

Calabrian Family in prayer
OUTLINE FOR 24 HOURS WORLDWIDE EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
113° anniversary of the Opera don Calabria
Thursday 26 November 2020

“The Opera is great; the Opera is of God”

- INTRODUCTION

We celebrate the anniversary of the commencement of the Opera: 113 years of graces and great and singular gifts from God for us and for many people.

With our hearts full of joy and gratitude to the Lord, we place ourselves to remember and celebrate this date by engaging ourselves in adoration before the Lord, the absolute Master of this Opera.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

“This is the day of the Lord!” A day that saw the birth of the Opera which is entirely abandoned to God's Providence, called to renew faith in the world, at the service of orphaned and indigent children and of all human poverty. We have the grace to belong to this Opera.

How much do we have to remember to thank and ask for forgiveness! With how much love the Lord continues today to bless and accompany his mortal! With his gaze we want to embrace the future with hope.

For this we are here today, as Opera, in front of the Lord, in these 24 hours of worldwide Eucharistic adoration. Someone has already prayed for you, for us. Now we are invited to pray for others, living this communion around Jesus, as the communicating vessels that unite us to the main stream, in communication with Jesus and among ourselves.

Before You Lord Jesus, in contemplation and prayer, we invoke the gift of Your Spirit upon us and over the whole Opera, asking You the grace of unity and renewal in a pure and genuine spirit.

(We invoke the Spirit with a song or in silence)

- FIRST MOMENT: Thanksgiving and forgiveness

Don Calabria constantly reminded us that the Opera is great, the Opera is of God, the plans that God has on it are great, as great is the grace we have of belonging to it. But at the same time, he often called us to correspond to God's designs and gifts with great responsibility, particularly at the present hour.

We want to experience this first moment of Adoration in thanksgiving, recalling the gifts the Lord has given us and the Opera and asking forgiveness for all our shortcomings.

- **Word of God: Matthew 11:25-27**

At that time Jesus said in reply, “I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him

- **Fr. Calabria speaks to us ...**

*"It is an important date, this November 26, 1932... Dear children, think of the many graces he has done in recent years, especially to you who were lucky enough to be welcomed here, nourished and educated by divine Providence. Oh, how lucky you were! how lucky we all have been! ... And how will we celebrate this jubilee date? First of all, with humility: recognizing us unworthy of so many benefits, referring all the glory and honour to God, the provident Father, and asking forgiveness for the bad correspondence that we have often used to the continuous, infinite graces of the Lord himself. And then the most lively actions of thanksgiving for all the good that Providence has done to each of us and to the many souls. With this spirit we must celebrate our feast, and then yes, the Lord will accept our tributes and will continue his blessings on the House and on each one, and the House will always be the ark of health primarily for us and then for many others in the world". (L'AMICO * 5988 Novembre 1932)*

Spontaneous prayers of thanksgiving and asking forgiveness interleaving a response

– SECOND MOMENT: Recognize the action of the Lord in the present times.

We remembered the gifts and graces that have enriched the Opera in its history. They are free gifts from God that he continues to pour out on us because, as his Word reminds us:

The LORD'S loving kindnesses indeed never cease,
For His compassions never fail.

They are new every morning;

Great is Your faithfulness. (Lam 3: 22-23)

In this second moment we want to present to the Lord the current days of the Opera, the present moment we are living, with all the hardships, challenges, difficulties ... We want to place ourselves under his gaze and contemplate the great love with which he continues to guide, support, and encourage us ...

- **Word of God: Mark 6:30-34**

The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported everything they had done and taught. And he told to them, "Come aside, to a lonely place, and rest a while." In fact, there was a large crowd that came and went and they didn't even have time to eat. Then they set out in the boat to a lonely place apart.

Many, however, saw them leave and understood, and from all the cities they began to run there on foot and preceded them. When he disembarked, he saw a large crowd and was moved by them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things.

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"We have meditated all the long the series of favours, graces, benefits, Lord has given to this Opera. But the fact is that this Opera, as I told you many times, in the plans of God performs all these wonderful things only by existing.

*Believe me, it is great and it brightens many and many minds that live in the obscurity and that, illuminated by this light, run towards God, serve Him. Only in Paradise we shall be able to understand, to comprehend both the good and the plans the Lord has performed by means of this Opera. It is a great grace that the Lord has made us calling us to become part of this great Opera". (LETT. COLLETT. * LETTERA II 26 novembre 1932).*

- (moment of silent prayer)