

# The Holy Name

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Adoration.

O Jesus, my adorable Saviour! I pronounce Thy holy name Jesus, and I feel my soul penetrated with respect, love, and adoration for the Divine Person who bears this thrice holy name. I love Thee, O my Saviour, for ennobling our human nature by taking from it Thy Body, Thy Blood, Thy Heart, and Thy Soul with all their admirable faculties! I say to myself: If the name of Jesus is so holy, so terrible that, when pronounced every knee should bow in heaven, on earth, and in hell; if it is so powerful that the first miracle of the New Law, the first miracle of Thy Apostle Peter, was wrought in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, and ever since by the power of the same holy name the saints have performed so many prodigies, what must we think of Him who bears that name of glory and of love? If the name of Jesus is so sweet, so charming that the Church delights in chanting it, and all who love the Saviour thrill with joy when pronouncing it or hearing it pronounced, what shall we say of Him, of Jesus Himself?

Ah! I understand why the name of Jesus is of so much worth and merit, why it is deserving of so much reverence and confidence. It is because Jesus signifies *Saviour* of the world. Now, only a God, a God made Man, has power to save us, as Peter assured the Jews that there was no other name by which we could be saved. *Jesus!* Matchless name, peerless name, sacred name *par excellence*, name truly adorable, because it is the name of our Emmanuel, the name of the good God, present and living among us! To merit this name above every name, Oh, how much our dear Saviour suffered and humbled Himself, becoming, as St. Paul says, obedient unto death and the death of the cross!

Gladly, then, will I cry out with David: "*O Lord, our Lord, how admirable is thy name in the whole earth! From the rising of the sun till the going down of the same the name of the Lord is worthy of praise. Young men and maidens: let the old with the younger praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted. All the nations thou hast made shall come and adore before thee, O Lord: and they shall glorify thy name!*"