

Devotion To The Divine Mercy



THE HOUR OF MERCY

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. (3 times)
(Diary 84)

THE DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

All : In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Leader : We thank You Heavenly Father for gathering us to honor The Divine Mercy and we pray for the following intentions:-



Monday

1. For all mankind especially all sinners.
2. For souls of Priests and Religious.
3. For all parishioners especially those who are seriously sick.
4. For all the intentions left in the Petition Box.
5. Parish Special Intentions --
6. We now pause for our own intentions.



Tuesday

1. For all devout and faithful souls.
2. For those who do not believe in God and those who do not yet know Jesus.
3. For all marriages especially those who are experiencing difficulties.
4. For all the intentions left in the Petition Box.
5. Parish Special Intentions --
6. We now pause for our own intentions.



Wednesday

1. For souls of those who have separated themselves from the Church.

2. For meek and humble souls and the souls of little children.
3. For all unborn babies especially those the parents may reject.
4. For all the intentions left in the Petition Box.
5. Parish Special Intentions --
6. We now pause for our own intentions.



Thursday

1. For souls who especially venerate and glorify the Divine Mercy.
2. For souls who are detained in Purgatory.
3. For souls who have become lukewarm.
4. For all the intentions left in the Petition Box.
5. Parish Special Intentions --
6. We now pause for our own intentions.



Friday

(Saturday and Sunday)

1. The conversion of the whole world.
2. That the Divine Mercy becomes known so that everyone will extol Christ's goodness.
3. For our Holy Father that his message of peace and reconciliation be heard throughout the world.
4. For more vocations to the priesthood and the religious life.
5. For all Holy Souls in Purgatory and for those Souls who have no one to pray for.
6. For all the intentions left in the Petition Box.
7. Parish Special Intentions --
8. We now pause for our own intentions.

THE CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY

Begin with one Our Father, One Hail Mary and The Apostles' Creed.

The Our Father

Our Father in heaven, holy be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Do not bring us to the test but deliver us from evil. Amen.

The Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with You, Blessed are You among women, and blessed is the fruit of Your 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.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

On the large bead before each decade:

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 small beads of each decade:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Conclude with Concluding Doxology:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (3 times)



PRAISES OF THE DIVINE MERCY

Let the doubting soul read these considerations on Divine Mercy and become trusting. (949)

The love of God is the flower – **Mercy the fruit.**

Response: I Trust In you

Divine Mercy, gushing forth from the bosom of the Father...

Divine Mercy, greatest attribute of God...

Divine Mercy, incomprehensible mystery...

Divine Mercy, fount gushing forth from the mystery of the
Most Blessed Trinity...

Divine Mercy, unfathomed by any intellect, human or
angelic...

Divine Mercy, from which wells forth all life and happiness...

Divine Mercy, better than the heavens...

Divine Mercy, source of miracles and wonders...

Divine Mercy, encompassing the whole universe...

Divine Mercy, descending to earth in the Person of The
Incarnate Word...

*Divine Mercy, which flowed out from the open wound of the
Heart of Jesus...*

Divine Mercy, enclosed in the Heart of Jesus for us, and
especially for sinners...

Divine Mercy, unfathomed in the institution of the Sacred
Host...

Divine Mercy, in the founding of Holy Church...

Divine Mercy, in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism...

Divine Mercy, in our justification through Jesus Christ...

Divine Mercy, accompanying us through our whole life...

Divine Mercy, embracing us especially at the hour of
death...

Divine Mercy, endowing us with immortal life...

Divine Mercy, accompanying us every moment of our life...

Divine Mercy, shielding us from the fire of hell...
Divine Mercy, in the conversion of hardened sinners...
Divine Mercy, astonishment for Angels, Incomprehensible
to Saints...
Divine Mercy, unfathomed in all the mysteries of God...
Divine Mercy, lifting us out of every misery...

Divine Mercy, source of our happiness and joy...
Divine Mercy, in calling us forth from nothingness to
existence...
Divine Mercy, embracing all the works of His hands...
Divine Mercy, crown of all of God's handiwork...
Divine Mercy, in which we are all immersed...

Divine Mercy, sweet relief for anguished hearts...
Divine Mercy, only hope of despairing souls...
Divine Mercy, repose of hearts, peace amidst fear...
Divine Mercy, delight and ecstasy of holy souls...
Divine Mercy, inspiring hope against all hope...



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. (950)

PRAYER TO THE DIVINE MERCY

O Greatly Merciful God, Infinite Goodness, today all mankind calls out from the abyss of its misery to Your mercy, to Your compassion, O **God**; and it is with its mighty voice of misery that it cries out.

Gracious God, do not reject the prayer of this earth's exiles! O Lord, Goodness beyond our understanding, who are acquainted with our misery through and through and know that by our own power we cannot ascend to You, we implore You; anticipate us with Your grace and keep on increasing Your mercy in us, that we may faithfully do Your holy will all through our life and at death's hour.

Let the omnipotence of Your mercy shield us from the darts of our salvation's enemies, that we may with confidence, as Your children, await Your final coming – that day known to You alone. And we expect to obtain everything promised us by Jesus in spite of all our wretchedness.

For Jesus is our Hope; through His Merciful Heart as through an open gate we pass through to Heaven.



PRAYER OF ENTRUSTMENT TO THE DIVINE MERCY

O Lord our God, we place all our trust in You, because You are mercy itself. We repent of our sins and turn to You for mercy.

We trust You to provide for our every need, according to Your will. Help us to forgive others as You forgive us. We promise to be merciful by our deeds, words and prayers. Though we have fears because of human weakness, we rely on Your infinite goodness and mercy.

We entrust to Your mercy our very lives, our present situation and our uncertain future. We entrust to You the future of our planet, our Church, our nations, our families, and all our needs. With loud cries we implore Your mercy on us and the whole world.

Look upon us created in Your image and likeness. Form us in the Heart of Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit into living images of mercy. May all come to know the depth of Your mercy and sing the praises of Your mercy forever. Amen.



Jesus I trust in You, Jesus I trust in You. [3 times]
Saint Faustina, Pray for us. [3 times]

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Reflection of Jesus' words to Saint Faustina

SET 1

At three o'clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony. This is the hour of great mercy for the whole world. I will allow you to enter into My mortal sorrow. In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion.... (1320)

I remind you, My daughter, that as often as you hear the clock strike the third hour, immerse yourself completely in My mercy, adoring and glorifying it; invoke its omnipotence for the whole world, and particularly for poor sinners; for at that moment mercy was opened wide for every soul. In this hour you can obtain everything for yourself and for others for the asking; it was the hour of grace for the whole world-mercy triumphed over justice.

My daughter, try your best to make the Stations of the Cross in this hour, provided that your duties permit it; and if you are not able to make the Stations of the Cross, then at least step into the chapel for a moment and adore, in the Blessed Sacrament, My Heart, which is full of mercy; and should you be unable to step into the chapel, immerse yourself in prayer there where you happen to be, if only for a very brief instant. I claim veneration for My mercy from every creature, but above all from you, since it is to you that I have given the most profound understanding of this mystery. (1572)

.... pause....

Reflection of Jesus' words to Saint Faustina

SET 2

"My daughter tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners." (699)

"On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet." (699)

"Everything that exists is enclosed in the bowels of My mercy, more deeply than an infant in its mother's womb." (1076)

"There is more merit to one hour of meditation on My sorrowful Passion than there is to a whole year of flagellation that draws blood." (369)

"I am giving you three ways of exercising mercy towards your neighbor: the first - by deed, the second - by word, the third - by prayer. In these three degrees is contained the fullness of mercy, and it is an unquestionable proof of love for Me. By this means a soul glorifies and pays reverence to My mercy. Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be acts of mercy because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works," (742)

"My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity..... Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy." (699)

.... pause....

Reflection of Jesus' words to Saint Faustina

SET 3

Tell all people, My daughter, that I am Love and Mercy itself. When a soul approaches Me with trust, I fill it with such an abundance of graces that it cannot contain them within itself, but radiates them to other souls. (1074)

My Heart overflows with great mercy for souls, and especially for poor sinners..... it is for them that the Blood and Water flowed from My Heart as from a fount overflowing with mercy. (367)

My mercy is greater than your sins and those of the entire world. Who can measure the extent of my goodness? For you I descended from heaven to earth; for you I allowed myself to be nailed to the cross; for you I let my Sacred Heart be pierced with a lance, thus opening wide the source of mercy for you. Come, then, with trust to draw graces from this fountain. I never reject a contrite heart. (1485)

Souls that make an appeal to My Mercy delight Me. To such souls I grant even more graces than they ask. I cannot punish even the greatest sinner if he makes an appeal to My Compassion. (1146)

Tell them that no soul that has called upon My Mercy has been disappointed or brought to shame. I delight particularly in a soul which has placed its trust in My goodness.... 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. (1541)

.... pause....

Reflection of Jesus' words to Saint Faustina

SET 4

I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself from it.... Even the strongest faith is of no avail without works. (742)

If a soul does not exercise mercy somehow or other, it will not obtain My mercy on the day of judgment. Oh, if only souls knew how to gather eternal treasure for themselves, they would not be judged, for they would forestall My judgment with their mercy. (1317)

I have opened My Heart as a living fountain of mercy. Let all souls draw life from it. Let them approach this sea of mercy with great trust. Sinners will attain justification, and the just will be confirmed in good. Whoever places his trust in My mercy will be filled with My divine peace at the hour of death. (1520)

On the cross, the fountain of My mercy was opened wide by the lance for all souls-no one have I excluded! (1182)

I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: "Jesus, I trust in You." (327)

The graces of My mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is - trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive. Souls that trust boundlessly are a great comfort to Me, because I pour all the treasures of My graces into them. I rejoice that they ask for much, because it is My desire to give much, very much. (1578)

.... pause....

Reflection of Jesus' words to Saint Faustina

SET 5

"It pleases Me to grant everything they ask of Me by saying the chaplet" (154)

"Oh, what great graces I will grant to souls who say this chaplet; the very depths of My tender mercy are stirred for the sake of those who say the chaplet". (848)

"Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My Infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy." (687)

"Let the weak, sinful soul have no fear to approach Me, even if it had more sins than there are grains of sand in the world". (1059)

"The greatest sinners would achieve great sanctity, if only they would trust in My mercy." (1784)

"The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to My mercy" (723)

.... pause....

PRAYER OF ST. FAUSTINA

“I want to be completely transformed into Your mercy and to be Your living reflection, O Lord. May the greatest of all divine attributes, that of Your unfathomable mercy, pass through my heart and soul to my neighbor.

Help me, O Lord, that my eyes may be merciful, so that I may never suspect or judge from appearances, but look for what is beautiful in my neighbors’ souls and come to their rescue.

Help me, O Lord, that my ears may be merciful, so that I may give heed to my neighbors’ needs and not be indifferent to their pains and moanings.

Help me, O Lord, that my tongue may be merciful, so that I should never speak negatively of my neighbor, but have a word of comfort and forgiveness for all.

Help me, O Lord, that my hands may be merciful and filled with good deeds, so that I may do only good to my neighbors and take upon myself the more difficult and toilsome tasks.

Help me, O Lord, that my feet may be merciful, so that I may hurry to assist my neighbor, overcoming my own fatigue and weariness.

Help me, O Lord, that my heart may be merciful so that I myself may feel all the sufferings of my neighbor. I will refuse my heart to no one. I will refuse my heart to no one. I will be sincere even with those who, I know, will abuse my kindness. And I will lock myself up in the most merciful heart of Jesus. I will bear my own suffering in silence. May Your mercy, O Lord, rest upon me.” (163)

Five Decades of the Chaplet of Mercy

First Decade of the Chaplet of Mercy...

“The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive.” (1578)

“with childlike simplicity talk to Me about everything, for My ears and heart are inclined towards you, and your words are dear to Me” (921)

*We now reflect on the first Sorrowful Mystery
Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane threw Himself into an
agony of suffering.
ETERNAL FATHER...*

Second Decade of the Chaplet of Mercy...

“I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: Jesus, I Trust In You.” (327)

“My daughter, do whatever is within your power to spread devotion to My mercy, I will make up for what you lack. Tell aching mankind to snuggle close to My merciful heart, and I will fill it with peace. Tell, My daughter, that I am love and mercy itself.” (1074)

“If you do not believe My words, at least believe My wounds.” (379)

*We now reflect on the second Sorrowful Mystery
Jesus is scourged until His flesh is torn to shreds, exposing
His bare bones.
ETERNAL FATHER...*

Third Decade of the Chaplet of Mercy...

“My daughter tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy, I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners.” (699)

“On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open, I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.” (699)

*We now reflect on the third Sorrowful Mystery
Jesus is crowned with the crown of thorns. They pulled His
Beard, spat on Him, blinded Him and struck Him.
ETERNAL FATHER...*

Fourth Decade of the Chaplet of Mercy...

“Everything that exists is enclosed in the bowels of My mercy, more deeply than an infant in its mother’s womb.” (1076)

“I remind you, My daughter, that as often as you hear the clock strike the third hour, immerse yourself completely in My mercy.... In this hour you can obtain everything for yourself and, for others for the asking.” (1572)

“There is more merit to one hour of meditation on My sorrowful passion than there is to a whole year of flagellation that draws blood.” (369)

*We now reflect on the fourth Sorrowful Mystery.
Jesus is made to carry His Cross up to Mount Calvary – He
fell three times.....
ETERNAL FATHER...*

Fifth Decade of the Chaplet of Mercy...

“I am giving you three ways of exercising mercy towards your neighbor: by deed, by word, and by prayer. In these three degrees is contained the fullness of mercy, and it is an unquestionable proof of love for Me. By this means a soul glorifies and pays reverence to My mercy, Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be acts of mercy.....because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works,” (742)

“My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity.” (699)

“Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.” (699)

We now reflect on the fifth Sorrowful Mystery.

Jesus is hung and nailed to the Cross.

He uttered a prayer for His enemies:

“Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.”

ETERNAL FATHER...

Divine Mercy Novena



I fly to Your Mercy, Compassionate God, Who alone are good. Although my misery is great and my offenses are many, I trust in Your Mercy because You are the God of Mercy, and it has never been heard of in all ages, nor do Heaven or Earth remember, that a soul trusting in Your Mercy has been disappointed.

(State your intentions)

Jesus, Friend of a lonely heart, You are my haven.

You are my peace.

You are my salvation.

You are my serenity in moments of struggle and amidst an ocean of doubts.

Amen.



To the Mother of God

+ O Mary, my Mother and my Lady, I offer You my soul, my body, my life and my death, and all that will follow it. I place everything in your hands. O my Mother, cover my soul with your virginal mantle and grant me the grace of purity of heart, soul and body. Defend me with your power against all enemies, and especially against those who hide their malice behind the mask of virtue. O lovely lily! you are for me a mirror, O my Mother! (79)

+ Mother of God, your soul was plunged into a sea of bitterness; look upon your child and teach her to suffer and to love while suffering. Fortify my soul that pain will not break it. Mother of grace, teach me to live by [the power of] God. (315)

+ O Mary, today a terrible sword has pierced your holy soul. Except for God, no one knows of your suffering. Your soul does not break; it is brave, because it is with Jesus. Sweet Mother, unite my soul to Jesus, because it is only then that I will be able to endure all trials and tribulations, and only in union with Jesus will my little sacrifices be pleasing to God. Sweetest Mother, continue to teach me about the interior life. May the sword of suffering never break me. O pure Virgin, pour courage into my heart and guard it. (915)

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