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### **Marian Consecration Daily Prayers and Reflections Day 8 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 resisting temptations**

As long as we live in this world, we cannot be without temptations and tribulations. Hence it is written in Job “Man’s life on earth is a temptation.” Everyone therefore should be solicitous about his temptations and watch in prayer lest the devil find an opportunity to catch him: he who never sleeps, but goes about, seeking whom he can devour. No one is so perfect and holy as sometimes not to have temptations and we can never be wholly free from them. Nevertheless, temptations are very profitable to man, troublesome and grievous though they may be, for in them a man is humbled, purified and instructed. All the Saints passed through many tribulations and temptations and were purified by them. And they that could not support temptations, became reprobate and fell away.

Many seek to flee temptations, and fall worse into them. We cannot conquer by flight alone, but by patience and true humility we become stronger than all our enemies. He who only declines them outwardly, and does not pluck out their root, will profit little; nay, temptations will sooner return and he will find himself in a worse condition. By degrees and by patience you will, by God’s grace, better overcome them than by harshness and your own importunity. Take council the oftener in temptation, and do not deal harshly with one who is tempted; but pour in consolation, as you would wish to be done unto yourself. Inconstancy of mind and little confidence in God, is the beginning of all temptations. For as a ship without a helm is driven to and fro by the waves, so the man who neglects and gives up his resolutions is tempted in many ways.

#### **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.