



# Rosary under the Cross

for Faith, Life and Peace

in the British Isles

**Feast of the Most Holy Rosary**

**Sunday October 7th 2018 at 3pm**

## Programme

This is presented as a guideline - You are welcome to form your own

Make provision for the Sacrament of Confession

**Behold the Cross of the Lord, flee you enemy powers**

**Display a CROSS** (large or small) in the centre of your chosen venue for you to gather around.

2.30pm/3.45pm Gather in penitential **SILENCE** before the Cross.

3pm Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary in Reparation

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Solemn Act of Reparation

Chaplet of Mercy

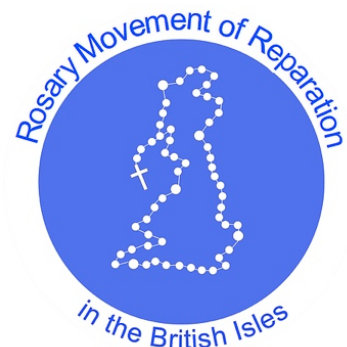
Benediction

Act of Marian Consecration or other chosen prayers

Salve Regina

4.15pm/4.30pm Finish

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**A great sign appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars...Rev 12. v 1**

**"Behold your Mother" John 19:27**

**Jesus I Trust in You**

**Message from Bishop John Keenan  
Bishop of Paisley in Scotland**

## **Rosary under the Cross**

October is the month in which Catholics cherish the Most Holy Rosary.

I suppose, if we could find one precious light in these anxious times, it is how Catholics all over the world are turning to Our Lady and the Rosary with increasing petition and trust. It began in Hungary where the Church asked one in every ten Catholics to pray a daily Rosary, and the Church soon found its Catholic identity holding strong against the advancing secularism of Europe. Next it spread to millions of Polish Catholics who prayed their Rosary on the Borders for Faith, Life and Peace. Then Ireland, the British Isles and Australia followed with Rosary on the Coast and, today on the Feast of the Holy Rosary, Catholics in the United States of America are holding their Rosary Coast to Coast, along with Catholics of many other Nations across the world.

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
JOIN THE WORLDWIDE ROSARY PRAYER D-DAY!



USA, CANADA, MEXICO, COLUMBIA, BRAZIL, ARGENTINA, UK, IRELAND, BELGIUM, POLAND, ROMANIA, FRANCE, NETHERLANDS, ITALY, GERMANY, SPAIN, PORTUGAL, CYPRUS, FINLAND, SWITZERLAND, LEBANON, SYRIA, HOLY LAND, JORDAN, IRAK, EGYPT, INDIA, RUSSIA, PHILIPPINES, ARMENIA, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA, DRC, NIGERIA ...



In the British Isles we are joining them with our Rosary Under the Cross, and I invite you to join me, in your Parish Church or at home, to kneel under the Cross and pray the Rosary, embracing the Cross of our times with Mary Our Mother, consoling Jesus and asking the Father's Mercy on our world.

In these troubling times God calls Catholics, above all, **to new repentance.**

Our Church is in its moment of horror at the abuse of the vulnerable and our failure to deal with it. As a bishop I feel the sadness, horror and shame that you feel. Daily I pray and work for survivors, along with many of our bishops. **But God wants us, above all, to repent for the sins committed by all the members of our Church.**

Our world is amid the darkness of secular humanism with laws that attack human life and challenge the truth God has written into human sexuality, not to mention the social against peoples, nations and Creation itself.

But God is asking us, above all, to make atonement, in union with Him, for the sins of the world. This is the perennial way of the Gospel; that as soon as we repent God pours out His mercy, gives new life to our Church and heals our world.

Repentance creates the spiritual power we need to answer the challenges to our faith in these times. Repentance before Our Lord in the Eucharist, or with Our Lady in the Rosary, is the *Peace Plan* Our Lady Herself proposed at Fatima.

So, on the seventh of October, the Feast of the Most Holy Rosary, at three o'clock, I will be praying the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary in Reparation in my Cathedral in Paisley, asking God's mercy on our Church and our world. Please join me in your local Parish Church to pray Rosary under the Cross and, if your priest is with you, why not go to Confession too.

May God bless our Rosary under the Cross and use it for the conversion and reconciliation of our Isles.

**Bishop John Keenan**

October 2018



## **Prayer for a Renewal of Faith in the British Isles**

Lord, throughout the centuries you have blessed these Isles in the power of the Holy Spirit, and in the lives of your Saints. Bless Lord once more our lands through the Immaculate Heart of our Mother Mary, and through her powerful and maternal prayers, enfold the peoples of these Isles under her protection.

Renew your people in confidence, in trust, and fill this land once more with your spirit. Renew our lands, renew your Church, renew our faith. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **St. Mother Teresa's prayer for priests**

Mary, Mother of Jesus, throw your mantle of purity over our priests. Protect them, guide them, and keep them in your heart. Be a Mother to them, especially in times of discouragement and loneliness. Love them and keep them belonging completely to Jesus. Like Jesus, they, too, are your sons, so keep their hearts pure and virginal. Keep their minds filled with Jesus, and put Jesus always on their lips, so that he is the one they offer to sinners and to all they meet. Mary, Mother of Jesus, be their Mother, loving them and bring them joy. Take special care of sick and dying priests, and the ones most tempted. Remember how they spent their youth and old age, their entire lives serving and giving all to Jesus. Mary, bless them and keep a special place for them in your heart. Give them a piece of your heart, so beautiful and pure and immaculate, so full of love and humility, so that they, too can grow in the likeness of Christ. Dear Mary, make them humble like you, and holy like Jesus. AMEN!

# **A Rosary of Reparation for Faith, Life & Love in the British Isles**

Trusting the infinite Mercy of God, obtained for us by the outpouring of the Precious Blood of our Saviour, we pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary in penance and reparation for sins of members of the Church and of our Nations against Faith, Life and Love. Together we are calling on God through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary to heal our wounded Nations & Church and return them to holiness.

## **Opening Prayers**

### ***The Apostles Creed***

***Our Father, Hail Mary x3 and Glory Be for the Holy Father's intentions***



## **The Agony of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane**

**“My soul is sorrowful even unto death. Remain here and keep watch with me.”  
“So you had not the strength to stay awake with me for one hour? Stay awake,  
and pray not to be put to the test.” Mt. 26 v38-41**

While his disciples sleep, Jesus prays in deep inner agony. The weight of fear and foreboding drain him, tax his trust in his Father, beat him to the ground in utter acceptance of his Father's will: **“Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done. “And an angel appeared to him, coming from Heaven to give him strength. In his anguish he prayed even more earnestly, and his sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood.” Lk 22v39-44**

Before the physical torture and agony of Good Friday, Jesus went through the agony of the spirit first as, in a great anguish of heart, he visualised all the treachery, hate and viciousness of sinful humanity, and wrestled with the fearful decision to fulfil the Father's will in sacrificing his life to appease divine justice.

In union with our suffering Redeemer and with his sorrowful Mother, we wish to make reparation for our own sins, for the sins of our families, communities, Church and Nations.

## **The Scouring of Jesus at the Pillar**

**“Pilate washed his hands in the sight of the crowd saying, “I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.” Mt.27v24 And the whole people said in reply, “Let his blood be upon us and on our children.” Mt. 27v25 After having Jesus scourged he handed him over to be crucified. Mt. 27v26**

As we meditate on the terrible suffering of Jesus caused by the brutal Roman scourging we wish to make reparation for the sins of sexual abuse of children, young people and the vulnerable, especially those perpetrated by priests, religious, laity & bishops who are members of the Church. Lord we are outraged and so ashamed that these crimes and sins exist in our midst.

In union with our suffering Redeemer and with his sorrowful Mother we wish to make reparation as we contemplate the suffering of Jesus for all the crimes of sexual abuse, rape, incest and the satanic ritual involved. We bring to Jesus the hurt and suffering of each victim of sexual abuse and pray for healing in their wounded psyches and hearts.

## **The Crowning with Thorns**

**“And they stripped him and put a scarlet cloak round him, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed on his right hand. They spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucifixion.” Mt. 27 v28-31.**

As we meditate on the humiliation and cruel pains suffered by our Divine Redeemer we wish to make reparation for all the horrific sins caused by man's inhumanity to man. We wish to make reparation for sins of hardness of heart, disrespect, mockery, lies, calumny, gossip, fake news, cruelty, theft, violence, murder, hatred, selfishness, warmongering and terrorism which cause such degeneration, suffering and hardship to millions of people around the globe.

In this decade of the Rosary we wish to confess our shame and horror at the enormity of these sins and in union with our suffering Redeemer and with his sorrowful Mother we plead for mercy and forgiveness before Almighty God.

## **Our Lord Carries the Cross to Calvary**

**“Pilate handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they pleased. They led him out to crucify him... They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means place of the skull.” Mk. 15 v 21-22.**

Weakened by the scourging, the crowning with thorns, and the brutal beating, Jesus could hardly walk with the heavy cross which bruised his shoulders. He often fell to the ground causing fresh wounds and opening the earlier ones.

In this decade we wish to make reparation for all the sins of human trafficking, prostitution, pornography in dvd's, videos, computers, magazines, phones, films and theatre and for all the sins involving corruption of the young.



# The Crucifixion and Death of Our Lord

**"They offered Jesus wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. They crucified him and the two criminals one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.' Then they cast lots to share out his clothing. About the ninth hour, Jesus cried out, 'It is fulfilled,' and bowing his head, he gave up his spirit. When the soldiers came to Jesus, they saw that he was already dead, and so instead of breaking his legs, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a lance; and immediately there came out blood and water." Adapted from Jn 19:16-37; Mk 15:36-37)**

By being nailed hand and foot to the Cross, his side and heart pierced with a lance, Jesus poured out the last drop of his Precious Blood for the salvation of sinful humanity. What a sacrifice of love! Jesus gave his life for us, so that we may have life forever.

In this decade of the Rosary, we wish to make reparation for all sexual abuse in and outside of marriage, for the sins of fornication and adultery, for the sins of birth control by abortion and artificial means.

As we pray let us gaze upon the Crucifix and pray for all the innocent victims of sexual abuse that their wounds may be healed, that the Blood of Jesus may restore their innocence, and that the love of Jesus, revealed through his suffering and death, may enable them to forgive. We remember too the millions of aborted babies and pray that mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters and our Nations may be healed from abortion's trauma.

## Hail Holy Queen

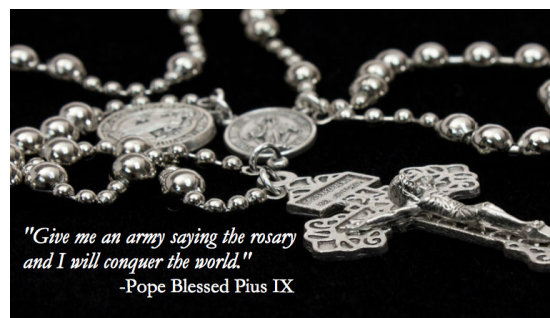
## Closing Prayers

**As I kneel before you,**  
as I bow my head in prayer,  
take this day, make it yours  
and fill me with your love.

Ave, Maria, gratia plena,  
Dominus tecum, benedicta tu.

2. All I have I give you,  
ev'ry dream and wish are yours.  
Mother of Christ, Mother of mine,  
present them to my Lord

3. As I kneel before you,  
and I see your smiling face,  
ev'ry thought, ev'ry word  
is lost in your embrace.



## The power of the Holy Rosary

**"When people say the Rosary together it is far more formidable to the Devil than one said privately, because in this public prayer it is an army that is attacking. It is easy to break a single stick, but if you join it to others in a bundle, it cannot be broken. In union, there is strength."**

*St. Louis Marie de Montfort*

## Individual Act of Contrition

O Lord, forgive me my sins, the sins of my youth, the sins of my age, the sins of my soul. The sins of my body, my idle sins. My serious voluntary sins, the sins I know, the sins I do not know. The sins I have concealed so long, and which are now hidden from my memory.

I am truly sorry for every sin, mortal and venial, for all the sins of my childhood up to the present hour. I know my sins have wounded your tender heart. O my Saviour, let me be freed from the bonds of evil, through the most bitter passion of my Redeemer. O my Jesus, forget and forgive what I have been. Amen.



## Prayer of Repentance to God the Father

Please kneel if you are able .....

**Individual Act of Contrition** - above

**Leader 1:** O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in your only begotten Son you have revealed yourself as the fount of life and unfathomable source of Divine Mercy, who in the past has always listened to the call of your people. We the peoples of the Church in the British Isles ask you to hear our call, now that we find ourselves in times that seem more overwhelming than we can resolve: namely the spread of the culture of death and the abuse within the Church and across nations.

**Leader 2:** Victory can be ours only through your merciful intervention, therefore we entrust ourselves, and all our country to the endless sea of your Divine Mercy, through the intercession of Mary Mother of Divine Mercy, together with all our Saints and Martyrs. We are conscious that you await our repentance and reparation, conscious too that your desire to grant us your forgiveness and healing is so much greater than our desire to ask or receive it.

**Leader 3:** We plead with you, Merciful Jesus, to extend to us your healing hand to rescue us from this culture of death and loss of the truth and meaning of human sexuality, which oppresses our lands, peoples and church. We ask you to draw all, both the young and the old, to your Divine Heart as we plead with you for the conversion of peoples and nations.

**Leader 4:** **"If my people who bear my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my presence and turn from their wicked ways, I myself will hear from heaven and forgive their sins and restore their land."** (2 Chron. 7v14)

**Leader 1:** Merciful Father, we are ashamed and bowed down with the burden of our sin. In our helplessness, we recognise that our only recourse is your DIVINE MERCY poured out upon us in the saving sacrifice of Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ to whom we pray in reparation.

**All:** Therefore, Merciful Father, we bring before you the shame and responsibility, which is ours as members of the Church for the failure of duty to protect innocent children from the horror of abuse. Such sinfulness within the Church has betrayed Christ and his Holy Church to the extent that it is hardly recognisable to some. ***"As many people were aghast at him – he was so inhumanly disfigured that he no longer looked like a man."*** Isaiah 52 v14

*Bishops, priests, religious and laity to lie prostrate on the ground  
in silent sorrow and repentance for 2-3 minutes (if possible)*

**Leader 4:** ... *"He had no form or charm to attract us, no beauty to win our hearts; he was despised, the lowest of men, a man of sorrows, familiar with suffering, one from whom, as it were, we averted our gaze, despised, for whom we had no regard. " Isaiah 53 v 2,3*

**Leader 3:** We acknowledge and repent of our failures to act, for the false loyalties, spirit of rebellion and sinfulness which have so infiltrated God's Holy Church and led to compromise over God's commandments, betrayal in the teaching of the true Faith and moral degeneration to enter the hearts and minds of so many within the Church.

**All:** Merciful Father, we bring to you all the sorrow, hurt, pain, violence, abuse, shame, helplessness, condemnation, blame, and judgement of the unspeakable crimes of sexual abuse towards children and other abuse of the young and vulnerable committed by cardinals, bishops, priests, religious and laity. We also witness to the rage of the victims of such abuse, the abject denial and often token guilt of the perpetrators, the shame of the Church and the world for not having protected innocent and defenceless children and, in some cases, for having sought to hide these problems. The hurt and suffering of each child victim cries out before your throne for justice and mercy. This cry has erupted in our midst, spilling out in fury and fermenting resentment. On the lips of many it has become a condemnation of your Holy Church and a demand for retribution and punishment. Our Holy Father the Pope, Cardinals, Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Religious, Consecrated laity and lay faithful bear the heavy weight of this sin and shame and, like the Prodigal Son, we cry out:

**All x 3 (slowly)** **Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you; we no longer deserve to be called your children.** (cf. Luke 15, 18).

**Leader 1:** Merciful Father, we bring those religious leaders and clergy who were appointed by you as heralds of the truth for these suffering victims, but remained in silence. Their shame, neglect, incompetence and impotence weigh heavily upon us and upon all whom you have called to pastor your Church. **O Lord have Mercy.**

*Sung Kyrie eleison! Christe eleison! Kyrie eleison! – Short silence*

**All:** Merciful Father we abhor the horror of these sins. In humility, we place the perpetrators before your judgment and commend them to your mercy and the criminal courts of our lands. Pour out your strength upon our Bishops and enable them by your grace to do all that is necessary to ensure that children in our care are protected.

*Sung Kyrie eleison! Christe eleison! Kyrie eleison! – Short silence*

**Leader 2:** Merciful Father, we wish to offer you the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of your dearly beloved Son our Lord Jesus Christ in atonement for all these sins.

**All:** Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

**Leader 3:** Merciful Father we pray for all victims of sexual abuse & abuse of all kinds and in this moment ask you Merciful Father to ask Our Lady as Mother of Divine Mercy to come to their aid and care.



**All:** For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

**Leader 1:** Merciful Father we confess all these sins of members of our church & country & commend them to your infinite MERCY and pray that you pour out on our land an abundant spirit of penance, self-sacrifice and willingness to make constant reparation to your Sacred Heart of Love.

**All:** We repent of the widespread spirit of rebellion so prevalent today, and implore your Mercy Lord to rid members of the Church and our Lands of this impure and unholy spirit, which along with the spirit of pride, is an obstacle in our path and the root of all mortal sins. Merciful Father we pray that Your bride the Church may be truly rid of all these terrible wounds and disfigurements which human sin has inflicted within it and that the day will come when the Church on earth will shine before you once again, renewed, purified and vibrant.

We pray for a renewal of the practice of the Sacrament of Confession among members of the Church.

*Sung Kyrie eleison! Christe eleison! Kyrie eleison! – Short silence*

**All:** *“Yet ours were the sufferings he was bearing, ours the sorrows he was carrying, while we thought of him as someone being punished and struck with affliction by God; whereas he was being wounded for our rebellions, crushed because of our guilt; the punishment reconciling us fell on him, and we have been healed by his bruises. We had all gone astray like sheep, each taking his own way, and Yahweh brought the acts of rebellion of all of us to bear on him. Ill treated and afflicted, he never opened his mouth, like a lamb led to the slaughter-house, like a sheep dumb before its shearers he never opened his mouth.” Isaiah 54:4-7 ...*

**Prayer of Confession for the sins of the Nation  
from the Prophet Daniel (adapted from Daniel 9v18-19)**

**All:** Lord we have sinned against you, we have done wrong, we have acted wickedly; we have betrayed your commandments and your ordinances and turned away from them. Integrity, Lord, is yours; ours the look of shame we wear today, we, the members of the Catholic Church in the British Isles because of the weight of sin which we carry. Listen to us, O God; open your eyes and look on our plight, and on the Catholic Church in the British Isles, which bears your name. We do not rely on our own good works but on your great mercy, as we commend our humble plea to you. Listen, Lord! Lord, forgive! Hear, Lord, and act! For your own sake, O God, do not delay, because we bear your name, we who are your Catholic Church in the British Isles, we who are your people. Amen.

**Leader 1:** God our Father, all powerfully merciful, forgiving and gentle, we implore Your Mercy, intervention and healing. We unite ourselves with Your Mercy as we make our solemn confession of sin and join our sufferings with Jesus on the Cross, placing them in the treasury of the Church, for the salvation of every soul through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Hymn:** Who can Sound the depths of Sorrow in the Father Heart of God (pg 9) or Dear Lord and Father of Mankind (pg 9) or God of Mercy and Compassion (pg 10).

**1. Dear Lord and Father of Mankind**

forgive our foolish ways!  
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence praise,  
in deeper reverence praise.

2. In simple trust like theirs who heard  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word,  
rise up and follow thee,  
rise up and follow thee.

3. O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love!  
interpreted by love!

4. Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace,  
the beauty of thy peace

5. Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,  
O still small voice of calm!  
O still small voice of calm.

**1. Amazing Grace**

how sweet that sound  
that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now  
I'm found, was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart  
to fear, and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.

3. Through many dangers, toils  
and snares, I have already come.  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe  
thus far, and grace will lead me home.

4. The Lord has promised good  
to me; his word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

**We prayerfully sing this as part of our  
Act of Reparation O Lord have mercy!**

**1. Who can sound the depths of sorrow**  
in the Father heart of God,  
for the children we've rejected,  
for the lives so deeply scarred?  
And each light that we've extinguished  
has brought darkness to our land:  
upon the nation, upon the nation  
have mercy, Lord!

2. We have scorned the truth you gave us,  
we have bowed to other lords,  
we have sacrificed the children  
on the altars of our gods.  
O let the truth again shine on us:  
let your holy fear descend:  
upon the nation, upon the nation  
have mercy, Lord!

3. Who can stand before your anger;  
who can face your piercing eyes?  
For you love the weak and helpless,  
and you hear the victims' cries.  
Yes, you are a God of justice  
and your judgment surely comes:  
upon the nation, upon the nation,  
have mercy, Lord!

4. Who will stand against the violence?  
Who will comfort those who mourn?  
In an age of cruel rejection,  
who will build for love a home?  
Come and shake us into action,  
come and melt our hearts of stone:  
upon you people, upon your people,  
have mercy, Lord!

5. Who can sound the depths of mercy  
in the Father heart of God?  
For there is a Man of Sorrows  
who for sinners shed his blood.  
He can heal the wounds of nations,  
He can wash the guilty clean:  
because of Jesus, because of Jesus,  
have mercy, Lord!



### **Suggested Adoration Hymns**

1. **Sweet Sacrament Divine,**  
hid in thy earthly home,  
lo! round thy lowly shrine,  
with suppliant hearts we come;  
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise,  
in songs of love and heartfelt praise,  
sweet sacrament divine.

2. Sweet Sacrament of peace,  
dear home of every heart,  
where restless yearnings cease,  
and sorrows all depart,  
there in thine ear all trustfully  
we tell our tale of misery,  
sweet sacrament of peace.

3. Sweet Sacrament of rest,  
ark from the ocean's roar,  
within thy shelter blest  
soon may we reach the shore;  
save us, for still the tempest raves;  
save, least we sink beneath the waves  
sweet sacrament of rest.

4. Sweet Sacrament divine,  
earth's light and jubilee,  
in thy far depth's dost shine  
thy Godhead's majesty;  
sweet light, so shine on us, we pray,  
that earthly joys may fade away,  
sweet Sacrament divine.

1. **God of mercy and compassion,**  
Look with pity upon me,  
Father, let me call Thee Father,  
'Tis Thy child returns to Thee.

#### **Refrain:**

Jesus, Lord, I ask for mercy;  
Let me not implore in vain;  
All my sins, I now detest them,  
Never will I sin again.

2. By my sins I have deserved  
Death and endless misery,  
Hell with all its pains and torments,  
And for all eternity.

3. By my sins I have abandoned  
Right and claim to heav'n above.  
Where the saints rejoice forever  
In a boundless sea of love.

4. See our Saviour, bleeding, dying,  
On the cross of Calvary;  
To that cross my sins have nail'd Him,  
Yet He bleeds and dies for me.

1. **The love I have for you, my Lord,**  
is only a shadow of your love for me;  
only a shadow of your love for me;  
your deep abiding love.

2. My own belief in you, my Lord,  
is only a shadow of your faith in me;  
only a shadow of your faith in me;  
your deep and lasting faith.

#### **Chorus**

*My life is in your hands;  
my life is in your hands.  
My love for you will grow, my God.  
Your light in me will shine.*

3. The dream I have today, my Lord,  
is only a shadow of your dreams for me;  
only a shadow of all that will be;  
if I but follow you.

4. The joy I feel today, my Lord,  
is only a shadow of your joys for me;  
only a shadow of your joys for me;  
when we meet face to face.

1. **O Bread of Heaven,** beneath this  
veil  
thou dost my very God conceal;  
my Jesus, dearest treasure, hail;  
I love thee and adoring kneel;  
each loving soul by thee is fed  
with thine own self in form of bread.

2. O food of life, thou who dost give  
the pledge of immortality;  
I love; no, 'tis not I that live;  
God gives me life, God lives in me:  
he feeds my soul, he guides my ways,  
and every grief with joy repays.

3. O bond of love, that dost unite  
the servant to his living Lord;  
could I dare live, and not requite  
such love - then death were meet reward:  
I cannot live unless to prove  
some love for such unmeasured love.

4. Beloved Lord in heaven above,  
there, Jesus, thou awaitest me;  
to gaze on thee with changeless love,  
yes, thus I hope, thus shall it be:  
for how can he deny me heaven  
who here on earth himself hath given?

# **Act of Consecration of the British Isles to the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

*Based on the text used by His Eminence Cardinal Griffin - Walsingham July 16th 1948*

“Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, Refuge of the Human Race, Victress in all God’s battles, we humbly prostrate ourselves before thy throne, confident that we shall receive mercy, grace and bountiful assistance and protection in the present calamity, not through our own inadequate merits, but solely through the great goodness of thy Maternal Heart.

To Thee, to thy Immaculate Heart in this humanity’s tragic hour, we consign and consecrate ourselves in union not only with the Mystical Body of thy Son, Holy Mother Church, now in such suffering and agony in so many places and sorely tried in so many ways, but also with the entire world, torn by fierce strife, consumed in a fire of hate, victim of its own wickedness.”

“May the sight of the widespread material and moral destruction, of the sorrows and anguish of countless fathers and mothers, husbands and wives, brothers and sisters, and innocent children, and of the tortured and agonised souls in danger of being lost eternally, move thee to compassion.

O Mother of Mercy, obtain peace for us from God and above all procure for us those graces which prepare, establish and assure that peace!

Queen of Peace, pray for us and give to the world the peace for which all peoples are longing, peace in the truth, justice and charity of Christ. Give peace to the nations and to the souls of men, that in the tranquility of order the Kingdom of God may prevail.

Extend thy protection to those who do not believe, do not adore and do not know Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ; give them peace and grant that on them, too, may shine the sun of truth, that they may unite with us in proclaiming before the one and only Saviour of the world “Glory to God in the highest and peace to men of good will.”

Give peace to the peoples separated by error or by discord, and especially to those who profess such singular devotion to thee and in whose homes an honoured place was ever accorded thy venerated image: bring them back to the fold of Christ under the one true shepherd.

Obtain peace and complete freedom for the Holy Church of God; stay the spreading flood of modern paganism; enkindle in the faithful the love of purity, the practice of Christian life, and an apostolic zeal, so that the servants of God may increase in merit and number.

Lastly, as the Church and the entire human race were consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, so that in reposing all hope in Him, He might become for them the sign and pledge of victory and salvation; so we in like manner consecrate ourselves forever also to thee and to thy Immaculate Heart, Our Mother and Queen, that thy love and patronage may hasten the triumph of the Kingdom of God and that all nations, at peace with one another and with God, may proclaim thee blessed and with thee may raise their voices to resound from pole to pole in the chant of the everlasting Magnificat of glory, love and gratitude to the Heart of Jesus, where alone they can find truth and peace. Amen.”

Our Lady of the Rosary pray for us, St. Joseph pray for us, Saints and Martyrs of the British Isles pray for us Amen.