

The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy

There are many prayers invoking the Mercy of God. A particularly beautiful devotion is the *Chaplet of The Divine Mercy*. The message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of St. Faustina, a simple Polish nun, who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary recording the revelations she received from Christ regarding His mercy. In a vision to St. Faustina in 1935, the Lord revealed a powerful prayer that He wanted everyone to pray - the Chaplet of The Divine Mercy - and He promised extraordinary graces to those who would recite it.

"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 to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy..." (Diary 687)

Prayed on ordinary rosary beads, the Chaplet is an intercessory prayer that extends the offering of the Eucharist. It may be said at any time, but our Lord specifically requested that it be used as a novena on the nine days before the Feast of Mercy (the first Sunday after Easter).

<http://www.marian.org/divinemercury/novena.html>

It is also especially appropriate to say the Chaplet during the three o'clock hour, recalling the time of Christ's death on the cross. In His revelations to St. Faustina, Our Lord asked for special prayer and veneration for His Passion during that time.

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(On ordinary rosary beads)

*Begin with the **Sign of the Cross**: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen"*

***Opening Prayers**: "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 Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!"

***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, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell; the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall 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."*

***On the Large Beads**: "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 Small Beads**: "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."*

***Doxology**: (after five decades) Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (Three times)*

***Closing Prayer**: "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"*

