

THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Corona ad Divinam Misericordiam

Latin and English

“Jesus, I trust in You.”

— Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska

How to Pray the Chaplet

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross, on the Crucifix.
2. Optional Opening Prayer, on the Crucifix: “You expired, Jesus...” followed by “O Blood and Water...”, prayed three times.
3. Pray one Our Father, on the first small bead.
4. Pray one Hail Mary, on the second small bead.
5. Pray the Apostles’ Creed, on the third small bead.
6. On the large bead before each decade, pray the Eternal Father prayer.
7. On each of the ten small beads of that decade, pray the Divine Mercy prayer (“For the sake of His sorrowful Passion...”).
8. Repeat steps 6–7 for all five decades, moving around the rosary.
9. After completing all five decades, pray the Holy God prayer (“Holy God, Holy Mighty One...”) three times.
10. Optionally close with the Closing Prayer (“Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless...”).

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1. Sign of the Cross — on the Crucifix

2. Opening Prayer (optional) — at the Crucifix:
"You expired, Jesus..." then
"O Blood and Water..." (x3)

3. Our Father — 1st tail bead (nearest Crucifix)

4. Hail Mary — 2nd tail bead

5. Apostles' Creed — 3rd tail bead

6. Eternal Father prayer — each Large Bead
(begins each of the 5 decades around the loop)

7. "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion,
have mercy on us and on the whole world"
— x10, on the 10 Small Beads of that decade

8. Repeat 6-7 all the way around the loop,
through Large Beads 1, 2, 3, and 4

9. Holy God prayer (x3) — once you arrive back
at the Centre Medal where you started

10. Closing Prayer (optional) — "Eternal God,
in whom mercy is endless..." — Centre Medal

A rosary is one continuous loop of 5 decades (Large Bead + 10 Small Beads, repeated 5 times),
with a short tail of 3 beads and the Crucifix hanging from the Centre Medal where the loop closes.

The Prayers

Sign of the Cross / Signum Crucis

*In nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti.
Amen.*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and
of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Opening Prayer (Optional)

*Iesu, qui expirans pro animabus fontem vitae
effudisti, et oceanum misericordiae pro toto
mundo aperuisti: o fons vitae, misericordia
divina investigabilis, contege totum mundum, et
effunde Te super nos.*

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.

O Sanguis et Aqua, quae ex Corde Iesu Christi tamquam fons misericordiae pro nobis erupistis, in Te confido. (ter)

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You! (repeat three times)

Our Father / Pater Noster

Pater noster, qui es in caelis, sanctificetur nomen tuum. Adveniat regnum tuum. Fiat voluntas tua, sicut in caelo et in terra.

Panem nostrum quotidianum da nobis hodie, et dimitte nobis debita nostra, sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris.

Et ne nos inducas in tentationem, sed libera nos a malo. Amen.

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.

Hail Mary / Ave Maria

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum. Benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Iesus.

Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus, nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among 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.

Apostles' Creed / Symbolum Apostolorum

*Credo in Deum, Patrem omnipotentem,
Creatorem caeli et terrae.*

*Et in Iesum Christum, Filium eius unicum,
Dominum nostrum: qui conceptus est de Spiritu
Sancto, natus ex Maria Virgine, passus sub
Pontio Pilato, crucifixus, mortuus, et sepultus:
descendit ad inferos; tertia die resurrexit a
mortuis; ascendit ad caelos; sedet ad dexteram
Dei Patris omnipotentis: inde venturus est
iudicare vivos et mortuos.*

*Credo in Spiritum Sanctum, sanctam Ecclesiam
catholicam, sanctorum communionem,
remissionem peccatorum, carnis
resurrectionem, vitam aeternam. Amen.*

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, 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; he is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty: from there 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.

Eternal Father (on the large bead)

*Pater Aeterne, offero Tibi Corpus et
Sanguinem, Animam et Divinitatem dilectissimi
Filii Tui, Domini nostri Iesu Christi, in
propitiatione pro peccatis nostris et totius
mundi.*

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.

Divine Mercy Prayer (on each of the 10 small beads)

*Pro dolorosa Eius passione, miserere nobis et
totius mundi.*

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

Concluding Prayer (recited three times)

*Sanctus Deus, Sanctus Fortis, Sanctus
Immortalis, miserere nobis et totius mundi.*

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Closing Prayer (Optional)

Domine aeternae, infinita est clementia Tua et thesaurus inexhaustus misericordiae. Aspice nos benigne et auge in nobis misericordiam Tuam, ut in difficultatibus non desperemus neque animo deficiamus, sed cum magna fiducia voluntati Tuae sanctae nos committamus, quae Amor et Misericordia ipsa est. Amen.

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. Amen.

THE DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

As revealed by Our Lord to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska

Prayed Good Friday through the Saturday before Divine Mercy Sunday — pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy each day, preceded by that day's intention and prayer below.

***A note on language:** these novena prayers come from St. Faustina's Diary (private revelation, originally written in Polish) rather than from the Church's official liturgical books. No official Latin translation of this novena exists, so only the English text is given below.*

First Day — Good Friday

Intention: All mankind, especially sinners.

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.

Second Day

Intention: The souls of priests and religious.

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.

Third Day

Intention: All devout and faithful souls.

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 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.

Fourth Day

Intention: Those who do not believe in God and those who do not yet know Jesus.

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 yet believe in You, or do not yet 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 Your Son, 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.

Fifth Day

Intention: The souls who have separated themselves from the Church.

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.

Sixth Day

Intention: The meek and humble souls and the souls of little children.

Most Merciful Jesus, You Yourself have said, "Learn from Me for I am meek and humble of heart." 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 and humble souls, and upon the souls of little children, who are enfolded in the abode of 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.

Seventh Day

Intention: The souls who especially venerate and glorify His mercy.

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 in Your mercy. These souls are united to Jesus and 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 spirit, overflowing with joy, sings a canticle of mercy to You, O Most High. Let there be accomplished in them the promise of Jesus, who said 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.

Eighth Day

Intention: The souls who are detained in purgatory.

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 purifying fire, that in that place, too, the power of Your mercy may be praised.

Eternal Father, turn Your most 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 than through the Wounds of Jesus, Your

dearly beloved Son; for we firmly believe that there is no limit to Your goodness and compassion. Amen.

Ninth Day — Eve of Divine Mercy Sunday

Intention: Souls who have become lukewarm.

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.