

HOLY FACE

Devotions at the Shrine

THE GOLDEN ARROW PRAYER

(dictated by our Lord to Sister Mary of Saint Peter)

May the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most incomprehensible and unutterable Name of God be always praised, blessed, loved, adored, and glorified in Heaven, on earth, and under the earth, by all the creatures of God, and by the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Amen.

AN ACT OF HONORABLE AMENDS TO THE HOLY FACE

Most holy and most adorable Face of the Savior, humbly prostrate in Thy presence, we present ourselves before Thee, in order by a solemn act of faith and of piety, to render to Thee the homage of veneration, praise, and love which is Thy due. We also desire to offer to Thee, honorable amends and a public reparation for the sins, blasphemies, and sacrileges of which the present generation has rendered itself culpable towards the Divine Majesty, and which, in regard to Thee, oh well-beloved Face, renew the ignominies and the sufferings of Thy Passion.

It is with terror and profound affliction that we are witnesses of these monstrous crimes, which cannot fail to draw down upon society and upon our families, the malediction and the chastisements of Divine Justice. We see, in fact, all around us the law of the Lord and the authority of His Church despised and trodden under foot, His thrice holy Name denied or blasphemed, the Sunday which He has reserved for His worship, publicly profaned, His altars and His offices forsaken for criminal or frivolous pleasures. Impious sectarians attack all that is sacred and religious. But it is above all, the Divinity of Christ, the Son of the living God; it is the Incarnate Word; it is the august Face and the Crucifix which they attack with the greatest fury; the spit and the blows of the Jews are renewed by the insults and the outrages which their hatred dares, in every possible manner, to inflict upon Thee, oh Face full of sweetness and of love.

Pardon, a thousand times pardon, for all these crimes! May we make amends for them by our humble supplications and the fervor of our homage. Oh, but guilty and sinful as we are, what can we offer the Eternal Father in order to appease His just anger, if it be not Thyself, oh sorrowful Face, who has deigned to make Thyself our Advocate and our Victim? Supply what may be wanting in us by Thy satisfactions and Thy merits.

Heavenly Father, we entreat Thee to look on the Face of Thy Christ. Behold the wounds which disfigure It, the tears which escape from Its sunken eyes, the sweat with which It is bathed, the blood which flows in streams down Its profaned and wounded cheeks. Behold also Its invincible patience, Its unalterable gentleness, Its infinite tenderness, and Its merciful goodness towards sinners. This Holy Face is turned towards Thee, and, before exhaling Its last sigh, lovingly inclined upon the Cross, It implores Thee in favor of those who curse and outrage It. Oh Father, listen to that suppliant cry; permit Thyself to be touched; have pity on us, and pardon us. Grant, moreover, that in presence of this Divine Face, equally formidable and powerful, the enemies of Thy Name may take flight and disappear, that they may be converted and live! Amen.

PRAYER TO ENTREAT FOR THE TRIUMPH OF THE CHURCH

Lord, we entreated not Thy Face that we might turn from our iniquities and think on Thy truth. And the Lord hath watched upon the evil, and hath brought it upon us. The Lord our God is just in all His works which He hath done, for we have not hearkened to His voice. Now, therefore, O God, hear the supplication of Thy servant and his prayers, and show Thy Face upon Thy sanctuary which is desolate, for Thy own sake. Incline, O my God, Thy ear and hear; open Thy eyes, and see our desolation and the city upon which Thy Name is called, for it is not for our justifications that we present our prayers before Thy Face, but for the multitude of Thy tender mercies. O Lord, hear; O Lord, be appeased; hearken and do; delay not for Thy own sake, O my God, because Thy Name is invoked upon Thy city, and upon Thy people. But there is no one who invokes this powerful Name; there is none who lifts himself up to Thee, and who endeavors by his supplications to restrain the effects of Thy anger. Therefore, Thou, hast turned away Thy Face from us, and Thou hast bruised us under the weight of our iniquities. Lord, look upon us in pity, keep no longer silence, and do not leave us a prey to such sharp sorrows. Oh, if Thou wouldst open the heavens and come down! The mountains would tremble before Thy Face. Thy Name would be known amongst Thy enemies. The nations would be struck with terror. Cast Thy eyes upon us and remember that we are Thy people. Amen.

SHORT PRAYER OF REPARATION

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Holy Face of Jesus, covered with blood, sweat, dust, and spittle, in reparation for the crimes of Ecommunitists, blasphemers, and for the profaners of the Holy Name and of the Holy Day of Sunday. Amen.

