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Dear Friend,

Read this booklet slowly and with attention, not once but many times and you will thank God all the rest of your life.

It will give you much happiness and it will enable you to obtain from God wonderful graces and blessings.

It teaches the wonders of the Holy Name of Jesus which few Christians understand.

The frequent repetition of this Divine Name will save you from much suffering and great dangers.

The World is now threatened with the direst calamities. Each one of us can do much to save ourselves from the impending evils and we can do much to help the World, the Church and Our Holy Father the Pope, simply by repeating frequently **Jesus, Jesus, Jesus.** (See page 6).

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"THE WONDERS OF THE HOLY NAME"
has received the warmest approval of many Arch-
bishops and Bishops. We quote two of these.

PAÇO PATRIARCAL
LISBON

I approve and recommend with all my heart the
little book entitled "The Wonders of the Holy Name".

+ *M. Card Patriarcal*

March 4th 1947.

NUNCIATURA APOSTOLICA
IN PORTUGAL

My dear Father Paul O'Sullivan.

My cordial thanks for the kind offer of your
beautiful book: "The Wonders of the Holy Name",
which I have read with much interest. I see that it
explains with great clearness and precision the doctrine
of the Holy Name, a doctrine so dear to the Church.

Certainly the perusal of this book will enkindle in
the hearts of its readers a boundless confidence in the
Omnipotence of the Holy Name.

I am, therefore, very pleased to approve warmly
this latest work of yours which is a worthy link in
the long chain of your zealous and useful publications.

Blessing you with all my heart.

I remain with the highest esteem

Yours very sincerely

† *Peter Ciriaci, Archbishop of Tarsus*
Apostolic Nuncio

March 7th 1947.

The Wonders of the Holy Name.

We have been hearing and have been repeating from childhood the Holy Name of Jesus, but alas! many, very many have no adequate idea of the great wonders of this Holy Name.

What do you know, dear reader, about the Name of Jesus? You know that it is a holy name and that you must bow your head reverently when you say it. That is very little. It is as if you looked at a closed book and merely glanced at the title on the cover. You know nothing of all the beautiful thoughts in the book itself.

Even so when you pronounce the Name of Jesus you know very little of the treasures hidden in it.

This Divine Name is in truth a mine of riches, it is the fount of the highest holiness and the secret of the greatest happiness that a man can hope to enjoy on this Earth. Read and see.

Devotion to the Holy Name is so easy that everyone without exception can practise it. It demands no time so that the busiest man can repeat it countless times.

It is so powerful, so certain that it never fails to produce in our souls the most wonderful results. It consoles the saddest heart and makes the weakest sinner strong. It obtains for us all kinds of favours and graces, spiritual and temporal.

Two things we must do. First of all we must understand clearly the meaning and value of the Name of Jesus.

Secondly we must get into the habit of saying it frequently, hundreds and hundreds of times every day. Far from being a burden it will be an immense joy and consolation.

What does the Name of Jesus mean?

The Holy Name of Jesus is, first of all, an all-powerful prayer. Our Lord Himself solemnly promises that whatever we ask the Father in His Name we shall receive. God never fails to keep His word.

When, therefore, we say Jesus let us ask God for all we need with absolute confidence of being heard.

For this reason the Church ends her prayers with the words: "Through Jesus Christ" which gives the prayer a new and divine efficacy.

But the Holy Name is something still greater.

Each time we say Jesus we give God infinite joy and glory for we offer Him all the infinite merits of the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ.

St. Paul tells us that Jesus merited the Name **Jesus** by His Passion and Death.

Each time we say Jesus let us clearly wish to offer God all the Masses being said all over the World for all our intentions. We thus share in these thousands of Masses.

Each time we say Jesus we gain 300 days indulgence which we may apply to the souls in Purgatory, thus relieving and liberating very many of these holy souls from their awful pains. They thus become our best friends and pray for us with incredible fervour.

Each time we say Jesus, it is an act of perfect love for we offer to God the infinite love of Jesus.

The Holy Name of Jesus saves us from innumerable evils and delivers us especially from the power of the devil who is constantly seeking to do us harm.

The Name of Jesus gradually fills our souls with a peace and a joy we never had before.

The Name of Jesus gives us such strength that our sufferings become light and easy to bear.

What must we do?

St. Paul tells us that we must do all we do whether in word or work in the Name of Jesus. "Whether you eat or whether you drink or **whatever** else you do, do all in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ".

In this way every act becomes an act of love and of merit and moreover we receive grace and help to do all our actions perfectly.

We must therefore do our best to form the habit of saying **Jesus, Jesus, Jesus** very often every day. We can do so when dressing, when working — no matter what we are doing — when walking, in moments of sadness, at home and in the street, everywhere.

Nothing is easier if only we do it methodically. We can say it countless times every day.

Bear in mind that each time we say Jesus 1) we give God great glory, 2) we receive great graces for ourselves, 3) and we help the souls in Purgatory.

We shall now quote a few examples to show the power of the Holy Name.

The World in Danger.

Saved by the Holy Name.

In the year 1274 great evils threatened the World. The Church was assailed by fierce enemies from within and without. So great was the danger that the Pope Gregory X, who then reigned called a Council of Bishops in Lyons to determine on the best means of saving society from the ruin that menaced it. Among the many means proposed the Pope and Bishops chose what they considered the easiest and most efficacious of all, viz. the frequent repetition of the Holy Name of Jesus.

The Holy Father then begged the Bishops of the World and their priests, to call on the Name of Jesus and to urge their peoples to place all their confidence in this all-powerful Name, repeating it constantly with boundless trust. The Pope entrusted the Dominicans especially with the glorious task of preaching the wonders of the Holy Name in every country, a work they accomplished with unbounded zeal.

Their Franciscan brothers ably seconded them. St. Bernardine of Siena and St. Leonard of Port-Maurice were ardent Apostles of the Name of Jesus.

Their efforts were crowned with success so that the enemies of the Church were overthrown, the dangers that threatened society disappeared and peace once more reigned supreme.

This is a most important lesson for us because in these our own days dreadful sufferings are

crushing many countries and still greater evils threaten all the others.

No government, or governments seem strong and wise enough to stem this awful torrent of evils. There is but one remedy and that is **prayer**.

Every Christian must turn to God and ask Him to have mercy on us. The easiest of all prayers, as we have seen, is the Name of Jesus.

Everyone without exception can invoke this Holy Name hundreds of times a day, not only for his own intentions, but also to ask God to deliver the World from impending ruin.

It is amazing what one person who prays can do to save his country and save society. We read in Holy Scripture how Moses saved by his prayer the people of Israel from destruction, how one pious woman, Judith of Betulia, saved her city and her people when the rulers were in despair and about to surrender themselves to their enemies.

Again we know that the two cities of Sodom and Gomorrha, which God destroyed by fire for their sins and crimes, would have been pardoned had there been only ten good men to pray for them!

Over and over again we read of kings, emperors, statesmen and famous military commanders who placed all their trust in prayer thus working wonders. If the prayers of one man can do much what will not the prayers of many do?

The Name of **Jesus** is the shortest, the easiest and the most powerful of prayers. Everyone can say it even in the midst of his daily work. God cannot refuse to hear it.

Let us then invoke the Name of Jesus, asking Him to save us from the calamities that threaten us.

The Plague in Lisbon.

The City saved by the Holy Name.

A devastating plague broke out in Lisbon in 1432. All who could do so fled in terror from the city and thus carried the plague to every corner of the entire country of Portugal.

Thousands of men, women and children, of all classes, were swept away by the cruel sickness. So virulent was the epidemic that men died everywhere, at table, in the streets, in their houses, in the shops, in the market places, in the Churches. To use the words of historians, it flashed like lightning from man to man, or from a coat, a hat or any garment that had been used by the plague stricken. Priests, doctors and nurses were carried off in such numbers that the bodies of many lay unburied in the streets so that the dogs licked up the blood and ate the flesh of the dead, becoming as a result infested with the dread disease and spreading it still more widely among the unfortunate people.

Among those who assisted the dying with unflagging zeal was a venerable Bishop, Monsignor André Dias who lived in the Convent of St. Dominic. This holy man seeing that the epidemic, far from diminishing, grew every day in intensity and, despairing of human help, urged the unhappy people to call on the Holy Name of **Jesus**. He was seen wherever the disease was fiercest, urging, imploring the sick and the dying as well as those who had not as yet been stricken down, to repeat **Jesus, Jesus**. "Write it on cards", he said, "and keep those cards on your

persons, place them at night under your pillows, place them on your doors, but above all constantly invoke with your lips and in your hearts this most powerful Name”.

He went about as an Angel of peace filling the sick and the dying with courage and confidence. The poor sufferers felt within them a new life and, calling on **Jesus**, they wore the cards on their breasts or carried them in their pockets.

Then summoning them to the great Church of St. Dominic he once more spoke to them of the power of the Name of Jesus, blessed water in the same Holy Name, ordering all the people to sprinkle themselves with it and sprinkle it on the faces of the sick and dying. Wonder of wonders! the sick got well, the dying arose from their agonies, the plague ceased and the city was delivered in a few days from the most awful scourge that had ever visited it.

The news spread to the whole country and all began to call, with one accord, on the Name of Jesus. In an incredibly short time all Portugal was freed from the dread sickness.

The grateful people, mindful of the marvels they had witnessed, continued their love and confidence in the Name of our Saviour, so that in all their troubles, in all dangers, when evils of any kind threatened them they invoked the Name of Jesus. Confraternities were formed in the Churches, processions of the Holy Name were made monthly, altars were raised in honour of this blessed Name, so that the greatest curse that had ever fallen on the country was transformed into the greatest blessing.

For long centuries this great confidence in the Name of Jesus continued in Portugal, and thence spread to Spain, to France, and to the whole World.

Genseric the Goth.

In the reign of Genseric the Arian King of the Goths one of his favourite courtiers, the Count of Armogasto, was converted from Arianism and joined the Catholic Church.

The King on hearing of the fact fell into a violent fury and calling the young nobleman to his presence tried by every means in his power to induce him to recant and return to the Arian sect. Neither threats nor promises availed. The Count refused all overtures and held fast to his new found faith. Genseric then gave vent to his fury and ordered the young man to be bound with strong cords as tightly as the brawny executioners could draw them. The torment was intense but the victim showed no sign of pain. He repeated two, or three times, **Jesus, Jesus, Jesus**, and lo! the cords snapped like spiders' webs and fell at his feet.

Enraged beyond measure the tyrant now commanded that the sinews of oxen, hard and tough as wire, should be brought. The Count was again bound and the king bade the executioners use their utmost strength. Once more their victim invoked the Name of Jesus, and the new thongs, like the old, snapped like threads. Genseric foaming with rage ordered the martyr to be bound by the feet and hung from the branches of a tree, head downwards.

Smiling at this new mode of torture Count Armogasto folded his arms on his bosom and repeating the Holy Name fell into a tranquil sleep as though he were lying on a soft and comfortable couch.

D. Melchior smiles at his tormentors.

We have another incident of a similar kind narrated of the Chinese Martyr, the Venerable Dominican Bishop, D. Melchior.

In one of the many persecutions which raged in China and which gave so many saints to the Church, this holy Bishop was seized and, after having undergone the most brutal torments, was condemned to a cruel death.

He was dragged to the market place in the midst of a howling mob who came to gloat over his sufferings.

They stripped him of his garments and five executioners, armed with rough-edged swords, proceeded to chop off his fingers one by one, joint by joint, then his arms, then his legs, causing him excruciating agony. Finally they hacked the flesh from his poor body and broke his bones.

During this prolonged martyrdom no sign of pain was visible on the Bishop's countenance. He was smiling and saying aloud, slowly, **Jesus, Jesus, Jesus**, which gave him this wonderful strength to the amazement of his executioners.

Neither cry nor groan escaped from his lips until finally after hours of torture he quietly breathed his last, with the same lovely smile lingering on his face.

What wonderful consolation would we too not feel, when confined to bed with sickness, or racked by pain if we repeated devoutly the Name of **Jesus**.

Many people find it hard to sleep.

They will find help and consolation by invoking in these sleepless moments the Holy Name, and very probably will fall back into a tranquil slumber.

St. Alexander and the Pagan Philosophers.

During the reign of the Emperor Constantine, the Christian Religion was constantly and rapidly making progress.

In Constantinople itself the Pagan Philosophers felt much aggrieved at seeing many of their adepts deserting the old religion and joining the new. They pleaded with the Emperor himself, demanding that in justice they should get a hearing, and be allowed to hold a public conference with the Bishop of the Christians. Alexander, who at the time ruled the See of Constantinople, was a holy man but not a keen logician.

He did not for that fear to meet the representative of the pagan Philosophers who was an astute dialectician and an eloquent orator. On the appointed day before a vast assembly of learned men the Philosopher began a carefully prepared attack on the Christian teaching. The Holy Bishop listened for some time and then pronounced the Name of **Jesus** which at once confounded the Philosopher who not only completely lost the thread of his discourse but was utterly unable, even with the aid of his colleagues, to return to the attack.

St. Christina a young Christian girl was a slave in Kurdistan, a region almost entirely pagan. It was the custom in that country when a child was gravely ill that the mother should take it in her arms to the houses of her friends and ask them if they knew of any remedy that might benefit or cure the little one. On one of these occasions a mother brought her sick child to the house where Christina lived,

On being asked if she knew of a remedy for that sickness she looked at the child and said:

"Jesus, Jesus".

On the instant the dying child smiled and leapt with joy. It was completely cured.

This extraordinary fact became soon known and reached the ears of the Queen who herself was an invalid. She gave orders that Christina should be brought to her presence.

On arriving at the Palace the royal patient asked her if she could with the same remedy cure her disorder, which had baffled the skill of the physicians. Once more Christina pronounced with great confidence: **"Jesus, Jesus"**, and again this divine Name was glorified. The Queen instantly recovered her health.

A third wonder was yet to be worked. Some days after the cure of the Queen the King found himself suddenly face to face with certain death. Escape seemed impossible. Mindful of the divine power of the Holy Name, which he had witnessed in the cure of his wife, his Majesty called out **Jesus, Jesus**, whereupon he was snatched from the dreadful peril. Calling in his turn for the little slave he learned from her the truths of Christianity which he and a great multitude of his people embraced.

St. Christina became a saint and her feast is kept on December 15th.

St. Gregory of Tours relates that when he was a boy his father fell gravely ill and lay dying. Gregory prayed fervently for his recovery. When asleep at night Gregory's Angel Guardian appeared to him and told him to write the Name of Jesus

on a card and place this under the sick man's pillow.

In the morning he acquainted his mother with the Angel's message which she advised him to obey. He did so and placed the card under his father's head when, to the delight of the whole family, the patient grew rapidly better.

We could fill pages and pages with the miracles and wonders worked by the Holy Name at all times and in all places not only by the Saints but by all who invoke this Divine Name with reverence and faith.

Marchese says: "I refrain from relating here the miracles worked and graces granted by Our Lord to those who have been devout to His Holy Name, because St. John Chrysostom reminds me that Jesus is always named when miracles are worked by holy men; hence to attempt to enumerate them would be to try to give a list of the countless miracles which God has performed through all the ages, either to increase the glory of His Saints or to plant and strengthen the faith in the hearts of men".

Cards of the Holy Name.

The use of cards with the Holy Name inscribed on them has been used and recommended by the great lovers of the Holy Name such as Mgr. André Dias (see page 6), St. Leonard of Portmaurice, St. Gregory of Tours, above mentioned.

Our readers would do well to use these cards, carrying them about on their persons during the day, putting them under their pillows at night and placing them on the doors of the rooms,

The Saints and the Holy Name.

All the Saints had an immense love for and trust in the Name of Jesus. They saw in this Name as in a clear vision all the love of Our Lord, all His Power, all the beautiful things He said and did when on Earth.

They did all their wonderful works in the Name of Jesus. They worked miracles, cast out devils, cured the sick and gave comfort to everyone using and recommending to all the habit of invoking the Holy Name. St. Peter and the Apostles converted the World with this all-powerful Name.

The Prince of the Apostles began his glorious career preaching the love of Jesus to the Jews in the streets, in the Temple, in their synagogues. His first striking miracle occurred when he was going into the Temple with St. John. A lame man, well known to the Jews who frequented the Temple stretched out his hand expecting to receive an alms. St. Peter said to him: "Gold and silver I have not but what I have I willingly give thee. In the Name of Jesus get up and walk".

And instantly the lame man bounded to his feet and danced for joy.

The Jews were astonished, but the great Apostle said to them: "Why your wonder and surprise as if we made this man sound by our own power. No, it is by the power of Jesus that this man walks".

Innumerable times since the days of the Apostle has the Name of Jesus been glorified.

We will quote a few of these countless examples which show us how the Saints derived all their strength and consolation from the Name of Jesus.

St. Paul

St. Paul was in a very special way the preacher and doctor of the Holy Name. At first he was a fierce persecutor of the Church, moved by a false zeal and hatred for Christ. Our Lord appeared to him on the road to Damascus and converted him, making him the great Apostle of the Gentiles and giving him his glorious mission which was to preach and make known His Holy Name to Princes and Kings, to Jews and Gentiles, to all nations and peoples.

St. Paul filled with a burning love for Our Lord began his great mission uprooting paganism, casting down the false idols, confounding the Philosophers of Greece and Rome, fearing no enemies and conquering all difficulties, all, all in the Name of **Jesus**.

St. Thomas of Aquin says of him: "St. Paul bore the Name of Jesus on his forehead because he gloried in proclaiming it to all men, he bore it on his lips because he loved to invoke it, on his hands for he loved to write it in his epistles, in his feet because he carried it every where, in his heart for his heart burned with love of it. He tells us himself: "I live, yet not I but Christ liveth in me".

He tells us in his own beautiful way two great truths about the Name of Jesus.

First of all he tells us of the infinite power of this Name. "In the Name of Jesus every knee shall bend in Heaven, on Earth and in Hell".

Every time we say **Jesus** we give infinite joy to God, to all Heaven, to God's Blessed Mother and to the Angels and Saints.

Secondly, he tells us how to use it. "Whatever

you do in word or in work do all in the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ." He adds: Whether you eat or whether you drink or **whatever** else you do, do all in the Name of Jesus.

This advice all the Saints followed so that their every act was done for love of Jesus, and, therefore, their every act and thought won them graces and merits. It was by this Name they became Saints. If we follow this same advice of the Apostle we, too, shall reach a very high degree of sanctity.

How are we to do everything in the Name of Jesus? By acquiring the habit as we have said of repeating the Name of Jesus frequently in the course of the day. This presents no difficulty, it only demands good will.

St. Augustine, this great Doctor of the Church, found his delights in repeating the Holy Name. He himself tells us that he found much pleasure in books which made frequent mention of this all-consoling Name.

St. Bernard felt a wonderful joy and consolation in repeating the Name of Jesus. He felt it, as he says, like honey in his mouth and a delicious peace in his heart. We, too, shall feel immense consolation and peace steal into our souls if we imitate St. Bernard and repeat frequently this Holy Name.

St. Dominic spent his days preaching and discussing with the heretics. He always went on foot from place to place as well in the oppressive heats of the summer as in the cold and rain of

winter. The Albigenian heretics whom he tried to convert were more like demons let loose from Hell than mortal men. Their doctrine was infamous and their crimes enormous. Yet, as another St. Paul, he converted 100.000 of these wicked men so that many of them became eminent for sanctity. Wearied at night with his labours he asked only for one reward which was to pass the night before the Blessed Sacrament pouring out his soul in love for **Jesus**. When his poor body could resist no longer he leaned his head against the Altar and rested a little, after which he began once more his intimate converse with **Jesus**. In the morning he celebrated Mass with the ardour of a seraph so that at times his body was raised in the air in an ecstasy of love. The Name of **Jesus** filled his soul with joy and delight.

Blessed Jordan of Saxony, who succeeded St. Dominic as Master General of the Order, was a preacher of great renown. His words went straight to the heart of his hearers above all when he spoke to them of **Jesus**.

Learned professors of the University cities came with delight to hear him and so many of them became Dominican friars that others feared to come, lest they, too, should be induced to join his Order. So many were drawn by his irresistible eloquence that when his visit to a city was announced the Prior of the convent bought at once a great quantity of white cloth to make habits for those who were sure to seek entrance to the Order. Blessed Jordan himself received one thousand postulants to the habit among whom were the most eminent professors of the European Universities.

St. Francis of Assisi, that burning Seraph of love found his delights in repeating the loved Name of Jesus. **St. Bonaventure** says that his face lit up with joy and his voice showed by its tender accents how much he loved to invoke this all-Holy Name.

No wonder then that he received on his hands and feet and side the marks of the Five Wounds of Our Lord, a reward of his burning love.

St. Ignatius of Loyola was second to none in his love for the Holy Name. He gave to his great Order not his own name, but called it the **Society of Jesus**. This Divine Name has been, as it were a shield and defence of the Order against its enemies and a guarantee of the holiness and sanctity of its members. Glorious, indeed is the great Society of Jesus.

St. Francis de Sales, has no hesitation in saying that those who have the custom of repeating the Holy Name frequently may feel certain of dying a holy and happy death.

And, indeed, there can be no doubt of this because every time we say Jesus we apply the saving Blood of Jesus to our Souls, at the same time we implore God, to do as He has promised, granting us everything we ask in His Name. All who desire a holy death can secure it by repeating the Name of Jesus. Not only will this practice obtain for us a holy death, but it will lessen notably our time in Purgatory and may very possibly deliver us altogether from that dreadful fire.

Many saints spent their last days repeating constantly **Jesus, Jesus**.

All the doctors of the Church agree in telling

us that the devil reserves his fiercest temptations for our last moments and then he fills the minds of the dying person with doubts, fears and dreadful temptations in the hope of, at last, carrying the unfortunate soul to Hell. Happy those who in life have made sure of acquiring the habit of calling on the Name of Jesus.

Facts like these we have just mentioned are to be found in the lives of all the great servants of God who became saints and reached the highest degrees of sanctity by this simple and easy means.

St. Vincent Ferrer, one of the most famous preachers that the World has ever seen, converted the most abandoned criminals and transformed them into the most fervent Christians. He converted 80,000 Jews, and 70,000 Moors, a prodigy we read of in the life of no other saint. He worked an incredible number of miracles. Three miracles are demanded by the Church for the canonization of the saints, whereas in the bull of canonization of St. Vincent 873 are mentioned.

This great saint burned with love for the Name of Jesus and with this Divine Name worked extraordinary wonders.

We, therefore, sinful as we are, can with this Omnipotent Name obtain every favour and every grace. The weakest mortals become strong, the most afflicted find in it consolation and joy.

Who then can be so foolish or negligent as not to acquire the habit of repeating **Jesus, Jesus, Jesus** constantly. It robs us of no time, presents no difficulty and is an infallible remedy for every evil.

Blessed Gonçalo of Amarante reached a very eminent degree of sanctity by the frequent repetition of the Holy Name.

The Blessed Giles of Santarem felt so much love and delight in saying the Holy Name that he was raised in the air in ecstasy.

Those who repeat frequently the Name of **Jesus** feel a great peace in their souls "that peace which the World cannot give", which God alone gives, a peace "that surpasses all understanding".

St. Leonard of Portmaurice cherished a tender devotion to the Name of Jesus and in his continual missions taught the people who thronged to listen to him the wonders of the Holy Name. This he did with such love that tears flowed from his eyes and from the eyes of all who heard him.

He begged them to put a card with this Divine Name on their doors. This was attended with the happiest results for many were thus saved from sickness and disasters of various kinds.

One, unfortunately, was prevented from doing so as a Jew who was part-owner of the house in which he lived sternly refused to have the Name of Jesus placed on the door. His fellow lodger then decided that he would write it on his windows, which he accordingly did. Some days after a fierce fire broke out in the building which destroyed all the appartments belonging to the Jew while the rooms belonging to his Christian neighbour in no wise suffered from the conflagration.

This fact was made public, and increased a hundred fold the faith and trust in the Holy Name of Our Saviour. In fact the whole city of Ferrajo was a witness of this extraordinary protection.

St. Edmund had special devotion to the Name of Jesus which Our Lord Himself taught him.

One day when he was in the country and separated from his companions a beautiful child stood by him and asked: "Edmund do you not know me?" Edmund replied that he did not. Then replied the child: "Look at me and you will see who I am." Edmund looked as he was bidden and saw written on the Child's forehead: "**Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews**" "Know now who I am" said the child "every night make the sign of the cross and say these words: "Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews." "If you do so this prayer will deliver you and all who say it from sudden and unprovided-for deaths."

Edmund faithfully did as Our Lord told him. The devil once tried to prevent him and held his hands so that he could not make the holy sign. Edmund invoked the Name of **Jesus** and the devil fled in terror leaving him unmolested for the future.

Many people practise this easy devotion and so save themselves from unhappy deaths. Others with their forefinger imprint with holy water on their foreheads the four letters **I. N. R. I.** to signify **Jesus Nazarenus Rex Judæorum**, the words written by Pilate for the cross of Our Lord.

St. Alphonsus earnestly recommends both these devotions.

St. Frances of Rome enjoyed the extraordinary privilege of constantly seeing and speaking to her Angel Guardian. When she pronounced the Name of Jesus the Angel was radiant with happiness and bent down in loving adoration.

Sometimes the devil dared to appear to her

seeking to frighten her and do her harm. But when she pronounced the Holy Name he was filled with rage and hatred and fled in terror from her presence.

Saint Jane of Chantal, that most lovable friend of St. Francis de Sales, had many beautiful devotions taught her by this holy Doctor who acted as her spiritual adviser for many years. She so loved the Name of Jesus that she actually wrote it with a hot iron on her breast. Blessed Henry Suso had done the same with a pointed steel rod.

We may not aspire to this holy daring, we may with reason lack the courage of inscribing the Holy Name on our breasts. This needs a special inspiration from God. But we may follow the example of another dear Saint viz. B. Catherine of Racconigi, a daughter of St. Dominic, who repeated frequently and lovingly the Name of Jesus so that after her death the Name of Jesus was found engraved in letters of gold on her heart. We all can do as she did and thus the Name of Jesus will be emblazoned on our souls for all Eternity in sight of the Saints and Angels in Heaven.

St. Gemma Galgani. Almost in our own days this dear girl Saint also had the privilege of frequent and intimate converse with her Angel Guardian. Sometimes the Angel and Gemma entered into a holy contest as to which of them could say more lovingly the Name of Jesus.

The Doctrine of the Holy Name.

We shall now explain the doctrine of the Holy Name — the most important chapter in this booklet — in order to show our readers whence comes the power and the divine value of this Name and how the Saints worked their wonders with It and how we ourselves can obtain by its means every grace and blessing.

You may ask, dear reader, how it is that one word can work such prodigies?

I answer that with a word God made the World. With His word He called out of nothing the Sun, the Moon, the Stars, the high Mountains and the vast Oceans. By His word He sustains the whole Universe.

Does not the priest, too, in Holy Mass, work a prodigy of prodigies, does He not transform the little white host into the God of Heaven and Earth by the words of Consecration and though God alone can pardon sin, does not the priest also in the confessional pardon the blackest sins and the most awful crimes?

How? because God gives to his words this infinite power.

So, too, God in His immense goodness gives to **each of us** an all-powerful word with which we can do wonders for Him, for ourselves and for the World. That word is **Jesus**.

Remember what St. Paul tells us about It. That it is "a Name above all Names" and that:

"In the Name of Jesus every knee shall bend in Heaven, on Earth and in Hell".

But why?

Because **Jesus** signifies God-made-man viz. the

Incarnation. When the Son of God became man He was called Jesus so that when we say Jesus we offer to the Eternal Father the infinite love, the infinite merits of Jesus Christ, in a word, we offer Him His own Divine Son Himself, we offer Him the great mystery of the Incarnation. Jesus is the Incarnation.

How few Christians have any adequate idea of this sublime mystery and yet it is the greatest proof that God has given or could give us of His personal love for us. It is everything to us.

The Incarnation.

God became man for love of us but what does it avail us if we do not understand this love.

God the Infinite, Immense, Eternal, all-powerful, God, the mighty Creator, the God that fills Heaven with His Majesty hid all His power, His Majesty, His greatness and became a little child in order to become like us and so to gain our love.

He entered into the pure womb of the Virgin Mary and there lay hidden for nine whole months. Then He was born in a stable between two animals. He was weak and defenceless like every child. He was poor and humble. He passed 33 years working, suffering, praying, teaching His beautiful Religion, working miracles, doing good to all. He did all this to prove His love for **each** of us and so constrain us to love Him.

This stupendous act of love was so great that not even the highest Angels in Heaven could have conceived it possible had not God revealed it to them.

It was so great that the Jews, God's chosen people, who were expecting a Saviour were scandal-

ized at the thought that God could humble Himself so much.

The Gentile Philosophers, notwithstanding their vaunted wisdom, said that it was madness to think that the Almighty God could do so much for love of man.

St. Paul says that God exhausted all His power, wisdom and goodness in becoming man for us, "He emptied Himself out."

Our Lord confirms the words of the Apostle for He says: "What more could I do?"

All this God did not do for all men in general but for **each one** of us in particular. Think, think of this.

Do you believe, do you understand, dear reader, that God loves you so much, that He loves you so intimately, so personally? What a joy, what a consolation if you really knew and felt that the great God loves you — **you** so sincerely.

He has done still more for He has made over to us all His infinite merits so that we can offer them to the Eternal Father as often as we like, a hundred, a thousand times a day.

And that is what we can do **each time** we say **Jesus**, if only we remember what we are saying.

You are perhaps surprised at this wonderful doctrine, you may have never heard it before?

But now at least that you know the infinite wonders of the Name of **Jesus** say this Holy Name constantly, say it devoutly.

And in future when you say **Jesus** remember that you are offering to God all the infinite love and merits of His Son. You are offering Him His own Divine Son. You cannot offer Him anything holier,

anything better, anything more pleasing to Him, anything more meritorious for yourself.

How ungrateful are those Christians who never thank God for all He has done for them. Men and women live 30, 50, 70 years and never think of thanking God for all His wonderful love.

When you say the Name of Jesus remember, too, to **thank** Our Sweet Lord for His Incarnation.

When He was on Earth He cured ten lepers of their loathsome disease. They were delighted and went away full of joy and happiness, but only one came back to thank Him! He was very hurt and said: "Where are the other nine?"

Has He not much more reason to feel grieved and hurt with you and me who thank Him so little for all He has done for us in the Incarnation and in His Passion.

St. Gertrude was wont to thank God often with a little ejaculation for His goodness in becoming man for her. Our Lord appeared to her one day and said: "My dear Child every time you honour my Incarnation with that little prayer I turn to my Eternal Father and I offer all the merits of the Incarnation for you and for all those who do as you do".

Shall we not then try to say often **Jesus, Jesus, Jesus** sure of receiving a like wonderful grace.

The Passion.

The second meaning of the word **Jesus** is Jesus-dying-on-the Cross for St. Paul tells us that our Lord merited this most Holy Name by his sufferings and death.

Therefore when we say **Jesus** we should also wish to offer the Passion and Death of Our Lord

to the Eternal Father for His greater glory and for our own intentions.

Just as Our Lord became man for each one of us, as if that one were the only one in existence, so He died not for all men in general, but for each one in particular. When He was hanging on the Cross He saw me, He saw you, dear reader, and offered every pang of dreadful agony, every drop of His Precious Blood, all His humiliations, all the insults and outrages for me, for you, for each one of us. He has given us all these infinite merits as our very own. We may offer them hundreds and hundreds of times every day to the Eternal Father for ourselves and for the World.

We do this *every* time we say **Jesus**. At the same time let us wish to **thank** Our Lord for all He has suffered for us.

It is appalling that many Christians know so little of this Holy Name and all that it means. As a result they are losing every day precious graces and forfeiting the greatest rewards in Heaven. Sad, deplorable ignorance!

How to share in 500.000 Masses.

The third intention we ought to have when saying **Jesus** is to offer all the Masses that are being said all over the World for the glory of God, for our own needs, and for the World at large. About 500.000 Masses are celebrated daily. And we can and should share in all these.

The Mass is **Jesus**. He once more becomes man, renews the Incarnation in every Mass as really as when He became man in His mother's womb. He also dies on the Altar as really and truly as He died on Calvary. The Mass is said not only for

all those who assist at it in Church but for all those who wish to hear it and offer it with the priests.

All we have to do is to say reverently **Jesus**, **Jesus** with the intention of offering these Masses and participating in them. By doing this we have a share in all of them.

It is a wonderful grace to assist at and to offer one Mass; what will it not be to offer and share in 500.000 Masses every day!

Therefore **every time** we say **Jesus** let it be our intention.

1. To offer to God all the infinite love and merits of the Incarnation.
2. To offer to God the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ.
3. To offer to God all the 500.000 Masses being celebrated in the World for His glory and our own intentions.

All that we have to do is to say the one word **Jesus** but knowing what we are doing.

St. Mechtilde was accustomed to offer the Passion of Jesus in union with all the Masses of the World for the souls in Purgatory.

Our Lord once showed her Purgatory open and thousands of souls going up to Heaven as the result of her little prayer.

When we say **Jesus** we can offer the Passion and the Masses of the World either for ourselves or for the souls in Purgatory or for any other intention we please.

We should **always**, too, offer them for the World at large and our own country in particular.

We can ask for everything in the Name of Jesus.

The Angels are our dearest and best friends and are most ready and able to help us in every difficulty and danger.

It is most regrettable that many Catholics do not know, love and ask the Angels for help. The easiest way is to say the Name of **Jesus** in their honour. This gives them the greatest joy. They in return will help us in all our troubles and keep us safe from many dangers.

Let us say the Name of Jesus in honour of all the Angels but especially in honour of our dear Angel Guardian who loves us so much.

Our Sweet Lord is present in millions of Consecrated Hosts in the countless Churches of the World. During many hours of the busy day and during the long nights He is forgotten and left alone.

We can do much to console and comfort Him by saying: My Jesus I love and adore You in all the Consecrated Hosts of the World and I thank You with all my heart for remaining on all the altars of the World for love of us. Then say twenty, fifty or more times the Name of **Jesus** with this intention.

We may do most perfect penance for our sins by offering the Passion and Blood of Jesus many times each day for this intention.

The Precious Blood purifies our souls and raises us to a high degree of holiness. It is all so easy! We have only to repeat lovingly, joyfully, reverently **Jesus, Jesus, Jesus.**

If we are sad, or cast down, if we are worried with fears and doubts this Divine Name will give us a delightful peace. If we are weak and wavering it will give us a new strength and energy. Did not Jesus, when on Earth, go about consoling and comforting all those who were unhappy? He is still doing it every day for those who ask Him.

If we are suffering from weak health, if we are in pain, if some disease is taking hold of our poor bodies, He can cure us. Did He not cure the sick, the lame, the blind, the lepers? Does He not say to us: "Come to me all you who labour and are heavily burthened and I will refresh you". Many could have good health if they only asked Jesus for it. By all means consult doctors, use remedies, but *above all* call on **Jesus**.

The Name of Jesus is the shortest, the easiest, the most powerful of all prayers. Our Lord tells us that anything we ask the Father in His Name, viz. in the Name of Jesus, we shall receive. Everytime we say **Jesus** we are saying a fervent prayer for all, all we need.

The Souls in Purgatory. It is very lamentable that so many Christians forget and neglect the souls in Purgatory. It is possible that some of our dear friends are suffering in these dreadful fires waiting, waiting for our prayers and help which we could so easily give them and do not give them.

We have pity for the poor whom we see in the streets, for the hungry and for all those who suffer. None suffer so terribly as the souls in Purgatory, for the fire of Purgatory as St. Thomas tells us is the same as the fire of Hell!

How often, dear reader, do you pray for the holy souls? Days and weeks and perhaps months pass and you do little, perhaps nothing for them!

You can easily help them if you say frequently the Name of Jesus. Because *a)* you thus offer for them the Precious Blood and sufferings of Jesus Christ as we have explained *b)* also you gain every time you say Jesus 300 days Indulgence.

Having the custom of repeating often the Holy Name you can like St. Mechtilde relieve thousands of souls, who will never cease praying for you with incredible fervour.

The awful crime of ingratitude.

We thank our friends most effusively for any little favour they do us but we forget or neglect to thank God for His immense love of us, for becoming man for us, for dying for us, for all the Masses we can hear and the Holy Communions we can receive — and do not receive. What black ingratitude!

By repeating often the Name of Jesus we correct this grave fault and thank God and give Him great glory and joy.

Do you not wish to give joy to God? You do.

Then dear friend thank, thank God. He is waiting for your thanks.

God loves each one.

We have said that Our Lord in the dreadful sufferings of His Passion, in the Agony in the Garden, when He was hanging on the Cross, saw us all and offered for **each one** every pang of pain, every drop of His Precious Blood.

Can it be possible that God is so good that He

thinks of each one, that He loves each of us so much?

Our poor hearts and minds are small and mean and find it hard to believe that God can be so good, that He troubles Himself about us.

But God, as He is Omnipotent, as He is infinitely wise, He is also **infinitely good and generous and loving**. To understand how God thought of each one of us in the Passion, when He was hanging on the Cross, we have only to remember what happens in the millions of Holy Communions received every day.

God comes to each one of us with all the plenitude of the Divinity: He enters into each one as fully and entirely as He is in Heaven. He comes into each one as if that one were the only one who received him that day. He comes with infinite, personal love. That we all believe.

And how does He enter into us? He does not merely come into our mouths, our hearts, He comes into our souls, He unites Himself to our souls so intimately that He becomes **one** with us.

Let us think for a moment of how the Great, Almighty, Eternal God is in our very soul in the most intimate possible way, that He is there with all His infinite love, that He remains there not for a moment but for five, ten or more minutes, and this not once but every morning, if we so wish.

If we think and understand this it will be easy to see how He offered all His merits and all His sufferings for each one.

The Devil

The great, great evil, the great danger that threatens **each** of us **every** day and **every** night of our lives is the **Devil**.

St. Peter and St. Paul warn us in the strongest language to **beware** of the Devil, for he is using all his tremendous power, his mighty intelligence to ruin us, to harm, to hurt us in every way. There is no danger, no enemy in the World we have to fear as we should fear the Devil.

He cannot attack God so he turns all his implacable hate and malice against us.

We are destined to take the thrones he and the other Angels have lost. This lashes him into wild fury against us. Many foolish, ignorant Catholics never think of this; they take no care to defend themselves and so **allow** the Devil to inflict on them infinite harm and cause them untold sufferings.

Our best, our easiest remedy is the Name of **Jesus**. It drives the Devil flying from our sides and saves us from countless evils.

Oh! dear readers say constantly this all-powerful Name and the Devil can do you no harm. Say it in all dangers, in all temptations. Wake up if you have been asleep. Open your eyes to the terrible enemy who is ever seeking your ruin.

Priests should preach frequently on this all-important subject. They should warn their penitents in the confessional against the Devil. They counsel them to avoid bad companions, who make them lead bad lives. Incomparably more dreadful is the influence of the Devil on them.

Teachers, Catechists and Mothers should constantly warn their children against the Devil.

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