

PRAYER ANTHOLOGY # 73

FOCUS POINT: July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus. We receive and worship His Precious Blood each time we receive communion. But, what happens when we leave the altar? He shed His blood for the forgiveness of our sins and the promise of eternal life. Long after we have left the altar, we can renew our faith, continue our worship and give thanks for his suffering through prayer to His Precious Blood. By contemplating Jesus in the Garden at Gethsemane asking the Father to "take this cup" from His hands, we can feel the "agony" he then suffered for us by willingly shedding His blood. We can thank him through prayer for this gift of communion by not letting His blood shed be in vain. As we offer up our prayers, intentions and petitions we can pray to the Precious Blood of Jesus!

PRAYER TO THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS:

Dear Lord, Thank You for the gift of communion where I am privileged to receive Your Precious Blood. Help me to continue adoring Your Precious Blood long after communion. I pray to remain thankful for the privilege of this sacrament that came only through Your suffering and the shedding of Your blood. Please help me to never take this gift for granted. Let Your Precious Blood cover and protect my loved ones, the sick, poor, all souls and those suffering from religious persecution and war. Bless me with a continued devotion to Your Precious Blood and let it deepen and renew my faith so that your sacrifice will never be in vain. Let my devotion shine through to others in order that they too may love and adore You. Amen.

"Poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins."