Sacrifice and Penance Ideas

Get a drink of water for someone.

No salt and pepper for meals. No sweetener in tea or on cereal.

Go without water for a certain amount of time.

Write a note to someone in your family telling them you're grateful for them.

Clean up someone's mess without being told.

Make someone's bed.

Switch loads of laundry.

Stay quiet when you feel like talking. Choose an amount of time to be quiet every day.

Be agreeable when you want to be disagreeable.

Practice right away obedience: all the way, right away, and with a happy heart.

Say 3 Hail Mary's or a decade of the Rosary for someone or in reparation for sins.

Pray a novena for someone to receive more graces.

Go without a meal.

If you're cold, offer it up. Don't complain about the weather.

Get up a little earlier, or be sure to get up when called.

Do your schoolwork and chores without complaining. Go to bed without complaining.

If you can't sleep, say some prayers.

Say, "My Jesus, Mercy" frequently.

Make many Acts of Spiritual Communion daily.

Frequently meditate on the Passion of Jesus. Just gaze at a picture of Him, and see how much He loves you. Ask for the grace to love Him more and more.