

God's People Long to Be Clean of Heart and Holy

Keep these ideas in mind as you study *Chapter 23*.

❖ From the moment God made Mary, she belonged entirely to him. Mary's heart was free from sin. Her heart was full of love for God. Mary will help us be clean of heart. We can say to her, "Mother most pure, pray for us."

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❖ Aloysius repeated some bad words he had learned at a training camp. He was scolded, and for the first time realized that he didn't want to offend God. Aloysius decided to become a priest. He left behind his wealth to become a member of the Society of Jesus, also known as the Jesuits.

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❖ We are able to see God in the beautiful world around us, in ourselves, and in other people when our hearts are pure.

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❖ To hunger and thirst for righteousness means to desire to be holy.

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❖ We show God our desire to be holy when we work to spread peace and justice, try to please God in all things, and try to love God with all our hearts.

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❖ Thérèse Martin of France knew that to become a saint, one had to love God and to suffer like Jesus.

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