

Sunday, April 18, 2021
Third Sunday of Easter

Jesus explains to the disciples that it had to be this way, in fulfillment of the Scriptures. He appears to the “startled and terrified” disciples who become “incredulous for joy” at seeing Jesus risen! “Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.” The older Catholic Bibles offer prayers, one before reading the Holy Scriptures and one after reading the Holy Scriptures. There is also a page on indulgences. Let me include these and may they help us see how this can play an important role in our understanding of the Scriptures.

God Love You!

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The Holy Bible

INDULGENCES

- A The faithful who spend at least a quarter of an hour in reading Holy Scripture with the reverence due to the Word of God and after the manner of spiritual reading, may gain: *An indulgence of 3 years.*
- B Those, however, who read at least a few verses of the Gospel and further kiss the book of the Gospels, devoutly reciting one of the following invocations: Through the Gospel's words may our sins be blotted out – May the reading of the Gospel be our health and protection – May Christ, the Son of God, teach us the words of the Holy Gospel, are granted: *An indulgence of 500 days;*

A plenary indulgence on the usual conditions, if they perform this act daily for an entire month, as given above;

A plenary indulgence at the hour of death, if they frequently performed this devout exercise during their lives, provided that they have made their confession and received holy Communion or are at least contrite, and invoke devoutly the most holy Name of Jesus with their lips, if possible, otherwise in their hearts and accept death patiently from the hand of God as the just penalty for sin (S. C. Ind., Dec. 13, 1898; S. P. Ap., Mar. 22, 1932 and Apr. 24, 1945).

The Raccolta (Enchiridion Indulgentiarum) No. 694.

Prayers

PRAYER BEFORE READING THE HOLY SCRIPTURES.

COME, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

V. Send forth Your Spirit, and they shall be created;

R. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

O God, You Who have taught the hearts of Your faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us by that Spirit Himself to know what is right, and ever to rejoice in His help. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Roman Missal).

An indulgence of 5 years.

A plenary indulgence on the usual conditions, when this prayer is recited daily for an entire month (S. C. Ind., May 8, 1907; S. P. Ap., Dec. 22, 1932).

PRAYER AFTER READING THE HOLY SCRIPTURES.

(Prayer of St. Bede the Venerable.)

LET me not, O Lord, be puffed up with worldly wisdom, which passes away, but grant me that love which never abates, that I may not choose to know anything among men, but Jesus, and Him crucified.

(1 Cor. 13:8; 2:2).

I pray You, loving Jesus, that as You have graciously given me to drink in with delight the words of Your knowledge, so mercifully grant me to attain one day to You, the Fountain of all Wisdom and to appear forever before Your face. Amen.