

# Jesus The Lord Our Saviour

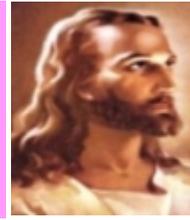
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# BLESSINGS OF GOD BE YOURS...



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**“ O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.”  
(Psalm 63:1)**

**My Father God! I praise You! My God, so powerful! I glorify You! My merciful God! I adore You! O Father, my body and my soul longs for You! O God my God! I get crippled by the troubles and tribulations of this life that suffocate me. My God! Fill me with Your Love! Grant me the grace to rise up and walk and to fulfill Your will without stumbling.**

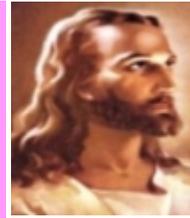
**O Father! Fill me with Your overflowing Love! May I never be handicapped due to my troubles and grant me the grace to always fulfill Your will.**



**I will praise Your Name and mercies all my life through! I shall exalt Your Name with folded hands! ThankYou.  
My Father God! You are always my Help! I shall sing with Joy from under the shadow of Your wings!  
ThankYou! ThankYou my God! AMEN !**

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**BELOVED IN CHRIST...**



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**The basic essence of our life depends on our relationship with one another.**

**The life of husband and wife, the life between children and parents, the life between siblings, life of friendship, even our education, occurrences in the work place all these determine our successes and failures, joys and sufferings depending on the nature of our relationships. When our relationships are built on the foundation of love, then selfishness, hatred, jealousy, bitterness, all take a back seat.**

**The satisfaction and untellable joy that we experience in our lives is solely dependant on our relationships. When we become crafty and when attacking and accusing each other in our speeches become dominant, then our relationships get embittered!**

**In order to experience lasting joy within our families or in friendly relationships, Our LORD's advice becomes commensurate. Let us be cautious not to allow hatred and enmity to surface amongst us. Even if there are people who cause us troubles in one way or the other, let us be large -hearted to lift them up also, in prayer. Such a prayer will cleanse and make us holy and grant us fulfillment. I wish you joy.**

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# A TRUE DEVOTION TO MARY



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St. Louis –Marie Grignion de Montfort had penned a book titled “True devotion to Mary”, and I here intend to present excerpts from the book. We Praise The Virgin Mary Mother of God, as the Mother of Jesus, as the Mother of God amongst the Catholics and among the various peoples. We place our petitions to Her and are thus benefitted. We are thus overjoyed. We gain fulfillment by visiting the various shrines. Several people have been enriched by reading the book written by Louis de Montfort. Our previous Pope , Pope John Paul II mentions that he has gained a lot from reading this book.

(“From this little book I learnt what it means to have true devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.”)

The devotion that one has towards the Blessed Virgin Mary, comes from a deep understanding of the Secrets of the Redemption and the ensuing fire of love that manifests itself as a divinely ignited spirit! Hence this devotion is the loving relationship that one develops with the Mother of God. This does not stop with mere rites and rituals.

We here present the feelings that should arise in the hearts of the devotees.

1.It is only through the Blessed Virgin Mother Mary that Jesus the redeemer came forth to the world. Just as He came to the world through Her, so too should He rule the world through Her and He so reigns.

2. The Blessed Virgin Mary lived a hidden life when on this earth. Her humility , hid and protected Her. This was what She greatly wished. God Himself thus hid Her. Even Her parents did not fully understand Her.

3. She- The Holy Virgin Mary. She- A divine Mystery!

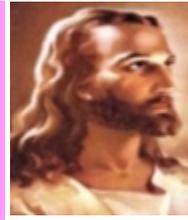
4.The Holy Spirit who inspired the Evangelists to write about Jesus, permitted very little to be written about the Virgin Mother.

5. The Blessed Virgin Mary is a perfect Master piece of the Holy and Mighty God ! The Knowledge of Her belongs solely to God.

6. If Jesus is the new Adam, then the Blessed Virgin Mary is His earthly bliss. It is in this earthly bliss that He became Man by the power of the Holy Spirit. He deigned to perform miracles through Her. Even the heavenly hosts of Angels long to sing Her praises. To call Her, “ Holy Mary! Mother of God!” and to praise Her, “ Hail Mary!” They consider it their rare privilege. The Grace and glory of the Virgin Mary is beyond human eyes and mind power. To understand Her is to understand Her Son. May all tongues maintain silence here.



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**7. The reason for not understanding Jesus to date, is because His Mother has not been understood. To comprehend the reign of Jesus is to understand His Mother. “ She who first gave him to the world will establish his kingdom in the world.” (True Devotion to Mary) ( Introduction No. 13, P.25)**

**It is essential for us to have a True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**1. The basic foundation of Catholic Faith is that there is only One God. He alone created everything. Only God says, “ I am who I am.” (Exodus 3:14). All creation depends solely on Him. The Holy Virgin Mother is also His creation! Yet, in the history of the world, God had decided to fulfill all the very holy and glorious events only through The Blessed Virgin Mary.**

**Hence the redemption of mankind lies dependant on Her. The Son of God did not come to the world directly from the Heavenly Father. He came only as the Son of the Virgin Mother Mary.**

**“The Son of God became man for our salvation but only in Mary and through Mary.”**

**2. Before forming the Body of Jesus Christ in the womb of the Virgin Mary, The Holy Spirit God obtained Her permission. She in turn consecrated Herself saying, “Behold the Handmaid of the LORD.”**

**3. God the Son found bliss in the womb of The Virgin Mother. He rejoiced being there and showered a miraculous cascade of graces.**

**He freely decided to lay hidden in the womb of the Virgin Mother. His gracefulness was made manifest solely to Mother Mary as He lived a hidden life.**

**The Holy Virgin Mother stood beside Jesus Christ as His support right from the womb to Calvary. (TDM No. 18, P.31 Cf. Vat Cou II Lumen Gentium, No. 58)**

**It was The Virgin Mother who carried Him in Her womb, gave birth and sheltered and cared for Him. Finally She consecrated Him as a sacrifice on the Cross. God was thus dependant on The Virgin Mother in this way.**

**4. The grace for the Redemption of mankind began in the womb of the Blessed Virgin. It was through Her that Elizabeth was filled with grace. John the Baptist who was in the womb of Elizabeth was also filled with grace. It was through the intercession of the Blessed Mother that Jesus turned water into wine at Cana and thus began His Redemptive work. And finally She fulfilled the sacrifice on Calvary in Her very Presence. She opened up the well of the Redemptive graces for mankind.**

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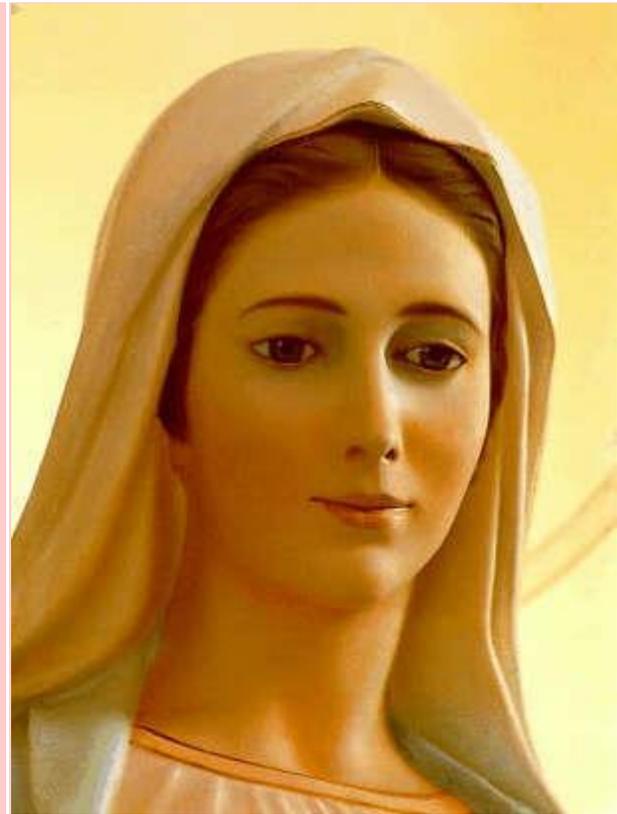


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The fruit of death hung on a tree in Eden. But fructified in the womb of the Virgin Mary, Jesus, the Fruit of Life, hung on a Cross. She thus abolished the fruit of death and crushed the head of satan. It is so designed that it is only through Her that the will of God be fulfilled. Only the devotees of Mary can win over satan through Her Immaculate Heart.

5. Just as the redemption of the world began through Mary, so too should it find its fulfillment in Her. When Our LORD first came to the world, no one could fully admire the beauty and gracefulness of the Blessed Mother. But now during the Second Coming of Our LORD Jesus, He will reveal Her in all totality. Everyone will know Jesus Christ through the Blessed Virgin Mother and will serve Him alone in all love. " God wishes to make Mary better known in the latter times." (TDM 49, P.55)

6. What Lucifer lost by pride and stubbornness, Mother Mary gained and made Her own through Her Humility.



What Eve scattered and destroyed through Her disobedience, Mother Mary redeemed, through Her Obedience. As Eve obeyed the serpent, she destroyed herself and her children, thus surrendering herself to satan. But The Virgin Mother Mary through Her complete fidelity to God, redeemed Herself and Her children and consecrated them all to the Great and Mighty Holy God. ( TDM 53, P 59)

7. The chosen children who listen to the prompting and instigation by the Holy Spirit, will surely look on Her bright grace-filled beauty. They will receive Her help, and will experience it.

They will consecrate themselves totally to Her Love and to Her service. They will receive Her Love and concern and rejoice in It. They will also understand how important it is to have Her support. Hence they will seek Her support and Intercession at all times. They will also understand that She is the surest, easiest, safest and the best way to reach Jesus.

8. They will thus consecrate themselves totally to Her. They will live joyfully without any reservations on their Body and Soul, meant solely for Jesus Christ through Mother Mary.

9. As servants of the Almighty God, and as flaming torches, these will ignite the holy spark of love where ever they may go. They will destroy the enemy as sharp swords in the Hands of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

10. The children of the Blessed Mother have been moulded and cleansed in fires of immense tribulations as did the children of the Levites (Malachi 3:3). They will be one in existence with God.

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**They would bear Love as gold in their heart, Prayer as incense in their soul, and Self-control as a sweet smelling balm in their body. They will prove themselves to be the sweet fragrance of Jesus to the poor and to the down trodden. But they will be a poisonous smoke to the rich and to the proud of heart. ( 2 Corinthians 2:15-16)**

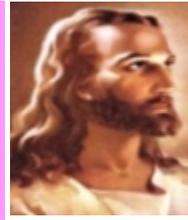
**11.The servants of the Blessed Virgin Mary will prove to be the clouds that can withstand lightning, can breathe in the Power of the Holy Spirit, and can also leap as lightning. They will be untouched, unmoved and unafraid of any happening of the world, and they will rain down the Word of God which can give Life Ever lasting. They will leave away sin and will emerge triumphant from satan the enemy and from all his embellishments, through the Sword which is the Word of God.**

**12.In the last days they will work as holy messengers for the God of hosts! Silver and gold will never entice their hearts! Worldly worries will never afflict their hearts! Worldly worries will never affect them. The Power that the Holy Spirit gives them will be their wings. Bearing only the Glory of God before their mind's eye, and on solely considering the redemption of souls, they will serve the LORD , flying on their wings!**

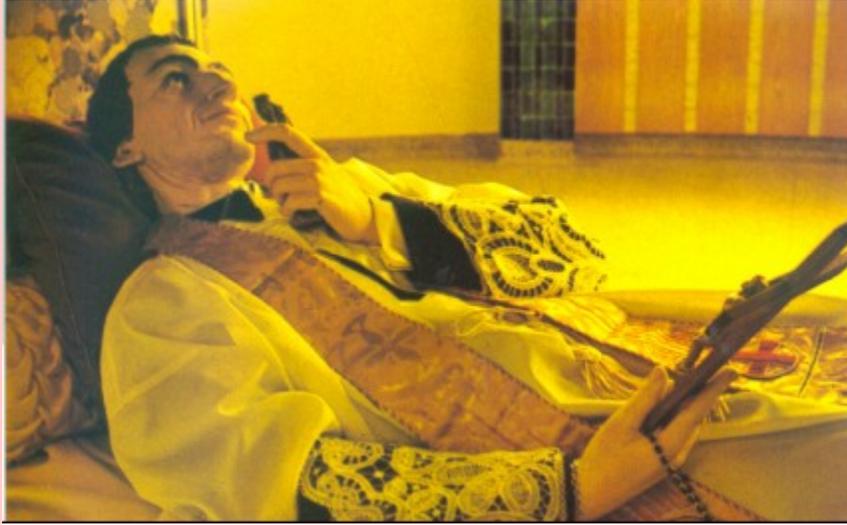
**Where ever God's Word is proclaimed the gold of Love will sparkle. That is the fulfillment of God's commands! They will live as sweet witnesses to the simplicity, humility, holiness and Love of Jesus!**

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**A brief sketch of the life of St. Louis- Marie Grignion de Montfort, who wrote, “True Devotion to Mary.”  
St. Louis – Marie de Montfort- 1673-1716**

**On 31st January 1673, he was born in the village of Montfort –sur –Meu in the state of Brittany in France. His parents Jean Baptiste Grignion and Jeanne Robert. His three brothers were priests. He studied in a School run by the Jesuits. From his early childhood, he prayed with great affection to the Blessed Mother. He was educated in the Seminary in Paris. While he was studying Theology at the University of Sorbonne, he willingly read the Life history of the saints, with great interest.**

**Then realizing the holiness involved in being the servant of the Mother of God, he also made his peers realize its importance. He followed it strictly in his life. He realized the depth of the Mystery of God becoming Man, more and more. He was ordained priest in 1700.**

**In 1713, he wrote the beautiful book titled, “Treatise on True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin.”**

**This book was brought forth as a result of his deep spiritual experience. One of those who were greatly influenced and benefitted from this book, was our (Late) Pope John Paul II.**

**This is one of the most famous books written about the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

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