Novena Prayers
Meditating on the Face of Jesus

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Sign of the cross... O Lord, open my lips. And my mouth shall declare your praise. Glory be to the Father …

Opening Prayer
O God, humbly we come before your presence
Meditating on the Face of Jesus
- the human face of your Divine Mercy toward us
Grant, we beseech you to open our eyes, ears, hearts and minds
That we may understand, love, hear and see your will
- every day, everywhere and with everyone we work and live with.
Through Christ, the Divine Face dwelling with us now and forever.
Amen.

First Day

Gospel: John 6:35-38

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst. But I told you that although you have seen (me), you do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me.

Psalm 27:1-2
The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom do I fear?
The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom am I afraid?
When evildoers come at me to devour my flesh,
These, my enemies and foes themselves stumble and fall.

(Mention the personal petition and the petitions of those who ask for prayers)

Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see.
Help me to see your face
- in the Eucharistic Bread shared with the community.
Help me to see your face
- in the daily bread shared with the needy.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Second Day

Gospel: John 6:41-46

The Jews murmured about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven," and they said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph? Do we not know his father and mother? Then how can he say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Stop murmuring among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him on the last day. It is written in the prophets: 'They shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father.

Psalm 27:1, 3
The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom do I fear?
The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom am I afraid?
Though an army encamps against me, my heart does not fear;
Though war be waged against me, even then do I trust.

(Mention the personal petition and the petitions of those who ask for prayers)

Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see.
Help me to see your face
in what is familiar in everyday life
- with our brothers and sisters.
Help me see your face
in what is unfamiliar in the eternal life
- with our heavenly Father.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Third Day

Gospel: John 6:47-53

Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us (his) flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.

Psalm 27:1,4
The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom do I fear?
The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom am I afraid?
One thing I ask of the LORD; this I seek:
To dwell in the LORD'S house all the days of my life,
To gaze on the LORD'S beauty, to visit his temple.

(Mention the personal petition and the petitions of those who ask for prayers)

Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see.
Help me to see your face
- in my confusion – in my incomprehension.
Help me to see your face
- in insecurity – in my uncertainty.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Fourth Day

Gospel: John 7:33-37

Jesus said, "I will be with you only a little while longer, and then I will go to the one who sent me. You will look for me but not find (me), and where I am you cannot come." So the Jews said to one another, "Where is he going that we will not find him? Surely he is not going to the dispersion among the Greeks to teach the Greeks, is he? What is the meaning of his saying, 'You will look for me and not find (me), and where I am you cannot come'?" On the last and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood up and exclaimed, "Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink.

Psalm 27:1, 5
The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom do I fear?
The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom am I afraid?
For God will hide me in his shelter in time of trouble,
Will conceal me in the cover of his tent; and set me high upon a rock.

(Mention the personal petition and the petitions of those who ask for prayers)

Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see.
Help me to see your face
- in difficulties and in the various faces of death.
Help me to see your face
- in the many “hello’s” and “goodbye’s” on earth.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Fifth Day

Gospel: John 8:12

Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Psalm 27:1, 6
The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom do I fear?
The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom am I afraid?
Even now my head is held high above my enemies on every side!
I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and chant praise to the LORD.

(Mention the personal petition and the petitions of those who ask for prayers)

Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see.
Help me to see your face
- in the different darkness in this life.
Help me to see your face
- in being a pale reflection of your light.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Sixth Day

Gospel: John 9:4-7

We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

Psalm 27:1,7-8
The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom do I fear?
The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom am I afraid?
Hear my voice, LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me. "Come," says my heart, "seek God's face"; your face, LORD, do I seek!

(Mention the personal petition and the petitions of those who ask for prayers)

Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see.
Help me to see your face,
- heal and restore me from spiritual blindness and paralysis.
Help me to see your face,
- send me to seek and uncover your face in the poorest.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Seventh Day

Gospel: John 10:7-10

"Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came (before me) are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.

Psalm 27:1, 9-10
The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom do I fear?
The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom am I afraid?
Do not hide your face from me; do not repel your servant in anger.
You are my help; do not cast me off; do not forsake me, God my savior!

(Mention the personal petition and the petitions of those who ask for prayers)

Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see.
Help me to see your face
- in people outside my circle of friends and family.
Help me to see your face
- make me an instrument of your hospitality.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Eighth Day

Gospel: John 10:11-16

I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd.

Psalm 27:1, 11

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom do I fear?
The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom am I afraid?
Even if my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will take me in.
LORD, show me your way; lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

(Mention the personal petition and the petitions of those who ask for prayers)

Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see.
Help me to see you face,
- in any situation, help me avoid hostility and neutrality.
Help me to see your face,
- help me attain excellence and run from mediocrity.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Ninth Day

Gospel: John 15:1-5

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.

Psalm 27:1, 13-14

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom do I fear?
The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom am I afraid?
I believe I shall enjoy the LORD'S goodness in the land of the living.
Wait for the LORD, take courage; be stouthearted, wait for the LORD!

(Mention the personal petition and the petitions of those who ask for prayers)

Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see.
Help me to see your face
that I remain in you and together with others we can do anything.
Help me to see your face
and become a branch that bears fruit in the community.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(Continue below: The Chaplet of the Face of Jesus (First to Ninth Day Prayers) see below)

THE CHAPLET OF THE FACE OF JESUS (First to Ninth Day):

Using an ordinary rosary, with the crucifix, one prays or sings:

Open My Eyes (by Jesse Manibusan
Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord.
Help me to hear your voice.
Open my ears, Lord.
Help me to hear.

Open my heart, Lord.
Help me to love like you.
Open my heart, Lord.
Help me to love.

I live within you,
Deep in your heart, O Love.
I live within you.
Rest now in me.

Using the succeeding beads, one prays: (1) Our Father, (3) Hail Mary's, (1) Glory Be.

1. Open My Eyes (Crucifix)
2. Our Father (First bead)
3. Hail Mary (3 Succeeding beads)
4. Glory Be (Fifth bead)
5. 50 Faces of Jesus according to the Gospel of the day (the 50 beads)
6. A verse of "Open My Eyes" (beads in between the decades)

To be used on the 1st, 5th and 9th days: The Chaplet of the Face of Jesus (meditating on the Faces of Jesus in the **Gospel of Luke**):

***First Decade**: **Jesus was born and Tempted** (After each face of Jesus, one answers: **Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face**.)*

1. Jesus, whose birth was announced by the angel Gabriel to Mary.
2. Jesus, Son of the Most High, heir of David's throne.
3. Jesus, born in Bethlehem during the reign of Caesar Augustus.
4. Jesus, wrapped in swaddling cloth and laid in a manger.
5. Jesus, whose birth was announced to the shepherds.
6. Jesus, Simeon welcomed you and called you salvation of all people; light to the Gentiles and Glory of Israel.
7. Jesus, at the age of twelve – you were already busy with the Father's affairs.
8. Jesus, baptized by John, you are God's beloved Son; with you God is well pleased.
9. Jesus, son of Adam, son of God.
10. Jesus, you overcame the devil's temptation of possessions, power and prestige.

Pray or sing:
Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see.

***Second Decade**: **Jesus announces his Mission** (Response: **Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face**.)*

1. Jesus, anointed by the Spirit to bring glad tidings to the poor.
2. Jesus, with authority and power you drove away unclean spirits.
3. Jesus, you healed Peter's mother-in-law and cured all people with various diseases.
4. Jesus, you made Simon, James and John fishers of men; they left everything and followed you.

5. Jesus, Friend of the leper; Friend of the paralytic man; forgiver of sins.
6. Jesus, Friend of tax collectors and sinners – dining and wining with them.
7. Jesus, the bridegroom, the new wine, the Son of Man, the Lord of the Sabbath.
8. Jesus, you chose the Twelve and admonished them to "be merciful, just as your father is merciful".
9. Jesus, Friend of the centurion and of the widow of Nain – bringing back their children to life.
10. Jesus, Friend of the blind, the lame, the lepers, the deaf, the dead, and of the poor.

Pray or sing:
Open my ears, Lord.
Help me to hear your voice.
Open my ears, Lord.
Help me to hear.

***Third Decade**: **Jesus, the Anointed and the Rejected** (Response: **Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face**.)*

1. Jesus, Friend of the sinful woman who bathe your feet with tears and ointment.
2. Jesus, you proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God accompanied by the Twelve and some women.
3. Jesus, the Sower, a brother to all who hear the Word of God and act on it.
4. Jesus, you rebuked the wind and the waves just as you rebuked the spirits tormenting the man from Gerasenes.
5. Jesus, Friend of Jairus, whose daughter you healed after healing the woman afflicted with hemorrhages.
6. Jesus, you sent the Twelve to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.
7. Jesus, when the apostles returned from their mission you invited them to rest in a deserted place.
8. Jesus, you blessed, broke and shared bread and fish with the 5,000 hungry people – organized in small groups of 50's.

9. Jesus, you transfigured on a mountain top so that you can transfigure others down the plain to serve people.
10. Jesus, rejected in a Samaritan village, you proceeded to other villages to preach the Good News.

Pray or sing:
Open my heart, Lord.
Help me to love like you.
Open my heart, Lord.
Help me to love.

***Fourth Decade**: **Jesus invites and sends friends and disciples** (Response: **Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face**.)*

1. Jesus, you called and sent 72 others who went in pairs to town and cities you intended to visit.
2. Jesus, the Good Samaritan and the Neighbor in need you tell us to "go and do likewise."
3. Jesus, you taught your disciples to pray to "Our Father".
4. Jesus, you want us to be clean inside and out.
5. Jesus, you told us to seek first the kingdom, and other things will be given besides.
6. Jesus, you want us to repent learning from the parable of the fig tree – giving it a chance to bear fruits.
7. Jesus, you set free the woman bent over for eighteen years from her infirmity.
8. Jesus, you dined with tax collectors and sinners; teaching them the parables of the lost sheep, lost coin and of the prodigal son.
9. Jesus, you preached that no servant can serve God and mammon; then you told the story of Dives and Lazarus.
10. Jesus, Friend of ten lepers, you appreciated the Samaritan one who came back to thank you.

Pray or sing:
I live within you,
Deep in your heart, O Love.
I live within you.
Rest now in me.

Fifth Decade**: **Jesus, Friend of poor and sinners till death.
(Response: ***Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face***.)

1. Jesus, you said, the Kingdom belongs to the little ones and to anyone who sells what he has and distributes it to the poor.
2. Jesus, you opened the eyes of the blind man and you opened the heart of Zacchaeus who gave half of his possessions to the poor.
3. Jesus, you entered Jerusalem with people singing "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord".
4. Jesus, you appreciated a poor widow offering from her poverty.
5. Jesus, after breaking bread with your friends and disciples, you prayed at Gethsemane: “Father, not my will but your will be done”.
6. Jesus, Judas gave you a kiss of betrayal; the others slept while you were agonizing; then Peter denied you three times.
7. Jesus, mocked by Herod, condemned to death on a cross by Pilate.
8. Jesus, you prayed “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.
9. Jesus, you are not among the dead for you have been raised.
10. Jesus, you appeared to your friends and disciples leading them to Bethany, where you ascended to heaven.

Pray or sing:
Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see.

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To be used on 2nd and 6th days: The Chaplet of the Face of Jesus (meditating on the Faces of Jesus in the **Gospel of Mark**):

First Decade**: **Jesus, Son of God, leader of the Twelve Apostles. *(Response: **Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face**.)*

1. Jesus, God's beloved Son, in whom God is well pleased.
2. Jesus, driven by the Spirit in the desert, tempted by Satan.
3. Jesus, proclaiming the Good News and its fulfillment.
4. Jesus, leader of fishers of men and women.
5. Jesus of Nazareth, a healer and enabler as seen in the healing of Peter's mother-in-law.
6. Jesus, merciful to the sick and possessed; prayerful and lover of silent moments.
7. Jesus, preaching the gospel everywhere not for popularity.
8. Jesus, Friend of the tax collectors and sinners.
9. Jesus, the new wine; the Son of Man, Lord of the Sabbath.
10. Jesus, leader of the Twelve Apostles - saints and sinners.

Pray or sing:
Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see.

***Second Decade**: **Jesus, ridiculed for hanging around with strange friends.** (Response: **Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face**.)*

1. Jesus, thought to be "out of his mind"; thought to be "possessed by Beelzebub".
2. Jesus, Sower of the Word, a brother and a son to whoever does the will of God.
3. Jesus, healer of the man who had unclean spirit.
4. Jesus, healer of Jairus' daughter and of the woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years.
5. Jesus, carpenter, rejected by town mates, you sent the Twelve to drive demons out and to cure the sick.

6. Jesus, thought to be John, Elijah and one of the prophets; you mourned the death of John the Baptist.
7. Jesus, blessing, breaking and sharing bread and fish to feed the hungry in a Jewish territory.
8. Jesus, walking on the sea, overcoming forces of death and evil; calming winds and storms.
9. Jesus, visiting villages, towns and countryside to bring God's healing; dining with people who do not wash hands before eating.
10. Jesus, teaching against hypocrisy and lip service; a Friend of the Syrophoenician woman - a foreigner.

Pray or sing:
Open my ears, Lord.
Help me to hear your voice.
Open my ears, Lord.
Help me to hear.

***Third Decade**: **Jesus predicted his passion, death and resurrection three times.** (Response: **Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face**.)*

1. Jesus, you blessed, broke and shared bread and fish to feed the hungry in a Gentile territory.
2. Jesus, misunderstood by his friends and disciples. You predicted, for the 1st time, your passion death and resurrection.
3. Jesus, rebuked by Peter, you transfigured before him, James and John.
4. Jesus, God's beloved Son to whom we must listen, you predicted, for the 2nd time, your passion death and resurrection.
5. Jesus, Salt of the earth, a Friend of the outsider driving out demons in your name.
6. Jesus, Friend of small little ones; a Friend of the rich young man challenged to sell all his property and follow you.
7. Jesus, Friend of the poor. You predicted, for the 3rd time, your passion death and resurrection.
8. Jesus, Friend of Bartimeus, the blind man of Jericho; you entered Jerusalem triumphantly.

9. Jesus, hungry, you cursed the fig tree for lack of fruits. Jesus, angry, you cleansed the temple for lack of fruits.
10. Jesus, Son of the owner of the vineyard; the stone rejected by the builder but became the cornerstone.

Pray or sing:
Open my heart, Lord.
Help me to love like you.
Open my heart, Lord.
Help me to love.

***Fourth Decade**: **Jesus, totally abandoned by Friends and Disciples.** (Response: **Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face**.)*

1. Jesus, a tax payer and God-lover; Scripture reader.
2. Jesus, admirer of the poor widow contributing all she had.
3. Jesus, Friend of Simon the leper; Friend of the woman who anointed your feet; your Gospel is told in memory of her.
4. Jesus, whose Passover meal was partaken under the shadow of betrayal of a friend - Judas.
5. Jesus, whose friends would be dispersed when you, the Shepherd, are struck.
6. Jesus, asking your friends and disciples to keep watch as you prayed to the Father to take away the cup from you.
7. Jesus, your friends and disciples slept over; you were kissed by Judas to hand you over.
8. Jesus, abandoned totally by your friends and disciples.
9. Jesus, accused falsely before the chief priests and the Sanhedrin.
10. Jesus, mocked and struck, greeted with blows.

Pray or sing:
I live within you,
Deep in your heart, O Love.
I live within you.
Rest now in me.

***Fifth decade**: **Jesus the Risen One, sending us to proclaim the Gospel to every creature.** (Response: **Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face**.)*

1. Jesus, denied by Peter 3 times before the cock crowed twice.
2. Jesus, bound and led to Pilate; rejected by the crowd who set Barabbas free instead.
3. Jesus, condemned to die on a cross.
4. Jesus, helped by Simon of Cyrene to carry the cross.
5. Jesus, crucified between two criminals.
6. Jesus, reviled while dying on the cross.
7. Jesus, declared by the centurion to be truly the Son of God when he saw how you died.
8. Jesus, Friend of Joseph of Arimathea who buried you in an unused tomb.
9. Jesus, who appeared first to Mary Magdalene; then to others walking along on their way to the country sides.
10. Jesus, who appeared to the eleven and told them "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature".

Pray or Sing:
Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see.

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To be used on 3rd and 7th days: The Chaplet of the Face of Jesus (meditating on the Faces of Jesus in the **Gospel of Matthew**):

***First Decade**: **Jesus, Emmanuel, the Salt of the earth, Light of the world.** (Response: **Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face**.)*

1. Jesus, the son of David, the son of Abraham.
2. Jesus, Emmanuel, an angel announced your birth to Joseph.
3. Jesus, magi from the east came to Bethlehem to worship you.
4. Jesus, from Egypt, your family dwelt in Nazareth.
5. Jesus, after baptism in the Jordan, you were tempted by the devil.
6. Jesus, the Great Light seen by "the people who sit in darkness."
7. Jesus, you called some fishermen to become fishers of men and women.
8. Jesus, you call the poor "blessed" for theirs is the kingdom of God.
9. Jesus, the Salt of the earth, the Light of the world, you call us to "be perfect, just as your heavenly father is perfect".
10. Jesus, you ask us to pray, give alms and fast in secret to glorify the father and not ourselves.

Pray or Sing:
Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see.

***Second Decade**: **Jesus, the New Wine who gives new life.** (Response: **Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face**.)*

1. Jesus, you tell us to stop judging that we may not be judged.
2. Jesus, you tell us to ask, seek, and knock as you taught us to bear good fruit.
3. Jesus, you are Friend of the sick, taking away our infirmities and bearing our diseases.
4. Jesus, you ask us to follow you without limit: "Follow me, and let the dead bury their dead."
5. Jesus, you calmed all the fears of your friends and disciples as you sailed with them in the stormy sea.

6. Jesus, Friend of the tax collector Matthew, you desire mercy, not sacrifice.
7. Jesus, the New Wine, you give new life, new health; new sight; new speech and new hearing.
8. Jesus, you pray for more laborers in the Lord's harvest.
9. Jesus, you sent the 12 disciples giving them authority over unclean spirits.
10. Jesus, you said: "whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me."

Pray or Sing:
Open my ears, Lord.
Help me to hear your voice.
Open my ears, Lord.
Help me to hear.

***Third Decade**: **Jesus, you are the One who is to come.** (Response: **Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face**.)*

1. Jesus, you are the One who is to come – proclaiming the Good News to the poor.
2. Jesus, you invite us to come to you, "For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."
3. Jesus, you let your hungry friends and disciples to pick up heads of grain on a Sabbath.
4. Jesus, you said: "Whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is my brother, and sister, and mother."
5. Jesus, you are the Sower of the kingdom, you let both the wheat and tare grow together.
6. Jesus, a carpenter, you astonished the people in your native place with your wisdom and mighty deeds.
7. Jesus, Herod thought of you as John the Baptist, raised from the dead, that is why mighty powers are at work in you.
8. Jesus, after curing the sick, you blessed, broke and shared with people - about 5,000 of them.
9. Jesus, you walked on the sea to join your friends and disciples being tossed by the waves.
10. Jesus, truly, you are the Son of God, recognized by the people of Gennesaret.

Pray or Sing:
Open my heart, Lord.
Help me to love like you.
Open my heart, Lord.
Help me to love.

***Fourth Decade**: **Jesus, busy with the Father's affairs.** (Response: **Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face**.)*

1. Jesus, you came into contact with the sick outside the temple and cured them – breaking bread with a lot of people.
2. Jesus, you asked your friends and disciples "Who do you say that I am?"
3. Jesus, when you transfigured, the Father said: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."
4. Jesus, you showed us how to treat the Gentiles and tax collectors – dining and wining with them – forgiving their sins 77 times.
5. Jesus, you said: "Let the children come to me… for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
6. Jesus, you said "if you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to (the) poor and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."
7. Jesus, you hired laborers for the vineyard on different hours and paid them with the same salary.
8. Jesus, you saw that James and John wanted selfish glory while the blind men saw God's glory.
9. Jesus, you entered Jerusalem as king; you said: "My house shall be a house of prayer,' but you are making it a den of thieves."
10. Jesus, from the temple, you saw a fig tree by the road, you went over it to eat, but found nothing on it except leaves.

Pray or Sing:
I live within you,
Deep in your heart, O Love.
I live within you.
Rest now in me.

***Fifth Decade**: **Jesus' friendship breaks all barriers.** (Response: **Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face**.)*

1. Jesus, Friend of tax collectors and prostitutes who will also enter the kingdom of God.
2. Jesus, Friend of people producing fruit for the kingdom of God.
3. Jesus, Friend of anyone, you invite everyone to the feast.
4. Jesus, Friend of those who love God, with all their hearts, with all their souls, and with all their minds.
5. Jesus, Friend of the five wise virgin and of the faithful servants.
6. Jesus, you said "Well done, my good and faithful servant. For I was hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, ill and in prison – you came to my aid.
7. Jesus, you took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to your disciples said, "Take and eat; this is my body."
8. Jesus, in the Garden, you prayed: "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will."
9. Jesus, you were declared: "King of the Jews". The centurion declared, "Truly this was the Son of God!"
10. Jesus, the Risen One, you appeared to Mary and the Eleven and told them to go and make disciples of all nations – reminding them that you are Emmanuel.

Pray or Sing:
Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see.

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To be used on the 4th and 8th days: The Chaplet of the Face of Jesus (meditating on the Faces of Jesus in the **Gospel of John**):

First Decade**: **Jesus, the Word of God, Friend of outsiders. *(Response: **Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face**.)*

1. Jesus, the Word of God.
2. Jesus, the Light in darkness.
3. Jesus, the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us.
4. Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
5. Jesus, the Gracious wedding guest at Cana.
6. Jesus, the Zealous Guardian of God's House.
7. Jesus, Friend of the Pharisee named Nicodemus.
8. Jesus, the Only Son of God.
9. Jesus, Friend of the Samaritan woman.
10. Jesus, the Living Water, God's Prophet.

Pray or Sing:
Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see.

***Second Decade**: Jesus, the Good Shepherd, Friend of the hungry.* *(Response: **Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face**.)*

1. Jesus, Friend of the hungry crowd, the Community Organizer.
2. Jesus, walking on the sea.
3. Jesus, Sent by the Father; Listener of the Father.
4. Jesus, the Bread of Life; Drink of Eternal Life.
5. Jesus, the Bread that came down from Heaven.
6. Jesus, Possessor of the words of eternal life.
7. Jesus, Friend of the woman caught in adultery.
8. Jesus, Friend and Healer of the blind man from birth,
9. Jesus, the Light of the World.
10. Jesus, the Gate of the sheepfold; the Good Shepherd.

Pray or Sing:
Open my ears, Lord.
Help me to hear your voice.
Open my ears, Lord.
Help me to hear.

***Third Decade**: Jesus, the True Vive, Friend of Lazarus, Mary and Martha. (Response: **Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face**.)*

1. Jesus, accused as possessed, as Samaritan, and of blasphemy.
2. Jesus, Friend of Lazarus, Mary and Martha.
3. Jesus, the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.
4. Jesus, the Resurrection and Life.
5. Jesus, the One who must die for the sake of the nation.
6. Jesus, He who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel.
7. Jesus, the Servant who washes his disciples' feet.
8. Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life.
9. Jesus, Giver of Peace.
10. Jesus, the True Vine.

Pray or Sing:
Open my heart, Lord.
Help me to love like you.
Open my heart, Lord.
Help me to love.

***Fourth Decade**: Jesus, the Priest, the Victim and the Sacrifice. (Response: **Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face**.)*

1. Jesus, Friend of his disciples.
2. Jesus, Intercessor to the Father.
3. Jesus, the priest-sanctifier; the priest-unifier.
4. Jesus, the Sent One and the Sending One.
5. Jesus, the Nazarene, betrayed by Judas, arrested by the soldiers.
6. Jesus, denied by Peter.

7. Jesus, handed over to the high priest; sent bound to Caiphas, sent to Pilate.
8. Jesus, the king, scourged and mocked.
9. Jesus, crucified at Golgotha, naked and humiliated.
10. Jesus, brother of John, Son of Mary.

Pray or Sing:
I live within you,
Deep in your heart, O Love.
I live within you.
Rest now in me.

***Fifth Decade**: The Crucified King, hands over the Spirit and the flock. (Response: **Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face**.)*

1. Jesus, the Thirsty, who handed over the spirit.
2. Jesus, Friend of Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus.
3. Jesus, the Risen One.
4. Jesus, the Gardener.
5. Jesus, sending Mary of Magdala to announce the news of the resurrection.
6. Jesus, permeating anything that is closed and locked.
7. Jesus, breathing on the disciples - creating them anew.
8. Jesus, the Wounded One.
9. Jesus, preparing breakfast by the Sea of Tiberias.
10. Jesus, handing over the flock to Peter.

Pray or Sing:
Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see.

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Concluding Prayers

Prayer for the Family

Lord Jesus,
We read from Paul's letter to the Ephesians (6:1-4):

> *Children, obey your parents (in the Lord), for this is right. "Honor your father and mother." This is the first commandment with a promise, that it may go well with you and that you may have a long life on earth." Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up with the training and instruction of the Lord.*

We pray for our particular families
and for the entire human family.
May peace and harmony reign in our families
and may we reveal and recognize Your Face
in every member now and forever. Amen.

Prayer for the Sick

Lord Jesus,
Your Face on the cross reveals
the summit of human suffering.
The prophet Isaiah said:
"(You) took away our infirmities and bore our diseases."
We pray for (*name of the sick person*) who is suffering from (*mention the sickness*).
Take away his/her infirmities and bear his/her diseases.
Turn your Face on all people who are ill in any way.
Together with you, we say as you have said in Gethsemane:
"Your will and not my will be done" now and forever. Amen.

Prayer for Special Intentions

Lord Jesus,
We read in the Scriptures:

> *He who serves God willingly is heard; his petition reaches the heavens* (Sirach 35:16);
>
> *Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God* (Philippians 4:6).

We bring before you
all our worries and anxieties;
our personal concerns (*mention petitions here*)
and those of our families,
including the petitions of our community
(*mention petitions here*).

Full of trust,
we know that anything we ask the Father in your name,
he will grant them to us in his time.

You yourself told us:
ask and it shall be given;
knock and it shall be opened.

Here we are, knocking and
we are asking your unlimited love and Divine Mercy,
Listen to our personal intentions
and to those of other people who ask us to pray for them.
We pray all this in confidence now and forever. Amen.

Songs (Choose one of the two):

Here I am By Daniel O'Donnell

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Chorus
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them.
Whom shall I send? Chorus

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will send the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide,
'Til their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? Chorus

The Cry of the Poor
by John Foley

Refrain
The Lord hears the cry of the poor. Blessed be the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, with praise ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the Lord, who will hear the cry of the poor.

2. Let the lowly hear and be glad: the Lord listens to their pleas; and to hearts broken, God is near, who will hear the cry of the poor.

3. Ev'ry spirit crushed, God will save; will be ransom for their lives; will be safe shelter for their fears, and will hear the cry of the poor.

4. We proclaim your greatness, O God, your praise ever in our mouth; ev'ry face brightened in your light, for you hear the cry of the poor.

Prayer of Consecration to the Face of Jesus

Loving God,

In the past, your people's prayer was:

My being thirsts for God, the living God.

When can I go and see the face of God? (Psalm 42:2-3)

You revealed your Divine Face through the human Face of your Son who said: Whoever has seen me has seen the Father (John 14:9). That we may fully understand what he means, he spoke clearly to us:

I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' ... 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' (Matthew 25:35-36, 40).

As we meditate on the Faces of Jesus in the four Gospels, may we fully understand and see that it is your Divine Face that is being revealed to us.

Hence, as individuals and as a community, we consecrate our minds, hearts, eyes, ears, hands and feet to your mission to bring the Good News that God's kingdom is at hand.

Above all, we consecrate our human faces, we ask you, make them your face that they may reveal Your Divine Face and the Face of Jesus whose missionaries we all are.

Send us as your ambassadors of the Kingdom.
Send us to be the Divine Face and Jesus' Face.
Send us as Missionaries of Jesus.
Here and there, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer for the Missionaries of Jesus (MJs)

Lord Jesus Christ,
Let the Holy Spirit take hold of all the Missionaries of Jesus.
Consume them with the fire of your love
as you did with the First Apostles at Pentecost,
always lead them where you want them to go.
Enable them to proclaim God's reign to those who seek you.

Son of God and Son of Mary, show us the way
to our brothers and sisters where the need for you is felt most.
Bring us to them as your friends and disciples.
Send us more young men who will work in your vineyard.
Above all, come and stay with us as provident and abiding love
both now and forever. Amen.

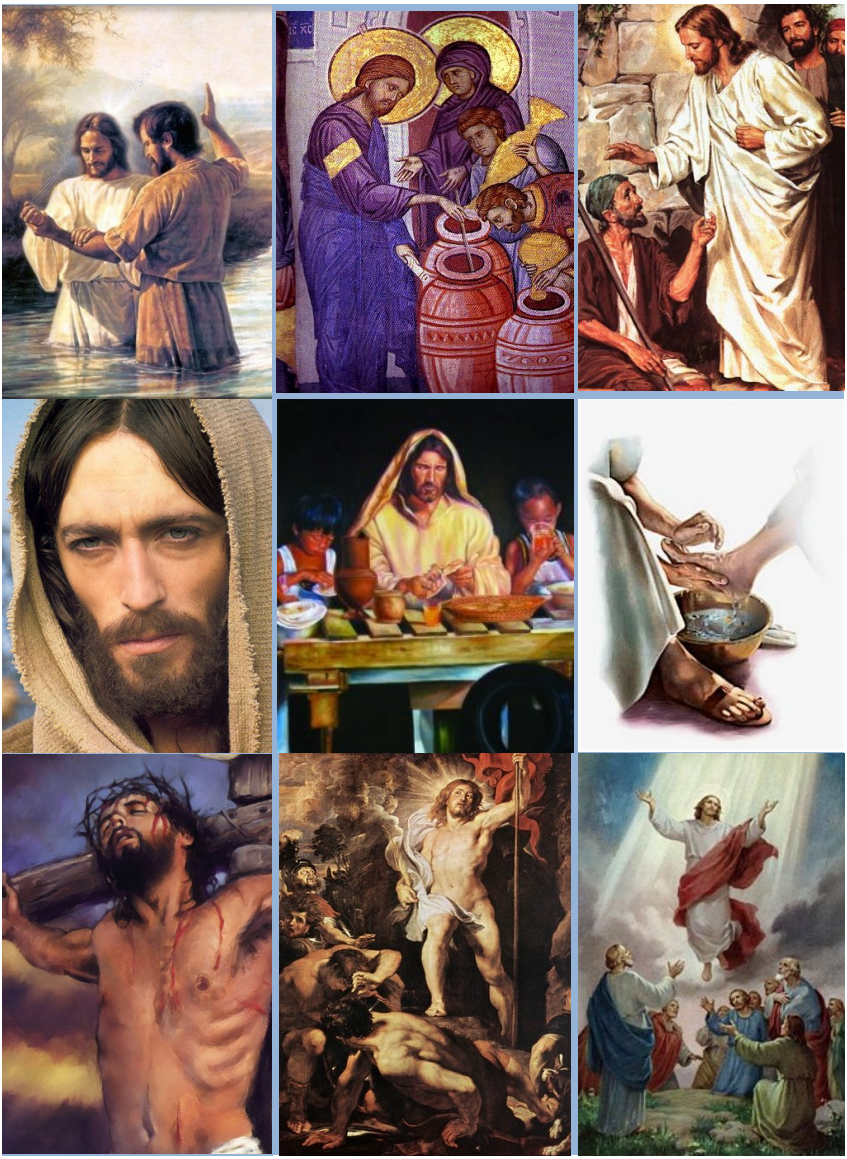
Prayer of Friends and Disciples

Look upon us, Jesus,
we who are your friends and disciples.
Give us the patience to sit down
and marvel at wonders you do in our midst.

You are present, yet wonderfully hidden,
in cultures and beliefs other than ours.
Grant us the grace to discover you
in the midst of our busy lives.

Instill in us the patience of a woodcarver
in carefully removing the things that hide your face.
Make us your devoted missionaries
eager at making you, and not ourselves, known.
Mold us and shape us so that we can become
your worthy friends and disciples.

Sign of the cross…
Let us bless the Lord. R: Thanks be to God.



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