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## **Spiritual Sacrifices**

In the letters of John we read, “Little children, it is the final hour” (1Jn 2:18). We have the power to face the final hour head-on. This power comes from the Spirit. This power is hidden in the meek, loving, obedient little Lamb of God who comes in power because of a simple. “Yes!” With Our Lady we have the power to say, “Be it done unto me according to Thy word!” The Lamb is always upon the altar of sacrifice and that altar is now within our hearts.

There is a consecration that goes on within our hearts because we are a priestly people, as Peter tells us in 1 Pt 2:5. By virtue of our Baptism, we are called to offer spiritual sacrifices, consecrated to the Spirit. The Spirit Himself will let me know what sacrifices, what “Yes,” He desires from day to day. These yeses can be very simple, yet so powerful. It is as simple as hearing from the Lord, and then responding with the words that allow His power to shine forth, “Yes, Lord!”

This is the power of new covenant Blood. The power comes when we allow ourselves to be consecrated by the Spirit to a life of obedience. Our affirmative response, “Yes, Lord,” will bring us to deeper intimacy with God each time. If He has not taught you this, He certainly will.

At every Mass, we hear Jesus' words to us, “Do this in memory of Me” (Lk 22:19). What He is referring to is sacrifice. He recalls His sacrifice for us and calls us, in turn, to lay down our lives and to die to self with each yes. In Scripture hear Jesus say that He had the power to lay down His life, and the power to take it up again (Jn 10:18). We too have the power to lay down our lives and the power to rise again, in Him. It is a win-win all around.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus said to the Father, “As you have sent Me into the world, so now I send them” (Jn 20:21). We have all been sent into the world to be in it but not of it. Jesus started it all when He consecrated Himself to the Father. “I consecrate myself, Father, for their sake, that they may be consecrated in truth” (Jn 17:19). The Holy Spirit is Truth, and every “Yes, Lord” is a consecration in truth that removes the lie. Satan is the father of lies. By living out our consecration in truth, in obedience to the prompting of the Spirit, we too will continue to defeat Satan by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of our testimony, just like the early Christians. So be it.

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## **Intercessors of the Lamb**

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