



Make our hearts like to yours

O God, come to my aid.

O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Psalm 36

[Human Weakness and Divine Goodness]

Sin directs the heart of the wicked;
their eyes are closed to the fear of God.

**Empty and false are the words of their mouth;
they have ceased to be wise and do good.**

In their beds they hatch plots;
they set out on a wicked way; they do not reject evil.

**Lord, your love reaches to heaven;
your fidelity, to the clouds.**

Your justice is like the highest mountains;
your judgments, like the mighty deep;
all living creatures you sustain, Lord.

**How precious is your love, O God!
We take refuge in the shadow of your wings.**

We feast on the rich food of your house;
from your delightful stream you give us drink.

**For with you is the fountain of life,
and in your light we see light.**

Continue your kindness toward your friends,
your just defense of the honest heart.

**Do not let the foot of the proud overtake me,
nor the hand of the wicked disturb me.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,

**as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

On the 15th of May 2006, the Holy Father sent to the Society a hand-written letter on the occasion of the golden jubilee of the HAURIETIS AQUAS Encyclical of Pope Pius XII, urging believers to open their hearts to the mystery of God and His love.

We listen to a passage of Pope Benedict's letter:

The Redeemer's pierced side is the true source to which the Encyclical *Haurietis Aquas* refers to. We must draw on this source to attain true knowledge of Jesus Christ and experience his love more deeply. We may thus understand better the significance of *knowing* in Jesus Christ, God's love, *experiencing it* through keeping our gaze fixed on Him, to the point of *living* completely on the experience of His love, in order to then be able to *bear witness to it* to other people. In fact, to quote an expression of my predecessor John Paul II, 'close to the Heart of Christ, the human heart learns to know the true and only sense of life and his own destiny, to understand the value of an authentically Christian life, to be ware of certain perversions of the heart, to unite filial love for God with love for his neighbour. Thus - and this is the true reparation the Saviour's Heart requires - it will be possible to build the civilization of the Heart of Christ on the ruins accumulated by hatred and violence'.

Pause for reflection

With a humble faith we turn ourselves to Jesus who 'has loved us with a human heart'. May He help us understand and imitate his love.

Jesus, burning with love for us, make our hearts like to yours.

God, the Father of Heaven,
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God, the Holy Spirit,
Holy Trinity, One God,

Heart of Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father.

Make our hearts like to yours.

Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mother,

Make our hearts like to yours.

Heart of Jesus, substantially united to the Word of God, **Make our hearts...**

Heart of Jesus, of Infinite Majesty, **Make our hearts ...**

Heart of Jesus, Sacred Temple of God, **Make our hearts ...**

Heart of Jesus, Tabernacle of the Most High, **Make our hearts ...**

Heart of Jesus, House of God and Gate of Heaven, **Make our hearts...**

Heart of Jesus, burning furnace of charity, **Make our hearts**

Heart of Jesus, abode of justice and love, **Make our hearts**

Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love, ...

Heart of Jesus, most worthy of all praise, ...

Heart of Jesus, king and center of all hearts, ...

Heart of Jesus, in whom are the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, ...

Heart of Jesus, in whom the Father was well pleased, ...

Heart of Jesus, of whose fullness we have all received, ...

Heart of Jesus, patient and most merciful, ...

Heart of Jesus, enriching all who invoke you, ...

Heart of Jesus, fountain of life and holiness, ...

Heart of Jesus, propitiation for our sins, ...

Heart of Jesus, bruised for our offenses, ...:

Heart of Jesus, obedient to death, ...

Heart of Jesus, pierced with a lance, ...

Heart of Jesus, source of all consolation, ...

Heart of Jesus, our life and resurrection, ...

Heart of Jesus, our peace and reconciliation, ...

Heart of Jesus, victim for our sins, ...

Heart of Jesus, salvation of those who trust in you, ...

Heart of Jesus, hope of those who die in you, ...

Heart of Jesus, delight of all the Saints, ...

Jesus, meek and humble of heart. ...

Let us pray

Almighty and eternal God, look upon the Heart of your most beloved Son and upon the praises and satisfaction which he offers you in the name of sinners; and to those who implore your mercy, in your great goodness, grant forgiveness in the name of the same Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you forever and ever. **Amen**

May the Lord bless us and keep us from all harm;

and may he lead us to eternal life. A M E N

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