

Day Three: The Gift of Piety

Opening Songs:

Mighty to Save

Everyone needs compassion Love that's never failing Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness The kindness of a Saviour The hope of nations

Saviour He can move the mountains My God is mighty to save He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation He rose and conquered the grave Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me All my fears and failures Fill my life again
I give my life to follow Ev'rything I believe in Now I surrender

*Shine your light and let the whole world see We're singing
For the glory of the risen King Jesus*

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Refiner's Fire

Purify my heart Let me be as gold And precious silver
Purify my heart Let me be as gold Pure gold

Refiner's fire My heart's one desire Is to be holy Set apart for You Lord
I want to be holy Set apart for You my Master Ready to do Your will

Purify my heart Cleanse me from within And make me holy
Purify my heart Cleanse me from my sin Deep within

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Pray:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created.

And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit:

On my knees I, before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses, offer myself, soul and body to you, Eternal Spirit of God. I adore the brightness of your purity, the unerring keenness of your justice and the might of your love. You are the strength and light of my soul. In you I live and move and am. I desire never to grieve you by unfaithfulness to grace and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against you. Mercifully guard my every thought and grant that I may always watch for your light, and listen to your voice, and follow your gracious inspirations. I cling to you and give myself to you and ask you by your compassion to watch over me in my weakness. Holding the pierced feet of Jesus and looking at his five wounds, and trusting in his Precious Blood and adoring his opened side and stricken heart, I implore you, Adorable Spirit, Helper of my infirmity, to keep me in your grace that I may never sin against you. Give me grace O Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Father and the Son to say to you always and everywhere, "Speak Lord for your servant is listening." Amen

Saint Intercession: St. Charles Borromeo (1538-1584) was a cardinal when famine and plague struck Milan. Though most nobles fled the city, Cardinal Borromeo organized the religious who remained to feed and care for the hungry and sick. They fed over 60,000 people a day, the bill largely footed by the Cardinal, who went into personal debt to feed the hungry. He also personally visited those suffering from plague and bathed their sores, having first written his will and prepared himself for death. But the good Cardinal was spared, living another six years after what would eventually be called "the Plague of St. Charles."

L: St. Charles Borromeo **All:** Pray for us.

Pope Francis shares

"The prayer of praise is a Christian prayer, for all of us. In the Mass, every day, when we sing the 'Holy, Holy, Holy,' this is a prayer of praise: we praise God for his greatness because he is great. And we address him with beautiful words because it pleases us to do

this. The prayer of praise bears fruit in us. Music and song can often make certain moments unique in a person's life, because they become a precious memory that has marked their lives.””

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:1-13

Be careful not to do your acts of righteousness before men to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. So, when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. This then is how you should pray: Our Father in heaven Hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we also forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds, his right hand has won victory for him his holy arm.

Response: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

The Lord has made his salvation known, in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice. He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel.

Response: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God. Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands, break into song, sing praise.

Response: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Reflection – Fr. Brian Fallon

Piety

Do you have the desire to embrace a life of holiness and to imitate Christ? This desire comes straight from the Holy Spirit who teaches us how to respond to every situation with holy actions, words and attitudes. During this pandemic may we be ever more filled with the right holy actions, words and attitudes.

Pray Hail Mary, Our Father and 7 Glory Be's

Meditation: Blessed Jesus, please give to me stillness of soul and let your mighty calmness reign in me. Rule me Lord of gentleness, Lord of peace. Give me great power of self-control over my words, thoughts and actions. Help me through these days of pandemic to put my trust in your love. To pray as we were taught in full faith. Amen.

Final Prayer:

Come and fill me, O Blessed Spirit of Piety. Possess my heart. Purify me. Humble me. Enkindle in me such a love for God that I may be satisfied only in His service and lovingly submit to all legitimate authority for the sake of your kingdom. Make me increasingly uncomfortable with everything that is evil. So that I turn away from it and live only in You. Amen.

Closing Song:

Good Good Father

I've heard a thousand stories Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper Of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased And that I'm never alone

You're a Good Good Father It's who You are It's who You are It's who You are
And I'm loved by You It's who I am It's who I am It's who I am

I've seen many searching for answers Far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers Only You provide
Because You know just what we need Before we say a word

*You are perfect in all of Your ways You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us*

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still Into love love love