

PRAY FOR YOUR ENEMIES

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Dear Friends,

For this Easter, while Jesus gave his life, at no charge, for us sinners, and for the time after Easter that prepares us to celebrate the Feast of the Divine Mercy (on the first Sunday after Easter), I invite you to pray with your heart filled with the mercy of God for some of your enemies. As Jesus says: "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in Heaven... Do good to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you and pray for those who treat you badly...". St. Paul teaches the same: Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not wish evil on anyone...".

Now I will teach you a practical way to pray for our enemies.
Read the passage of the blessing by Aaron in Numbers 6:24-27:

May the Lord bless you and keep you (10 times).
May the Lord let his face shine on you, and be gracious to you! (10 times).
May the Lord look kindly on you, and give you his peace! (10 times).

Instead of the personal pronoun "you", say the personal pronoun "him" or "her", meaning by this to indicate the enemy person for whom you pray. Every blessing is to be repeated 10 times. And even for more days.

In this way you will place the Most Holy Name of God on the person for whom you pray so that God the Father bless that person in His Mercy that is much greater than ours.

You will see that this way of praying done in sincerity of heart and with trust in God produces wonderful fruits in you and in those for whom you pray for the praise and the glory of God the Father!

Try to believe!

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