

be meritorious and pleasing to Thee. "*Magnificat anima mea Dominum.*" Lord, my soul doth magnify Thee, for the gift surpassing all others, the gift of Thy love in the Blessed Eucharist.

III. - Reparation

Mary adored her Divine Son as a victim, perpetually immolated, on our altars, pleading for grace and mercy for all sinners through the merits of His mystic death.

Mary adored her Divine Son on this Calvary, where His love crucified Him anew, she offered Him to God for the salvation of sinners, His children: the sight of Jesus on the cross, with His bleeding wounds, renewed the martyrdom of her compassion. She contemplated her Son Jesus crucified, shedding His Blood in the midst of anguish sorrow and insults, abandoned by men, and by His Father, and dying in the sublime act of His love.

Mary adored her Son present on the altar by the words of consecration, and shed abundant tears of reparation, for sinners who were indifferent to this awful mystery of redemption, thereby rendering it unpropitious for themselves: tears of reparation for those who offended, who despised the Sacred Victim offered before their eyes and for their salvation.

Mary would have suffered a thousand deaths in reparation for those outrages, especially as those who offended, were her children, Jesus legacy to her when dying on the cross: poor mother, is not one Calvary enough! Why daily renew your sorrows! Why pierce your heart over and over again! Instead of spurning and rejecting the sinner, like the kindest of mothers, Mary assumes the burden of their crimes, expiates them by her sufferings, offering herself as a victim at the foot of the altar to obtain pardon and mercy for her guilty children

Jesus we kneel at Thy feet with our Blessed Lady to console Thee for the abandonment the indifference of man, we unite our unworthy reparation to the generosity of hers, for her sake, hearken to us, we beseech Thee. Mary, my mother, and mother of all adorers console Jesus for us, offer Him for us your heart-felt reparation, and all the tears you shed for the salvation of the world.

Practice. Assist at Mass in union with our Blessed Lady in reparation for those who neglect that obligation. Recite the *Stabat Mater*.