

BIOGRAPHY

Today, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the very Substance that has wrought our salvation. The Precious Blood has been offered in six ways: 1) The Circumcision, 2) the Agony in the Garden, 3) the Scourging, 4) the Crowning with Thorns, 5) the Crucifixion, and 6) the Last Supper. This last offering is continued each and every day in the Church during the Holy Sacrifice of the Holy Mass.

Catholics should have a devotion to the Precious Blood, and be close to It. This is the Thing by which the Lord was pleased to redeem fallen man. The least one could do is to thank the Lord for offering His Own Blood for you, and to adore the Blood that has opened the Gates of Heaven.

Each day, offer all your prayers, joys, works and sufferings to the Lord through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, for the intention of repairing the damage done to the Lord by sin and blasphemy. Designate a Friday each month in which you will give honour to the Precious Blood of Christ, offering to Him litanies, rosaries, chaplets and other prayers. Get an image of the Precious Blood, similar to the one above, and once it is hung up, place a small shelf underneath, so that you can place a candle in front of the image, and light it on your chosen day.

Whatever you choose to do, always show honour to the Precious Blood, especially at Mass. When the Sacred Chalice is elevated, stare upon It, and offer the Same Chalice to the Eternal Father for the Church and the world. And laud the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob that He has found you worthy to be summoned before His Presence, and to partake of His Own Self!

PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

FEAST DAY:

1 JULY (62)

CORPUS CHRISTI (69)

COLLECT

Almighty, Everlasting God, Who didst appoint Thine Only Begotten Son to be Redeemer of the world, and didst vouchsafe to be appeased by His Blood: grant, we beseech Thee, that, by our solemn service, we may so venerate the Price of our redemption, and by its power be so defended from the evils of this present life on earth, that we may enjoy its fruit for evermore in Heaven. Through the Same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Our Lord, Who Liveth and Reigneth with Thee in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen

PRAYER TO THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

O Blood and Water which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus, I trust in Thee!