Jesus was placed on your lap covering you with his Precious Blood.

You, Beloved Mother, sprinkled and covered with the Blood of Jesus are not only the carrier and custodian of his Blood, but you have also been given the privilege of dispensing the saving merits of this same Blood according to your good pleasure—making you the Mediatrix of all graces. Most Holy Mary we beseech you to grant us to be sprinkled and covered by Jesus' Precious blood to turn us from our sins and lead us to life everlasting.



Seven Offerings

First Offering

Leader: For the glory of your name, for the coming of your kingdom, and for the salvation of all people.

All: Eternal Father, we offer you the Precious Blood of Jesus.

Second Offering

Leader: For the spread of the church, for Pope N., for bishops, priests, and religious, and for the sanctification of all the people of God.

All: Eternal Father, We offer you the Precious Blood of Jesus.

Third Offering

Leader: For the conversion of sinners, for the loving acceptance of your word, and for the union of all Christians.

All: Eternal Father, we offer you the Precious Blood of Jesus.

Fourth Offering

Leader: For our civil authorities, for the strengthening of public morals, and for peace and justice among all nations.

All: Eternal Father, We offer you the Precious Blood of Jesus.

Fifth Offering

Leader: For the sanctification of our work and our suffering, for the poor, the sick, and the afflicted, and for all who rely on our prayers.

All: Eternal Father, we offer you the Precious Blood of Jesus.

Sixth Offering

Leader: For our own special needs, both spiritual, and temporal, for those of our relatives, friends, and benefactors, and also for those of our enemies.

All: Eternal Father, we offer you the Precious Blood of Jesus.

Seventh Offering

Leader: For those who are to die this day, for the souls in purgatory, and for our final union with Christ in glory.

All: Eternal Father, we offer you the Precious Blood of Jesus.

Prayers for our Loved Ones who may be in Purgatory

O Mother Mary,

who mourned the bitter death of your Son, having watched Him shed his Precious Blood for our salvation. You accompanied Him to his burial carrying in your Heart the sure hope of his Resurrection. Help me to persevere in prayer for all the faithful departed. Intercede with our Lord, especially for _____ to be refreshed with the saving Blood and absolved from all stain of sin so as to be admitted promptly to the joys of heaven. Amen.



O Mother Mary,

the passing of our loved one _____ has plunged me into deep grief. While we pray for the eternal repose of all souls, we seek the comforts that our Faith affords us. O Blessed Mother, in your deep sorrow and profound grief at the death of Jesus, you nevertheless believed that your divine Son would rise again. O Blessed Mother, as we pray for the soul of _____ through our tears and grief, strengthen our faith and hope in the resurrection of the just to eternal life. O Blessed Mother comfort us in our grief. Amen.

Our Seven Confessions

1. I surrender to God's Will as He did in GETHSEMANE

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. *Gal 2:20*

2. I am forgiven for my sins through his BRUISES.

Who in his own self bore our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: *1Pe 2:24a 3.*

3. I am healed by his STRIPES.

by whose stripes ye were healed. *1Pe 2:24b*

4. I am honored because of his SHAME for me.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he has chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love: having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he has made us accepted in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through his Blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace. *Eph 1:3-7*

As Christ is, so we are in this world. *1 John 4:17b*

5. I have authority by his CROWN OF THORNS

The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him. *Rom 8:16-17*

And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. *1 Peter 5:4*

6. I have peace with God by his CRUCIFIXION

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. *Rom 5:1-2*

7. I have joy in my heart by his PIERCED HEART.

Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God *Hebrews 12:2*

Archconfraternity of the Precious Blood

Confraternities of the Blood of Christ first arose in Spain. By the early 1600s they were erected in many places including Italy. In the 1800s the zeal and devotion of Monsignor Francisco Albertini and St. Gaspar del Bufalo launched a worldwide devotion to the Precious Blood, and the founding of several religious congregations of the Precious Blood.

Monsignor Albertini drew the attention of Catholics to a relic—a cloth stained with the Blood of Jesus—preserved in the Basilica of St. Nicolas (in Carcere) in Rome. Preaching on the “price of our salvation” he and the newly ordained Father Gaspar stirred many to a greater love for God and a desire for their own salvation and the salvation of others.

They formed a society to meditate on the Passion and to offer up to the Eternal Father the Blood of his Son in expiation of their own sins, for the conversion of sinners, for the great needs of the Church, and the souls in purgatory.

Msgr. Albertini composed the “Chaplet of the Precious Blood” and other prayers, many of which have passed into general use among Catholics. Saint Gaspar wrote treatises and pamphlets to aid the faithful in appreciating the precious cost of the Blood of Jesus.

The confraternity was raised to the rank of an archconfraternity in 1815 and enriched with numerous indulgences. The devotion spread to America through the Passionists, and to England through Fr. Frederick Faber who, with his fellow religious of the Oratory, enrolled over thirty-eight thousand members between 1850-1860.

Enrolled members wear the Red Scapular of the Precious Blood, not to be confused with the Red Scapular of the Passion. This Scapular bears on one panel a chalice with the Precious Blood being adored by angels; the other panel is plain red cloth.

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cal errors, and special messages to “chosen sons” such as the infamous Fr. Nicholas Gruner, who celebrated the sacraments until his death, although his faculties had been suspended by the Holy See for his rebellion and disobedience.

But if Barnabas is being deceived by apparitions that are diabolical, what does Satan gain from inciting good people to pray more? He can cause people to perceive Jesus as harsh, and thus emulate a false model, leading to pharisaism and pride. These revelations foment fear, anxiety, and even panic regarding dire events predicted for the near future. People feel obligated to spend many hours in prayer to the detriment of the duties of their state in life. And, Satan can laugh when this is exposed as a farce, because some will feel tempted to mock or ignore genuine heavenly revelation.

This booklet offers a treasury of traditional prayers to the Precious Blood, based on sound theology. The purchase of this book will help to spread the mission of the House of Mary which is to promote authentic messages from heaven and to offer criteria for discernment. At its website you can read or download a free PDF that gives a detailed review of the alleged messages of Barnabas and you can “judge for yourselves” [1Cor 10:15, Lk 12:57, Acts 4:19].

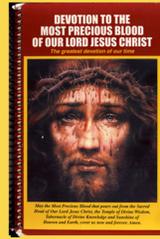
Trouble with Barnabas

The *Queenship* 2005 edition of newly “revealed” prayers to the Blood of Christ bears a *nihil obstat* and an *imprimatur*. The picture of Barnabas Nwoye, with his bishop and several priests and nuns, leads the reader to assume that the Church has approved these revelations and that there is nothing theologically disturbing in them.

What could be more beautiful and more powerful than invoking the Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ upon ourselves and the whole world? Entire religious congregations are named for the Precious Blood, and their saintly founders regard this as their chief devotion.

Going “down the rabbit hole” leads to the discovery of a little segment of Catholics in Nigeria who have separated themselves from the rest of the Church in their country, believing themselves to be “enlightened.” While they readily put their prayerbooks on the market, they are very secretive about allowing the rest of the Church to read the full revelations that Barnabas Nwoye is allegedly receiving. There you will discover gnosticism, quietism, an impossibly burdensome prayer regime, many contradictory statements, theological and liturgi-

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