

PRAYER OF REPARATION

Leader Lord Jesus,

All We believe that you are present in the Sacred Host here exposed for our special adoration. We also believe that your presence is inseparably linked to your sacrifice on the Cross. This Sacred Host was consecrated at a Mass. You are present here as the Victim of that same sacrifice. Your eucharistic activity flows from that sacrifice. Everything here reminds us of Calvary.

Leader Lord Jesus,

All To think of Calvary and your sacrificial death, is to think of the circumstances surrounding it. Here, perhaps more than anywhere else, are realized the stark words of Saint John: "To his own he came, yet his own people did not accept him." The indifference and rejection of many of your own people stand out as one of the saddest facts of history.

Leader Lord Jesus,

All Even though your own dying words: "Father, forgiven them for they do not know what they are doing," soften the harshness of the judgment we might be tempted to pass on this, the fact remains that you were rejected.

Leader Lord Jesus,

All One other fact equally remains: That first rejection by people "who did not know

what they were doing," was only the beginning of a rejection that has been going on ever since, by people who *should* know what they are doing. People reject you when they refuse to accept your teachings, your Church, your sacraments, particularly the Holy Eucharist; people reject you, when they sin as we do so often. This modern rejection of you is Calvary all over again.

Leader Lord Jesus,

All But Calvary was not *all* rejection. There was a consoling presence, which you noted and appreciated, even in the moment of your greatest suffering: "Near the cross of Jesus there also stood his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. . . and the disciple whom he loved, John." In sympathetic suffering they hoped to compensate, to make up for the rejection of others.

Leader Lord Jesus,

All That is one of the reasons why we are here tonight. We want our prayerful presence to compensate, to be an act of reparation. We want our actions to confirm our words. That is why we give up rest and sleep to be here in your presence. We want to compensate for the rejection of others, to atone for our own too frequent rejections of you by sin; to make up, in some small measure, for the indifference of the world.

Leader Lord Jesus,

All Our sins are great and many. In your mercy grant that we may share in the redemptive value of your sacrifice, and offer true reparation to the Father.

Right Side For the world's rejection of you,

Left Side We ask forgiveness and offer reparation.

Right Side For the world's rejection of you in government, in international affairs, in the organization of United Nations,

Left Side We ask forgiveness and offer reparation.

Right Side For the world's rejection of you in peace and in war,

Left Side We ask forgiveness and offer reparation.

All Lord Jesus, our sins are great and many. In your mercy, grant that we may share in the redemptive value of your sacrifice, and offer true reparation to the Father.

Left Side For the pride of people who stand against you,

Right Side We ask forgiveness and offer reparation.

Left Side For all injustice, racial discrimination, and oppression of minorities,

Right Side we ask forgiveness and offer reparation.

Left Side For dishonesty in politics, in business, in social life,

Right Side We ask forgiveness and offer reparation.

All Lord Jesus, our sins are great and many. In your mercy, grant that we may share in the redemptive value of your sacrifice, and offer true reparation to the Father.

Right Side For the world's sins of impurity,

Left Side We ask forgiveness and offer reparation.

Right Side For indecent movies, plays, amusements, and books,

Left Side We ask forgiveness and offer reparation.

Right Side For the many sins committed against the sanctity of the marriage bond,

Left Side We ask forgiveness and offer reparation.

All Lord Jesus, our sins are great and many. In your mercy, grant that we may share in the redemptive value of your sacrifice, and offer true reparation to the Father.

Left Side For the blasphemous use of your Holy Name,

Right Side We ask forgiveness and offer reparation.

Left Side For all who persecute your Church and try to destroy it,

Right Side We ask forgiveness and offer reparation.

Left Side For all those who resist your author-

ity in the Church in matters of faith and morals,

Right Side We ask forgiveness and offer reparation.

All Lord Jesus, our sins are great and many. In your mercy, grant that we may share in the redemptive value of your sacrifice, and offer true reparation to the Father.

Right Side For the times we may have sinfully missed Mass on Sundays and holy days.

Left Side We ask forgiveness and offer reparation.

Right Side For the often neglectful way we may offer Holy Mass,

Left Side We ask forgiveness and offer reparation.

Right Side For the millions who wilfully neglect your Holy Sacrifice,

Left Side We ask forgiveness and offer reparation.

All Lord Jesus, our sins are great and many. In your mercy, grant that we may share in the redemptive value of your sacrifice, and offer true reparation to the Father.

Left Side For the sacrilegious Communions that desecrate your Holy Sacrament,

Right Side We ask forgiveness and offer reparation.

Left Side For our want of fitting preparation before, and thanksgiving after Holy Communion,

Right Side We ask forgiveness and offer reparation.

Left Side For the many times we have turned down an opportunity to receive Holy Communion,

Right Side We ask forgiveness and offer reparation.

All Lord Jesus, our sins are great and many. In your mercy, grant that we may share in the redemptive value of your sacrifice, and offer true reparation to the Father.

Right Side For the disrespect of your Real Presence,

Left Side We ask forgiveness and offer reparation.

Right Side For the desecration of your altars and churches.

Left Side We ask forgiveness and offer reparation.

Right Side For the too frequent lack of practical faith in your Real Presence,

Left Side We ask forgiveness and offer reparation.

All Lord Jesus, our sins are great and many. In your mercy, grant that we may share in the redemptive value of your sacrifice, and offer true reparation to the Father.