

it will find repose and happiness. And it cannot reach that Centre ! Every instant sees this desire conceived, and every instant beholds it still unsatisfied. That is punishment of punishments !

Jesus, Jesus ! what, then, is sin, that Thou, all goodness and love, shouldst punish it thus in the souls that belong to Thee ! Help, at least, their unspeakable distress. Unite to Thy own infinite reparation the reparation of purgatory. Be to those poor souls the Victim of propitiation, by virtue of Thy Eucharistic Sacrifice, their torments may be abridged.

#### IV. — Prayer

O Jesus, after considering the sufferings of those poor souls, prayer, fervent and suppliant, springs from the heart for them. Ah ! such prayer goes straight to Thy Heart ! Thou dost love those souls more than we can here below love our most cherished friends. Thou dost desire to have them with Thee, and Thy greatest consolation is that we should do violence to Thy love for them. In relieving them, it is Thou whom we relieve, O Thou Divine Friend of souls ! In delivering them, it is Thy love that we rejoice, Thy glory that we procure.

Hear, then, O King most merciful, our prayers for those souls ! Mercy, O Jesus, especially for those that have loved more Thy Sacrament of love, for, accustomed to Thy Presence on earth, it would seem that purgatory to them must be a torment a thousand times more painful.

Mercy for those that have sinned against Thy Sacrament, that have despised Thee, that have forgotten and abandoned Thee, that have profaned Thee !

Mercy for all souls detained in the sad, the horrible, prison of purgatory ! By Thy Blessed Sacrament, relieve them, purify them, deliver them ! O Saving Host, open to them the gates of heaven !

*Practice.* — Be faithful during this month to gain all the Indulgences that you can for the souls in purgatory.

*Aspiration.* — My Jesus, mercy ! 100 days' Indulgence.) Sweet Heart of Mary, be my salvation !

(300 days' Indulgence.)

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