

**LIVE JESUS IN OUR HEARTS...  
FOREVER!**

- *We say the name of JESUS  
as the Risen Christ.*
- *We earnestly wish him to stay  
in our hearts FOREVER.*

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For centuries now,  
«LIVE JESUS IN OUR HEARTS»  
has been the invocation with which we,  
Brothers of the Christian Schools,  
have begun our prayers every morning.

As the sun rises, we address  
our praise and desires to CHRIST,  
the first-born of creation.

Greetings of peace,  
like those of Jesus to his disciples;  
like those of Paul at the beginning  
of his epistles to Christians;  
like those of the priest  
at the beginning of Mass:  
«The peace and grace  
of God our Father and of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you!»

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is the fraternal expression of a deep desire.  
It's as if we were saying:

- If every day, as soon as you rise,  
you feel that Jesus is living in you,  
you possess already within yourself  
the source of life and the fount of enthusiasm;
- If you place JESUS  
in the boat of your heart,  
what passion-filled storm,  
however violent it may be, can make it sink?

From the depths of your being  
you will hear the Founder say to you:  
«Beseech this Divine Saviour  
to be ever in your soul  
you pray therein and to lead you to God»  
(Med. 62, 3)

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When we are part of a closely-knit community,  
the LIVE JESUS rings in our ears  
with harmonious sounds of joy and happiness.

Is it not a source of great happiness  
to be assured that JESUS  
presides over our group...  
«Where two or three...»

His presence is comparable  
to that of the sun in nature:

- It is as the source of life;
- It communicates to plants  
the power to produce;
- It gives fruit their taste and full ripeness.

It is enough for us expose ourselves  
to the influence of his beneficial rays

- for his spirit to enter into us;
- for our hearts to draw closer to one another;
- for the Gospel to become our rule of life.

## PRAYER OF THE TEACHER BEFORE SCHOOL

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The FOREVER cried in answer by all will be

- like a cry of praise to JESUS CHRIST;
- like the signature at the end of a letter  
which endorses what has been written;
- like the «We want you to rule over us»  
said to David by the children of Israel;
- like the centurion's profession of faith:  
«Truly, JESUS, you are the Son of God».

Your name, Jesus, is above all other names.  
Before you all knees bow,  
above in heaven and here on earth.

Come, Spirit of Jesus,  
take possession of my heart  
and give life to all my actions,  
so that I can say:  
«IT IS NO LONGER I WHO LIVE,  
BUT IT IS CHRIST WHO LIVES IN ME».

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O my God, you are strength in my weakness,  
The bright light in moments  
of uncertainty and worry,  
A friend's advice when most needed.

It is you who entrusted me with my ministry,  
You who have made me the shepherd  
of the little flock at school.

Never abandon me to myself for one moment,  
Lest pride overwhelm me,  
And I consider «your work»  
As being totally mine;  
Lest the children listen only to my voice'  
And forget to listen to yours.

Give me and my pupils  
the spirit of discernment in our lives

- So that I can make the child  
And his preparation for life,  
And not reputation, the main of the school;
- So that I derive consolation  
Not only from efficient work,  
But from announcing the Gospel;
- So that I am in my class as one who serves  
And not as one who calls upon others  
To serve him.

I unite my work  
With that of Jesus Christ, my Master,  
So that it may draw  
Its strength and efficiency from him.

I pray to the most Holy Virgin,  
Queen of the Apostles,  
And Mother of the Christian Schools,  
And to St. John Baptist de La Salle,  
My Father and Founder,  
And ask them to deign to protect me  
in the exercise of my ministry. AMEN.

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