



JESUS HAS A PLACE IN YOUR HOME...

Enthronement Ceremony.

All present gather around a table, which has an image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on it. When ready, the leader begins with:

Leader: Today is a blessed day for our family & for all who enter our home. With joy, we accept the request of Jesus to welcome him into our house and hearts. In this ceremony, we acknowledge Jesus as Lord, Savior, and friend of our family. By placing this image in a place of honor in our home, may it be a visible sign of God's love for us and for all creation. May we be faithful followers of Jesus and make his love known in the world by our example.

A member of the family or another person present reads the following scripture aloud. Once the reading is finished, take a few moments of silence for quiet reflection.

Reader: As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. Now I tell you to love each other, as I have loved you. The greatest way to show love for friends is to die for them. Servants don't know what their master is doing, and so I don't speak to you as my servants. I speak to you as my friends, and I have told you everything that my Father has told me.

You did not choose me. I chose you and sent you out to produce fruit, the kind of fruit that will last. So I command you to love each other.

Take a few moments of silence for quiet reflection and then continue:

All: Pray an 'Our Father', then a 'Hail Mary', followed by: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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Enthronement Ceremony, continued...

Leader or another person: Our response to the following intercessions is, 'Stay with us, Lord.' Let us pray.

Person 1: For the grace to be faithful to Jesus and our continued life with him, we pray. **All:** Stay with us, Lord.

Person 2: For a deeper appreciation of the Eucharist, we pray. **All:** Stay with us, Lord.

Person 3: For the Holy Spirit to remove from our hearts everything that prevents us from giving ourselves lovingly to Jesus and to one another, we pray. **All:** Stay with us, Lord.

Person 4: For our own sufferings and for the sufferings of others, may healing take place, we pray. **All:** Stay with us, Lord.

Person 5: For family members who could not be with us today due to distance, illness, or death, we pray. **All:** Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus, when you lived with the Holy family in Nazareth your heart grew in wisdom and compassion. Live with our family and give us hearts that grow in mutual love and concern for our brothers and sisters here and throughout the world. Amen.

A member of the family or another person present takes the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and brings it – in procession – to the designated place of honor in the home. As it is placed where it will reside, the leader says:

Leader: We now proclaim Jesus as Lord, Savior, and friend of our family.

All: We thank God for creating us and giving us hearts in which to love. May we continue to nurture all that is good in our own hearts so we can love more like Jesus. Amen.

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JESUS HAS A PLACE IN YOUR HEART...

FAMILY DEDICATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Through this brief service, we are offering to God all that we are and all that we have.

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, amen. Lord Jesus, we recall your words in scripture: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, then I will enter the house and dine with them, and they with me."

We have heard your invitation, and we open the door of our hearts and welcome you. We recognize you as Lord, Savior, and friend of our family, and promise to be more like you. We offer ourselves, our home, and everything we have to your Sacred Heart.

We ask for your help so that we may be loving, compassionate, good stewards of creation, and concerned for the welfare of others, especially the poor and marginalized.

Person 1: We ask that you stay with us always.

Person 2: Increase our love for one another.

Person 3: Share in our joys and comfort us in our sorrows.

Person 4: Inspire us with your love to do our part to make our hearts a place of welcome for all. Amen.

Family members and all who are present entrust themselves to Mary as together they pray:

Hail Mary, full of grace. Today we dedicate ourselves to you. We also entrust our family to the loving care of Jesus. Accept this offering of our faith and devotion; pray for us to be a loving family; and help our hearts become more like the heart of Christ. Amen.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

