

The Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Day SIX

The Wounded Heart: *"One of the soldiers opened His side with a spear"* (cf.Jn19:31-37) This Wound is a door. St Augustine comments on this when he writes – *"The Evangelist says, 'opened', to show us that the door of life was thrown open, through which the Sacraments of the Church flow forth"*. These Sacraments are represented by the Blood and Water which flow from the wounded Heart. It is in this wounded Heart that we find the *"unsearchable riches"* of which St Paul speaks in his Letter to the Church in Ephesus (cf.Eph.3:8-19).

"From all My Wounds, like from streams, mercy flows for souls. But the Wound in My Heart is the Fountain of unfathomable mercy. From this Fountain spring all graces for souls." (Diary of St Faustina, para.1190) *Divine Mercy: The Healing Love of Jesus*

If we are wounded and healed, we pray for those who are in need of healing: the abused, the addicted, all victims of abortion, the desolate, those held captive, those deprived of dignity by the indifference of others, and those whose lives are blighted by racism.

Jesus, He meets us where we are

Jesus, He heals our secret scars



Jesus, in the Sacraments, He cleans, cherishes and nourishes us.

We bring to the Sacred Heart of Jesus the wounds of a wounded world.

Jesus, give us Your Heart! Make us strong to love!

+ In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O my Jesus, you have said: *"Truly I say to you, ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you."* Here I am, knocking on the door of your Heart, seeking and asking.

Our Father, Who art in Heaven,

Hail Mary, Full of Grace,

Glory be to

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

Lord Jesus Christ, your heart was moved with love for the men and women who came for help in their need. You healed the sick, you fed the hungry, you forgave sinners, you cried over Jerusalem. Above all, you showed to those who were prepared to listen the way to true life, for you are the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Lord, your heart is still moved today by your people and their many needs. Open our hearts to hear your word, to accept your love, and to respond to your call. In particular, I beg you to grant me the favour I ask during this novena (*make your request silently*)...I pray that this will contribute to my own eternal good and to the building up of your Kingdom of justice, peace and love here on earth.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you. Amen

