

Prayer Set 5

Prayer of Self-Dedication to Jesus Christ

Lord Jesus Christ,
Take all my freedom, my memory,
My understanding and my will.
All that I love and cherish
You have given me.
I surrender it all to be guided by your will. Your grace
and your love
Are wealth enough for me.
Give me these, Lord Jesus,
And I ask for nothing more.

Source: *Lord Hear Our Prayer, United States of America, Ave Maria Press, 1978*

Draw me into Your Friendship

Lord Jesus, from the start
You invite ordinary people to come to where you live.
When they come, you welcome them
And call them to labour and rejoice with you.
You are the most beautiful among all men,
And I hardly believe you want me for your friend. You
are powerful, Lord.
Draw me into your friendship
And lead me along the way you took with friends.
- Joseph Tetlow, SJ

Source: Harter, Michael, *Hearts on Fire: Praying with Jesuits, United States of America, Loyola Press, 2005*

Prayer to Jesus before the Blessed Sacrament



Jesus, each time I look at the sacred Host,
sanctify my eyes, that they may close more and more
to all that is merely earthly.

Jesus, each time I look at the sacred Host,
send a ray of divine light into my soul,
that I may better know you and myself.

Jesus, each time I look at the sacred Host,
send a flame of divine love into my heart to consume
everything in it that is displeasing to You
and to set it all on fire with Your love.

Now and in eternity
may my only desire be to contemplate
the infinite beauty of Your divine countenance which
delights the angels.

Amen.

Source: <https://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=3172>

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A Prayer of Reconciliation

Lord Christ, help us to see
 what it is that joins us together,
 not what separates us.
 For when we see only
 what it is that makes us different,
 we too often become aware of
 what is wrong with others.
 We see only their faults and weaknesses,
 interpreting their actions as flowing from
 malice or hatred rather than fear.
 Even when confronted with evil, Lord,
 You forgave and sacrificed yourself
 rather than sought revenge.
 Teach us to do the same by the power of your Spirit.
 - William Breault, SJ

Source: Harter, Michael, *Hearts on Fire: Praying with Jesuits*, United States of America, Loyola Press, 2005

Help us to Remain Close to You

Lord Jesus, we ask you now
 To help us to remain with you always,
 To be close to you with all the ardour of our hearts,
 To take up joyfully the mission you entrust to us, And
 that is to continue your presence
 And spread the good news of your resurrection.
 - Carlo Maria Martini, SJ

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