

Feast of the Sacred Heart

June 27, 2014



If you believe in me, you will experience the power of my heart. "

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

As we celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart, we are challenged to "put on a new heart," a "sacred heart". Devotion to the Sacred Heart cultivates a heart that is open, vulnerable and compassionate. Our love for the world, the vulnerable and weak is a love that is born in the Heart of God.

Heartbeat of God, create within us, your daughters and sons, a sacred heart.

JESUS, HEARTBEAT OF GOD, HEAL US FOR SERVICE

Gather in silence. Take time to become still. Visualize our Presentation Family gathering all around the world.

Creating Sacred Space

Be still.

Place your finger on your wrist and be aware of you pulsating heart.

Be at peace.

Be attentive to your heartbeat.

Imagine God's heart beating within you.

Be in solidarity with God's heart and the
beating hearts of people around the world.

One: Jesus, Heartbeat of God

All: heal us for service.

One: Call to Prayer

The great secret, the great mystery, is this:

there is a heart of the world...
and this heart is the heart of Christ.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin



One: Scripture

Jeremiah 31:33— This is the brand-new covenant that I will make with Israel when the time comes. I will put my law within them—write it on their hearts!—and be their God. And they will be my people.

Reader: Meditative Moment

In moments of grace, our soul becomes clear and quiet. Our worrying stops. Our yearning and waiting for fulfillment stop. Grace uncovers the mysterious essence that unites us with all beings in right relation. What is inside of us and what is outside of us come together, if only for a moment. In this moment, we sense the indwelling essence of spirit and stand humbled before its mystery. We know and are known by something larger than ourselves. Grace awakens in us a natural compassion, allowing us to be kinder with ourselves and with other living beings. We open our hearts knowing all creation to be holy.

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Contemplative Silence

Presentation Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

One: Jesus, Burning Heartbeat of God and Son of Mary.....

All: call us to passionate discipleship.

One: Jesus, Homeless Heartbeat of God.....

All: grace us with hospitality for all.

One: Jesus, Merciful Heartbeat of God.....

All: open us to the vulnerable and weary.

One: Jesus, Suffering Heartbeat of God.....

All: reveal the path of justice and peace.

One: Jesus, Forgiving Heartbeat of God.....

All: stir courage within us for new beginnings.

One: Jesus, Wounded Heartbeat of God.....

All: heal us for service.

One: Jesus, Creative Heartbeat of God.....

All: stretch us into new visions and dreams of You.

One: Jesus, Liberating Heartbeat of God.....

All: free us from darkness.

One: Jesus, Sacred Heartbeat of God.....

All: love through us in the sacred homeland of our hearts.



Silence

One: Blessing

May the fire of love that burned in Nano's heart open our hearts to be attentive to the broken of our world. Jesus, wounded heartbeat of God, heal us for service.

All: Heartbeat of God, create within each of us, your daughters and sons, a sacred heart.

Close with an appropriate song.