

ABLAZE PRAXIS 3-19-17

PRAYER: ANIMA CHRISTI

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within Thy wounds, hide me.
Separated from Thee let me never be.
From the malignant enemy, defend me.
At the hour of my death, call me.
To come to Thee, bid me,
That I may praise Thee in the company
Of Thy Saints, for all eternity. Amen.

PRAXIS: BLOOD AND FIRE: THE NOURISHMENT AND STRENGTH OF CITIZENS OF THE KINGDOM

- I. Broken Hearts and Families = Broken Citizens and Kingdoms
A. The Curses Placed upon Families and Kingdoms (Angelic and Human)—Genesis 3:14-19

Curses of the Fall

1. Serpent
 - a. Is cast down
 - b. Creation consumed by evil
 - c. Attacks woman and child
2. The Woman (Eve)
 - a. Pain in childbearing
 - b. Desire for sinful husband
 - c. Domination by the husband
3. The Man (Adam)
 - a. Arduous toil—infertile ground/
thorns and thistles
 - b. Labor unto death and returning
to dust

Blessings of Redemptive Grace

- a. Crushed by Mary/Jesus
 - b. Re-creation in grace and mercy
 - c. Defeated by Our Lady of Sorrows
and The Crucified Son of God and
of Mary
- The Woman (Mary—New Eve)
- a. Painless birth of Christ
 - b. Desire for Holy God
 - c. Loving service by Joseph
- The God-Man (Jesus—Last Adam)
- a. The Way of the Cross—Holy,
fruitful labor by grace
 - b. Life and labor unto a holy
death and anticipation of
the Resurrection

- II. Hearts and Families Healed by Grace = Building God's Kingdom as Citizens of Heaven
- A. Victory over the Serpent: In the Fire of the Holy Spirit (God's Love)
- B. Healing of the Woman: Particularly In Union with the New Eve
1. Embracing suffering (piercing of the heart)
 2. Primary desire for God

3. Discerning and Evoking the Image of Christ in Her Husband
 4. Accepting the Service of Her “Joseph”
- C. Healing of the Man: Particularly In Union with the Last Adam
1. Overcoming by fortitude the opposition of nature, the world, and the Devil
 2. Embracing arduous labor in spiritual, professional, and family life
 3. Anticipating death by dying to self, offering self to God, and serving others sacrificially in Christ’s Name
- III. Keys: Love, Mercy, and Grace
- A. Ultimate and “only” problem—Sin
 - B. Ultimate and only answer—Christ
 - C. Current Objective—Remaining Holy While Allowing God to Complete His Work through Us for His Glory and the Benefit of Others
 - D. Ultimate Objective—Heaven
 1. Beatific Vision
 2. Everlasting Holy Communion (God/Angels/Humans)

QUESTIONS

- I. The curses of the woman clearly place her in the greatest position of vulnerability: Does this make it less likely for her to achieve holiness than for the Man to achieve it?
- II. In ultimate terms, generally speaking, are those with health, wealth, and power—
 - 1) better off,
 - 2) or worse off,
 - 3) or no different
 —than those with illness, poverty, and powerlessness?

MISSION

- I. Morning Prayer: “Anima Christi”
- II. Mental Prayer: 5/5/5 (children) or 10/10/10 (teen/adult)
 - A. Gospel of the Day or Any Passages from Scripture
 - B. Stories or Writings of Saints
 - C. Passages from Theological or Catechetical Writings
 - D. Particular Decades of the Rosary
 - E. Visual Images
- III. Examination of Conscience followed by an Act of Contrition:
 - A. When my heart was pierced with sorrow, did I withdraw into my own sadness or instead unite my suffering to the pierced Immaculate Heart and Sacred Heart, pouring out mercy and kindness upon others who suffer, and even upon enemies who may have caused the sorrow?
 - B. This day, when did I open and pour out love from my heart in tenderness and mercy, and when did I close and harden my heart in fear, anger, or lust?
 - C. Did trials today enlighten my mind and purify my heart, or darken my intellect and poison my heart?
 - D. Today, was I refined by holy desire or dirtied by impure desires?