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### **Marian Consecration Daily Prayers and Reflections Day 11 of 33**

*Total Consecration to Jesus is a beautiful exercise to increase your spirituality and ability to truly serve our Lord Jesus Christ. Consecration consists merely of a 33-day period of prayerful preparation followed by the actual act of consecration itself. Those wishing to complete the Consecration on December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the closing date of the Diocesan Marian Year, should begin the process on November 5.*

#### **Imitation: Book 1, Chapter 13**

#### **Of the Fervent Amendment of our whole life**

When a certain anxious person, who oftentimes wavered between hope and fear, once overcome with sadness, threw himself upon the ground in prayer, before one of the altars in the Church and thinking these things in his mind, said “Oh, if I only knew how to persevere,” that very instant he heard within him, this heavenly answer: “And if thou didst know this, what would thou do? Do now what you would do, and thou shall be perfectly secure.” And immediately being consoled, and comforted, he committed himself to the Divine Will, and his anxious thoughts ceased. He no longer wished for curious things; searching to find out what would happen to him, but studied rather to learn what was the acceptable and perfect will of God for the beginning and the perfection of every good work.

“Hope in the Lord,” said the Prophet, “And do all good, and inhabit the land, and thou shall be fed of the riches thereof.” There is one thing that keeps many back from spiritual progress, and from fervor in amendment, namely: the labor that is necessary for the struggle. And assuredly they especially advance beyond others in virtues, who strive the most manfully to overcome the very things which are the hardest and most contrary to them. For there a man does profit more and merit more abundant grace, when he does most to overcome himself and mortify his spirit. All have not, indeed, equal difficulties to overcome and mortify, but a diligent and zealous person will make a greater progress though he have more passions than another, who is well regulated but less fervent in the pursuit of virtues.

#### **Daily Prayers for Total Consecration - Days 1-12**

#### **Veni Creator**

**Come, Holy Spirit, Creator blest,  
and in our souls take up Thy rest;  
come with Thy grace and heavenly aid  
to fill the hearts which Thou hast made.**

O comforter, to Thee we cry,  
O heavenly gift of God Most High,



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O fount of life and fire of love,  
and sweet anointing from above.

Thou in Thy sevenfold gifts are known;  
Thou, finger of God's hand we own;  
Thou, promise of the Father,  
Thou Who dost the tongue with power imbue.

Kindle our sense from above,  
and make our hearts o'erflow with love;  
with patience firm and virtue high  
the weakness of our flesh supply.

Far from us drive the foe we dread,  
and grant us Thy peace instead;  
so shall we not, with Thee for guide,  
turn from the path of life aside.

Oh, may Thy grace on us bestow  
the Father and the Son to know;  
and Thee, through endless times confessed,  
of both the eternal Spirit blest.

Now to the Father and the Son,  
Who rose from death, be glory given,  
with Thou, O Holy Comforter,  
henceforth by all in earth and heaven. Amen.

### **Ave Maris Stella**

Hail, O Star of the ocean,  
God's own Mother blest,  
ever sinless Virgin,  
gate of heav'nly rest.

Taking that sweet Ave,  
which from Gabriel came,  
peace confirm within us,  
changing Eve's name.

Break the sinners' fetters,  
make our blindness day,  
Chase all evils from us,  
for all blessings pray.



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Show thyself a Mother,  
may the Word divine  
born for us thine Infant  
hear our prayers through thine.

Virgin all excelling,  
mildest of the mild,  
free from guilt preserve us  
meek and undefiled.

Keep our life all spotless,  
make our way secure  
till we find in Jesus,  
joy for evermore.

Praise to God the Father,  
honor to the Son,  
in the Holy Spirit,  
be the glory one. Amen.

### **Magnificat**

My soul doth magnify the Lord. And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. Because He hath regarded the humility of His handmaid; for behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. Because He that is mighty hath done great things to me; and holy is His name. And His mercy is from generation to generations, to them that fear Him. He hath showed might in His arm; He hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat; and hath exalted the humble. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. He hath received Israel His servant, being mindful of His mercy. As He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever. Amen.

### **Glory Be**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.