



Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Fr. Justin Rosary Hour

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

Upon us is **June, the month of special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**. This month we celebrate **Father's Day**. **On this special day, the Franciscans will begin the NOVENA to the SACRED HEART of JESUS.**

Pope Francis frequently highlighted the Sacred Heart of Jesus, emphasizing its role in God's mercy, the Church's mission, and the need for tenderness and closeness toward others. In his encyclical "Dilexit Nos" ("He Loved Us"), Pope Francis calls on Catholics worldwide to rediscover the love and compassion found in the heart of Jesus Christ, the Sacred Heart as a font of healing for a divided world.



The act of consecration of the American nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will coincide with the 250th anniversary of the founding of the USA and will take place in June 2026, during the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This decision, made in the face of growing secularization, aims to publicly affirm the Christian faith, placing Christ at the center of national life. The Church wishes to remind everyone that **true freedom and unity of nations find their source in the Heart of Jesus.**

God loves people very much, and His Heart is constantly open for humanity. It is enough to respond with love to his love. He watches us, loves us and waits for us. Dear Friends, we encourage you to look at the Sacred Heart of Jesus as the source of love and peace and always turn to Jesus with trust! Looking at the Heart of Jesus throughout June, contemplating and adoring it, meditating on His mysteries following the invocations of the *Litany to the Sacred Heart of the Lord Jesus*, that we know so well. The Franciscans, spiritually united with you will discover **the promises the Heart of Jesus contains**, promises of what God can and wants to do with the human heart of each and every one of us. After all, this is what we ask for every time at the end of the litany prayer: **Make our hearts like unto Yours!**

In June we celebrate **Father's Day**. Let us thank God for our dear fathers, for those who are alive and those who have already passed away to eternity. Let us express our love and gratitude. Like Mary, let us entrust ourselves to the merciful Jesus. May the month of the Sacred Heart inspire us to deepen our understanding and experience of Christ's love, a source of spiritual renewal and strength.

We strongly encourage you to give honor to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. **Today we would like to invite you to take part in our NOVENA to the SACRED HEART of JESUS, so that we could adore the mystery of God's love revealed to the world through His Heart. The Novena will be conducted from the 21st to the 29th of June.** Enclosed with this letter is a intentions card on which you can write the name of your **dad**. 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 **9 MASSES** which will be celebrated by the Franciscans. Also include names of your grandfathers, godfathers and the matters and intentions that are important to you. During this Novena, the Franciscans, who are spiritually connected with you, will pray for all fathers, both those living and those who have already left this world, for peace in the world as well as all the intentions sent to them.

Your GIFT of material support, which you will send along with your intentions will help the Franciscans in the new evangelization.

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

Br. Daniel Geary, OFM Conv.

Br Daniel Geary with the *Fr Justin Rosary Hour* community and the *Companions of St. Anthony*

PS – If you would like to receive the text of **the Litany and Prayer to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - on the occasion of the Consecration of the United States of America to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - please write to us or mark it on the return card.** At your request, we would be happy to send it to you.

When you send your intentions **REMEMBER to write YOUR NAME & ADDRESS.**

