Day 7 - Novena-Prayer for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception-

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Here, then, is the reason why We constituted Her Queen of all. Because when <u>We operate</u>, We do it <u>with Reason</u>, Wisdom and Justice:

She never gave life to Her human will, but Our Will was always intact in Her.

<u>How could We say to another creature</u>: You are Queen of the heavens, of the sun, of the stars, etc.', if instead of having Our Will as dominion, she were dominated by her human will?

All of the elements, the heavens, the sun, the earth, would have withdrawn from the regime and dominion of this creature. *All would have cried out in their mute language*: *'We do not want her, we are superior to her.*

Because we have never withdrawn from your eternal Volition - as You created us, so we are'. So would *the sun* have cried out with its light, *the stars* with their glittering, *the sea* with its waves, and *everything else*.

On the contrary, as soon as they all felt the dominion of this excelling Virgin who, almost as their sister, <u>never wanted to know Her own will</u>, but <u>only That of God</u>,

- -not only did they make feast,
- -but they felt honored to have their Queen

And they ran around Her to form Her cortege and to pay obsequies to Her

- the moon, by placing itself as footstool at Her feet,
- the stars as crown, the sun as diadem,
- the Angels as servants,
- and men as though in waiting.

Everyone – everyone paid Her honor and rendered their obsequies to Her.

There is no honor and glory which cannot be given to our Will

- whether acting within Us, in Its own center,
- or dwelling in the creature.

But do you know what was the first act which this noble Queen did when, coming out of the maternal womb, She opened Her eyes to the light of this low world?

As She was born, the Angels sang Iuliabies to the Celestial Baby, and She remained enraptured. Her beautiful soul went out of Her little body, accompanied by angelic cohorts, and went around Heaven and earth, *gathering all the love that God had spread throughout the whole Creation.*

And penetrating into Heaven, She came to the foot of Our throne,

- offered Us the return of the love of all Creation, and
- -pronounced Her first 'thank You' in the name of all.

Oh! how happy We felt in hearing the 'thank You' of this Little Baby Queen.

And We confirmed in Her all graces, all Gifts,

-such as to make Her surpass all other creatures together.

Then, throwing Herself into Our arms, She delighted with Us, swimming in the sea of all contentments, being embellished with new Beauty, with new Light and with new Love. She pleaded once again for mankind, praying Us in tears

-to let the Eternal Word descend in order to save Her brothers.

But as She was doing this, Our Will let Her know that She should descend to the earth. And immediately She left Our contentments and joys, and departed, in order to do... what? *Our Will.*

What powerful magnet Our Will was, dwelling on earth in this newborn Queen!

No longer did the earth appear alien to Us;

We no longer felt like striking it, making use of Our justice.

We had the Power of Our Will which, in this innocent child,

- -blocked Our arms,
- -smiled at Us from the earth, and
- -turned Justice into Graces and sweet smile.

So much so, that unable to resist this sweet enchantment,

- the Eternal Word hastened His course.

Oh, Prodigy of my Divine Will!

- to You everything is due,
- through You everything is accomplished.

There is no greater prodigy than my Will dwelling in the creature."