



## Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

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*Dear Devotees of the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Friends, Benefactors and Patrons of the Rosary Hour,  
Praised be Jesus Christ!*

Soon will begin the beautiful month of June, the month of special devotion to **the Sacred Heart of Jesus** and of **the Mystery of the Eucharist**. This month we also celebrate **Father's Day**. On this special day, the Rosary Hour will begin the **NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**.

We still cling to grief and disbelief with the terrible **pandemic** of the COVID-19 coronavirus that **has spread all over the world**. This tragedy is a time of great retreats, retreats in which people dispersed all over the world participate unwillingly, because no one remains indifferent to the tragedy of so many people.

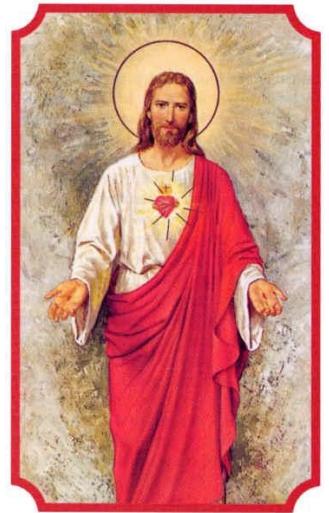
We do not know what God's providence is preparing us for. However, let us remember the joyful message of Easter and the quoted words of the Holy Scriptures: **"No one lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's..."** (Rm 14:7-9)

Let us at this time reflect on the teaching of Jesus Christ, which says that for the grain to give yield, it has to die first. There is perhaps no better time than this to recall these words of Jesus. He died for our sins and gave much fruit. Those who unexpectedly ended their earthly pilgrimage will also yield much fruit, if such be the will of God. Let us remember this because it contains one of the hardest lessons of Christianity. It is extremely hard for the human mind and heart to accept. Let us ask the Lord that no one will lack the strength to carry the cross, which has been placed on human shoulders.

**The Heart of Jesus wounded by the lance of a soldier remains perpetually open for humanity.** It is enough to respond with love, for His love, and faithfulness for His faithfulness.

**Our dear Friends, let us not forget the love of God, the love of Jesus: he watches us, he loves us, he waits for us. He is all heart and all mercy. Let us go with faith to Jesus, he always forgives us!**

We strongly encourage you to give honor to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. **Today we invite you to take part in our novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, so that together we could adore the mystery of the love of God revealed through His Heart. The Novena will be conducted from the 21<sup>st</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> of June.** Enclosed with this letter is an intentions card on which you can write the name of your **Father**. In this way you will be able to thank him for his fatherly love and offer prayers for his intentions as well as include him in the nine Masses which will be celebrated by Franciscans. During this Novena, connected with you spiritually, Franciscans will pray for **all fathers**, both those living and those who have already left this world, for **pandemic victims** as well as **all the intentions** you send to them. **Please send your intentions card along with your offering. Your gift of prayer and material support sustains the Rosary Hour, which continues to evangelize 21<sup>st</sup> century people through radio and the Internet.**



*May the Merciful God bless you for the generosity of your heart.  
With prayers and gratitude,*

*Br. Daniel Geary, OFM Conv.*

Br. Daniel and the Rosary Hour Community

PS. As a „thank you” for taking part in this Novena Franciscans will send you **Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**.