

A NOVENA OF CHAPLETS TO THE DIVINE MERCY

Our Lord gave to St. Faustina a powerful prayer that He wanted everyone to say, called the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Saint Faustina wrote it in her Diary and prayed this Chaplet almost constantly, especially for the dying. The Lord urged her to encourage others to say it too, promising extraordinary graces to those who would recite this special prayer. It is Jesus' desire that the moment of His death on the cross (3:00 pm) be venerated every day, and we can pray the Chaplet at this time. This is the hour which He said was the hour of grace for the whole world, when mercy triumphed over justice.

The Lord especially asked that His Chaplet be recited as a Novena, to begin on Good Friday, and end before the Feast of Mercy, which falls on the Sunday after Easter, now known as Divine Mercy Sunday. And He promised, **“By this Novena (of Chaplets) I will grant every possible grace to souls”** (Diary, 796).

We can pray this Novena of Chaplets for our own personal intentions. Our Lord also dictated to Saint Faustina nine special daily intentions (Diary, 1209-1229) that we can pray in the Novena to the Divine Mercy along with the prayers of Saint Faustina (see reverse side of this leaflet).

HOW TO RECITE THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

The Chaplet of Mercy can be preceded by two opening prayers from the Diary of Saint Faustina and followed by a closing prayer.

OPENING PRAYER

“You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us” (Diary, 1319).

“O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!” (Diary, 187). (Three times.)

Using the Rosary beads: First say one Our Father, one Hail Mary and the Apostles Creed.

THE OUR FATHER

**Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done on earth
As it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and
Forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those
Who trespass against us; and
Lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil. Amen**

THE HAIL MARY

**Hail Mary, full of grace.
The Lord is with Thee.
Blessed art Thou amongst women,
And blessed is the fruit
Of Thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of Heaven and Earth, and in
Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who
was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born
of the Virgin Mary, suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and
was buried: He descended into hell: On
the third day, He rose again from the
dead: He ascended into heaven, and is
seated at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty: He will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy
Catholic Church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and life
everlasting. Amen.**

Then on the large beads (Our Father beads) say the following words: **“Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.”**

On the ten “Hail Mary” beads, say the following words: **“For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.”**

In conclusion, after the five decades, say these words three times: **“Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.”**

Optional Conclusion: **“Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself”** (Diary, 950).

THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Jesus dictated the Chaplet of Divine Mercy to Sister Faustina in Vilnius on September 13th and 14th in 1935 (Diary, 476). In the revelations that followed He disclosed to her its value and efficacy, as well as the promises He attached to it.

In this prayer we are offering the *Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity* of Jesus Christ to God the Father. We are uniting ourselves with His sacrifice offered on the Cross for the salvation of all souls. By offering God the Father His *most dearly beloved Son*, we are using the most convincing argument with which to be heard.

We are asking for mercy *for us and for the whole world*. The word “us” refers to the person reciting the Chaplet and those for whom he prays. The “whole world” indicates all people

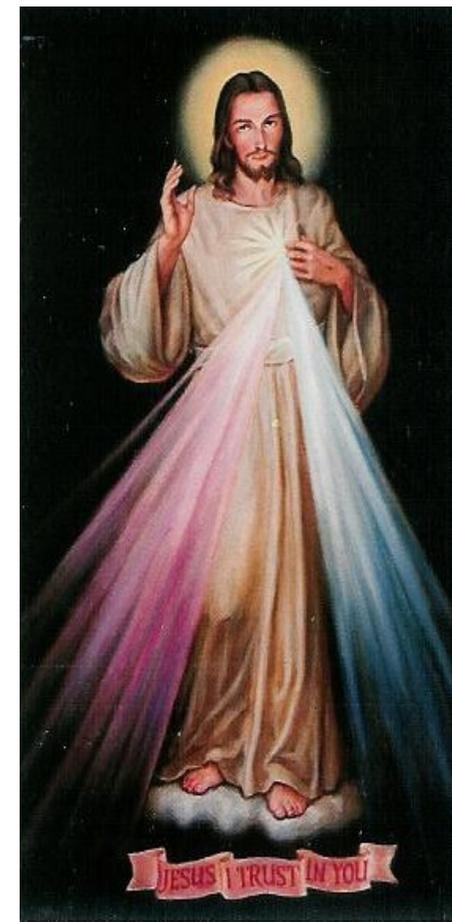
living on earth and the souls in Purgatory.

By praying the words of the Chaplet we are performing an act of love toward our neighbor, which along with trust, is the indispensable condition for obtaining graces. Jesus promised, **“It pleases Me to grant everything they ask of Me by saying the Chaplet”** (Diary, 1541).

IMPORTANCE OF THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET FOR THE DYING

Jesus said, **“Write that when they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just judge but as the merciful Savior”** (Diary, 1541).

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NOVENA AND CHAPLET

TO THE DIVINE MERCY

FIRST DAY

“Today bring to Me

ALL MANKIND, ESPECIALLY ALL SINNERS, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy. In this way you will console Me in the bitter grief into which the loss of souls plunges Me”. Most Merciful Jesus, whose very nature it is to have compassion on us and to forgive us, do not look upon our sins but upon our trust which we place in Your infinite goodness. Receive us all into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart, and never let us escape from it. We beg this of You by Your love which unites You to the Father and the Holy Spirit. Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon all mankind and especially upon poor sinners, all enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion show us Your mercy, that we may praise the omnipotence of Your mercy for ever and ever. Amen. - Recite The Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

SECOND DAY

“Today bring to Me

THE SOULS OF PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS and immerse them in My unfathomable mercy It was they who gave Me the strength to endure My bitter Passion. Through them, as through channels, My mercy flows out upon mankind.” Most Merciful Jesus, from whom comes all that is good, increase Your grace in men and women consecrated to Your service, that they may perform worthy works of mercy; and that all who see them may glorify the Father of Mercy who is in heaven. Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the company of chosen ones in Your vineyard—upon the souls of priests and religious; and endow them with the strength of Your blessing. For the love of the Heart of Your Son in which they are enfolded, impart to them Your power and light, that they may be able to guide others in the way of salvation and with one

voice sing praise to Your boundless mercy for ages without end. Amen. - Recite The Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

THIRD DAY

“Today bring to Me

ALL DEVOUT AND FAITHFUL SOULS and immerse them in My ocean of mercy These souls brought Me consolation on the Way of the Cross...” Most Merciful Jesus, from the treasury of Your mercy You impart Your graces in great abundance to each and all. Receive us into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart and never let us escape from it. We beg this grace of You by that most wondrous love for the heavenly Father with which Your heart burns so fiercely. Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon faithful souls, as upon the inheritance of Your Son. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, grant them Your blessing and surround them with Your constant protection. Thus may they never fail in love or lose the treasure of the holy faith, but rather, with all the hosts of Angels and Saints, may they glorify Your boundless mercy for endless ages. Amen. - Recite The Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

FOURTH DAY

“Today bring to Me -

THE PAGANS AND THOSE WHO DO NOT YET KNOW ME. I was thinking also of them during My bitter Passion, and their future zeal comforted My Heart. Immerse them in the ocean of My mercy.” Most Compassionate Jesus, You are the Light of the whole world. Receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of those who do not believe in God and of those who as yet do not know You. Let the rays of Your grace enlighten them that they, too, together with us, may extol Your wonderful mercy; and do not let them escape from the abode which is Your most

Compassionate Heart. Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls of those who do not believe in You, and of those who as yet do not know You, but who are enclosed in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. Draw them to the light of the Gospel. These souls do not know what great happiness it is to love You. Grant that they, too, may extol the generosity of Your mercy for endless ages. Amen. - Recite The Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

FIFTH DAY

“Today bring to Me

THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE SEPARATED THEMSELVES FROM MY CHURCH and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy. During My bitter Passion they tore at My Body and Heart; that is, My Church. As they return to unity with the Church, My wounds heal, and in this way they alleviate My Passion”. Most Merciful Jesus, Goodness Itself, You do not refuse light to those who seek it of You. Receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of those who have separated themselves from Your Church. Draw them by Your light into the unity of the Church, and do not let them escape from the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart; but bring it about that they, too, come to glorify the generosity of Your mercy. Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls of those who have separated themselves from Your Son’s Church, who have squandered Your blessings and misused Your graces by obstinately persisting in their errors. Do not look upon their errors, but upon the love of Your own Son and upon His bitter Passion, which He underwent for their sake, since they, too, are enclosed in His Most Compassionate Heart. Bring it about that they also may glorify Your great mercy for endless ages. Amen. - Recite The Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

SIXTH DAY

“Today bring to Me

THE MEEK AND HUMBLE SOULS AND THE SOULS OF LITTLE CHILDREN and immerse them in My mercy. These souls most closely resemble My Heart. They strengthened Me during My bitter agony. I saw them as earthly Angels, who would keep vigil at My altars....”. Receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart all meek and humble souls and the souls of little children. These souls send all heaven into ecstasy and they are the heavenly Father’s favorites. They are a sweet-smelling bouquet before the throne of God; God Himself takes delight in their fragrance. These souls have a permanent abode in Your Most Compassionate Heart, O Jesus, and they unceasingly sing out a hymn of love and mercy. Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon meek souls, upon humble souls, and upon little children who are enfolded in the abode which is the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. These souls bear the closest resemblance to Your Son. Their fragrance rises from the earth and reaches Your very throne. Father of mercy and of all goodness, I beg You by the love You bear these souls and by the delight You take in them; bless the whole world, that all souls together may sing out the praises of Your mercy for endless ages. Amen. - Recite The Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

SEVENTH DAY

“Today bring to Me

THE SOULS WHO ESPECIALLY VENERATE AND GLORIFY MY MERCY and immerse them in My mercy. These souls sorrowed most over My Passion and entered most deeply into my spirit...” Most Merciful Jesus, whose Heart is Love Itself, receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of those who particularly extol and

venerate the greatness of Your mercy. These souls are mighty with the very power of God Himself. In the midst of all afflictions and adversities they go forward, confident of Your mercy; and united to You, O Jesus, they carry all mankind on their shoulders. These souls will not be judged severely, but Your mercy will embrace them as they depart from this life. Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls who glorify and venerate Your greatest attribute, that of Your fathomless mercy, and who are enclosed in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. These souls are a living Gospel; their hands are full of deeds of mercy, and their hearts, overflowing with joy, sing a canticle of mercy for You, O Most High! I beg You O God: Show them Your mercy according to the hope and trust they have placed in You. Let there be accomplished in them the promise of Jesus, who said to them that during their life, but especially at the hour of death, the souls who will venerate this fathomless mercy of His, He Himself, will defend as His glory. Amen. - Recite The Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

EIGHTH DAY

“Today bring to Me

THE SOULS WHO ARE DETAINED IN PURGATORY and immerses them in the abyss of My mercy. Let the torrents of My Blood cool down their scorching flames. All these souls are greatly loved by Me. They are making retribution to My justice. It is in your power to bring them relief. Draw all the indulgences from the treasury of My Church and offer them on their behalf...” Most Merciful Jesus, You Yourself have said that You desire mercy; so I bring into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls in Purgatory, souls who are very dear to You, and yet, who must make retribution to Your justice. May the

streams of Blood and Water which gushed forth, from Your Heart put out the flames of Purgatory that there, too, the power of Your mercy may be celebrated. Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls suffering in Purgatory, who are enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. I beg You, by the sorrowful Passion of Jesus, Your Son, and by all the bitterness with which His most sacred Soul was flooded: Manifest Your mercy to the souls who are under Your just scrutiny. Look upon them in no other way but only through the Wounds of Jesus, Your dearly beloved Son; for we firmly believe that there is no limit to Your goodness and compassion. Amen.- Recite The Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

NINTH DAY

“Today bring to Me

SOULS WHO HAVE BECOME LUKEWARM... These souls wound My Heart most painfully. My soul suffered the most dreadful loathing in the Garden of Olives because of lukewarm souls. They were they reason I cried out: ‘Father, take this cup away from Me, if it be Your will.’ For them the last hope of salvation is to run to My mercy.” Most Compassionate Jesus, You are Compassion Itself. I bring lukewarm souls into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart. In this fire of Your pure love let these tepid souls, who, like corpses, filled You with such deep loathing, be once again set aflame. O Most Compassionate Jesus, exercise the omnipotence of Your mercy and draw them into the very ardor of Your love, and bestow upon them the gift of holy love, for nothing is beyond Your power. Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon lukewarm souls who are nonetheless enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. Father of Mercy, I beg You by the bitter Passion of Your Son and by His three-hour agony on the Cross: Let them, too, glorify the abyss of Your mercy. Amen.- Recite The Chaplet of Divine Mercy.