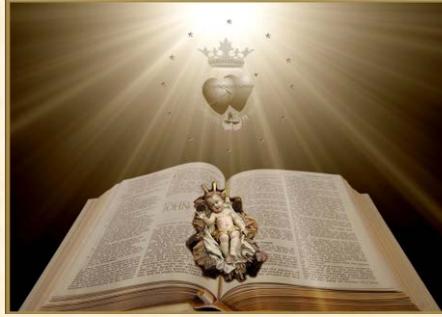


ENTHRONEMENT OF THE SACRED SCRIPTURES IN OUR HOMES

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"The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. And the Word became flesh
and made his dwelling among us,"
(San Juan 1, 9; 14)

Family of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary

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Place: A prominent place in the home is chosen and prepared where the book of the Sacred Scriptures, the Bible, will be enthroned and will permanently remain signifying that this family, like the Holy Family, lives in prayerful listening of the Word of God and is humbly disposed to be formed in the School of the Gospel to live according to the dignity of the children of God and according to the values of the Kingdom of Heaven.

The table or piece of furniture where the Word of God will be enthroned should be arranged in a dignified manner and prepared with reverence so that the Bible may be placed there.

Procession: The family carries the Bible on procession to the place where it will be enthroned while a song that refers to the Word of God is sung. The Bible should be opened to the Gospel of John Chapter 1, the Prologue and another member of the family should carry a lit candle during the procession, which should be placed together with the Sacred Scriptures.

Candle: Upon arriving at the chosen place, the Bible is placed and the lit candle with it. All say: *"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path."* (Psalm 119: v. 105)

Everyone prays the Apostles of Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Reading from the Gospel: the father or mother or whoever is leading the Enthronement reads the Gospel according to St. John chapter 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.
He was in the beginning with God.

All things came to be through him,
and without him nothing came to be.
What came to be
through him was life,
and this life was the light of the human race;
the light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.
He was in the world,
and the world came to be through him,
but the world did not know him.

He came to what was his own,
but his own people did not accept him.
But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God

And the Word became flesh
and made his dwelling among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory as of the Father's only Son,
full of grace and truth.

The Word of the Lord: Thanks be to God

A small pause is made in silence to meditate on this Word in our hearts.

PRAYER OF ENTHRONMENT
(all pray it together)



Jesus, you are the definitive Word of the Father for humanity. You are the Word made flesh who has come to the world to illumine every person. Your Word is the light capable of penetrating the human heart and of orienting our whole life by the path of the truth which makes us free to live in the fullness of love, which is the most sublime vocation and identity of the human person. In Your Word we find the response to all the great concerns and longings of our hearts.

Your Word is strength in our weakness, joy and consolation in the deserts of our life; hope in the moments of suffering, clear direction in moments of darkness; sure and right teaching that straightens our twisted thoughts. Your Word, like a sharp sword, pierces our darkneses and exposes the disorders of our hearts, attitudes and conduct, to show us with divine authority, the elevated path of holiness and maturation. Your Word reveals to us the values of the Kingdom that cause a deep interior revolution and calls us to an authentic conversion of heart and mind. Your Word, an intimate dialogue of Your Heart with humanity, reveals to us the greatness of Your love for us, love which frees, that heals, that elevates and redeems, love that restores, that purifies and beautifies.

By enthroning the Holy Bible in our home, we desire that, like in the house of Nazareth, in our family Your Word is listened to and received with love, generosity, and obedience. We want to guard each Word that comes forth from Your Heart. We want to sit, personally and as a family, in the School of the Gospel to contemplate together the mysteries of Your Heart, to listen to Your words, contemplate Your gestures and actions, to walk in Your footsteps, entering into the Kingdom of Your Heart.

Through the Heart of Mary, Our Mother and Teacher, may we learn to contemplate with love, beauty, luminosity, the salvific potency of the Gospel. May the Virgin of Nazareth teach us to receive the Word of God with a docile and prayerful heart, so that it penetrates the depths of our hearts, thoughts, sentiments and transforms our mind into the logic of God, into the logic and science of love. May Our Lady teach us to “keep and treasure all these things, the Word of God in our heart” (cf. Lk 2:19) and thus know how to discern each event and circumstance of our life under the luminous gaze of faith.

May Our Lady and St. Joseph teach us to live in familiarity with the Word, to live completely attentive to the voice of God to do His will in everything. May the Word become flesh and dwell among us in our family as in the Holy Family. May we be a home, a house, a dwelling of the Word of God and may we sit in the School of His Word, reading and meditating a small passage of the Gospel together each week and thus be transfigured and transformed into living and ardent witnesses of love, truth, life, and solidarity. May this family, home of the Word of God, live to give witness to the splendor of truth and to always do good to one another and to others, transforming society with the powerful force of love.

Our Father....

Hail Mary....

Glory to the Father....

*Virgin of Nazareth, Mother of the Word made flesh, pray for us!
St. Joseph, generous guardian of the Word made flesh, pray for us!
Holy Family, home of the Word made flesh, pray for us!*

- *Each member of the Family kisses the Sacred Scriptures while the *Magnificat* is sung.*



2Tim 3: 10-11, 14-17

“You have followed my teaching, way of life, purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, persecutions, and sufferings, such as happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra, persecutions that I endured. Yet from all these things the Lord delivered me. But you, remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it, and that from infancy you have known [the] sacred scriptures, which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work.”