

HEART
of
CHRIST'S
MYSTICAL BODY

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**SACRED HEART OF JESUS,
HAVE MERCY ON US.**

**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY,
PRAY FOR US.**

**SILENT HEART OF JOSEPH,
PRAY FOR US.**

**HAND DOWN HEARTS
OF THE HOLY APOSTLES,
PRAY FOR US.**

**POVERELLO'S
THE KINGDOM OF GOD,
PRAY FOR US.**

**THE PURE IN HEART,
PRAY FOR US.**

**GRAFTING HEARTS,
WE TEACH AND ASK
UNITED IN THE LORD JESUS.**

AMEN.

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The Title:

HEART OF CHRIST'S MYSTICAL BODY

This title is may be the first time to use this description.

Your and other's heart, when in the state of grace, is united in the Heart of Christ's Mystical Body.

Jesus is the Head of the Mystical Body (see Colossians 1:18). Christ, says St. Paul, the Apostle, is the Head of the Body of the Church. We see Pope Pius XII writing in the Encyclical Mystical Body of Christ (Mystici Corporis Christi): The Body of Christ are united with their Head (nn. 11, 14).

A head may be a represent the intellect. Of course, Jesus is the Head of the Body of the Church.

And / both we may represent the heart.

“The spiritual tradition of the Church also emphasizes the *heart*, in the biblical sense of the depths of one's being,” where a person decides (Catechism of the Catholic Church [CCC], paragraph 368).

Sacred Scripture is a “reason of the unity of God's plan, of which Christ Jesus is the center and heart (...); we understand the phrase “heart of Christ” (see CCC, 112).

Others hearts are united in the One Heart of Christ's Mystical Body.

The Lines:

SACRED HEART OF JESUS, HAVE MERCY ON US.

A traditional short prayer.

Christ “has loved us all with a human heart. For this reason, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, pierced by our sins and for our salvation” (CCC, 478).

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, PRAY FOR US.

A traditional short prayer.

Jesus joined Mary of Nazareth with his sacrifice in her mother’s heart (CCC, 964).

Another title of Mary for her heart is a popular prayer that is asking, “Sorrowful Heart of Mary, pray for us.”

SILENT HEART OF JOSEPH, PRAY FOR US.

This may be the first use of this term for praying.

Saint Joseph is silent in the Gospels.

**HAND DOWN HEARTS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES,
PRAY FOR US.**

This may be the first use of this term for praying.

“Hand down” is an idiom passing to others.

The Holy Apostles hand down Jesus’ teachings (Apostles’ Creed).

POVERELLO'S THE KINGDOM OF GOD, PRAY FOR US.

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“Poverello” is a nickname for Saint Francis of Assisi.

It is famous calling him as the poor one.

We see the Beatitudes (Sermon of the Mount; Matthew 5:3).

St. Francis is a model of the poor in spirit.

The poor in spirit have the kingdom of heaven.

THE PURE IN HEART, PRAY FOR US.

Matthew 5:8 refers it.

This may be the first use of this term for praying.

Temperance is a classical cardinal virtue.

Perhaps, see and pray with other phrases similar **“THE SINCERE HEARTS”**, **“THE UPRIGHT HEARTS”**, **“THE GENTLE HEARTS”**, and **“THE BROKENHEARTED, PRAY FOR US”!**

GRAFTING HEARTS, WE TEACH AND ASK UNITED IN THE LORD JESUS.

This may be the first use of this term for praying.

“Grafting” referred to the True Vine in the Gospel (John 15:5).

We teach because, “The Word became flesh to make us *partakers of the divine nature*” (CCC, 460; 2 Peter 1:4).

We ask because, “it will be given to you; seek and you will find” (Mt 7:7) whatever (Jn 16:23).

The motto of the Society of the Missionaries of the Holy Apostles (MSA) reflects human hearts to be love to all Creator’s children.

See Gal 3:28, 1 Cor 6:17 and the Article 8 of the MSA Constitutions:

UNITED IN THE LORD JESUS.

AMEN.

So be it.

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(Litany's Supplement)

**THE JOYFUL HEARTS,
PRAY FOR US.**

**THE LUMINOUS HEARTS,
PRAY FOR US.**

**THE SORROWFUL HEARTS,
PRAY FOR US.**

**THE GLORIOUS HEARTS,
PRAY FOR US.**

**THE HUMBLE AND LOYAL HEARTS,
PRAY FOR US.**

**ALL HEARTS WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT,
PRAY FOR US.**

¡AMEN!

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(APPENDIX)

**GIVE US A PERFECT HEART
TO RECEIVE YOUR WORD,
- THAT WE MAY BRING
FORTH FRUIT IN PATIENCE.¹**

**¹ Liturgy of the Hours,
First Week of Lent, Tuesday, Morning Prayer**

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