

## NOVENA TO DIVINE MERCY

*It is greatly recommended that this novena be said together with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, since Our Lord specifically asked for a novena of chaplets, especially before the Divine Mercy Sunday (Sunday after Easter).*

***Begin the novena on GOOD FRIDAY to finish on DMS.***

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY PROMISE

In order to receive the plenary indulgence (erase all traces of confessed sins), you must:

- Go to confession within 8 days of Divine Mercy Sunday
- Go to communion on day of confession
- Recite the following prayer after these 2 have been done

### PRAYER:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, You promised St Faustina that the soul that has been to Confession (I have) and the soul that received Holy Communion with trust in Divine Mercy (I have) will receive the complete forgiveness of all sins and punishment. Lord please give me this grace. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen

### DAY ONE

**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.**

Let us pray: 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 Divine Mercy Chaplet)

## DAY TWO

### **Today bring to Me THE SOULS OF PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS**

**and immerse them in My unfathomable mercy. It was they who gave me strength to endure My bitter Passion. Through them as through channels, My mercy flows out upon mankind.**

Let us pray: 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 Divine Mercy Chaplet)

## DAY THREE

### **Today bring to Me ALL DEVOUT AND FAITHFUL SOULS**

**and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy. These souls brought Me consolation on the Way of the Cross. They were that drop of consolation in the midst of an ocean of bitterness.**

Let us pray: 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 Divine Mercy Chaplet)

#### **DAY FOUR**

**Today bring to Me THOSE WHO DO NOT BELIEVE IN GOD 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.**

Let us pray: 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 Divine Mercy Chaplet)

#### **DAY FIVE**

**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.**

Let us pray: 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 Divine Mercy Chaplet)

## DAY SIX

### **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 will keep vigil at My altars. I pour out upon them whole torrents of grace. Only the humble soul is capable of receiving My grace. I favor humble souls with My confidence.**

Let us pray: 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 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 for 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 Divine Mercy Chaplet)

## DAY SEVEN

### **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. They are living images of My Compassionate Heart. These souls will shine with a special brightness in the next life. Not one of them will go into the fire of hell. I shall particularly defend each one of them at the hour of death.**

Let us pray: 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 to 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 Divine Mercy Chaplet)

### **DAY EIGHT**

**Today bring to Me THE SOULS WHO ARE DETAINED IN PURGATORY**

**and immerse 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. Oh, if you only knew the torments they suffer, you would continually offer for them the alms of the Spirit and pay off their debt to My justice.**

Let us pray: 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 Divine Mercy Chaplet)

## DAY NINE

**Today bring to Me THE SOULS WHO HAVE BECOME LUKEWARM**

**and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy. 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 the 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.**

Let us pray: 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 Divine Mercy Chaplet)

## DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is a prayer that's pretty popular today because it is such a powerful prayer. Why is it so powerful? Because it draws its strength from the holiest and mightiest prayer there is: the Mass. In other words, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is a kind of extension of that moment when the priest at the altar takes the Body and Blood of Christ into his hands and offers it up to the Father with these words:

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours forever and ever. Amen

That's supercharged because, at the Mass, Jesus is giving himself Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity into our hands: literally, in the hands of the priest and spiritually, in the hands of all the lay faithful who are uniting their own sacrifices to the offering of the priest at the altar (**I should always ask my guardian angel to bring up my own offering – all that I am and all that I have – when they bring up the bread and the wine to the altar**). Together, each in his own way, we offer Jesus' infinite sacrifice of love to the Father. That's the power of the Mass. It's Jesus' own sacrifice of love in our hands, held up to the Father, and the Father can't resist such a perfect sacrifice of love. In view of that sacrifice, we could ask infinite merits. It really is the perfect prayer.

Now, the chaplet is an extension of that moment of the Mass because on the "Our Father" beads of the rosary, we pray, "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 (not just my family) the whole world! And it can be this bold because it relies on infinite merits: Christ's infinite sacrifice of love on the Cross.

On the "Hail Mary" beads, we pray, "For the sake of His sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world." In other words, as we're holding up to the Father his Son's infinite sacrifice of love, we keep repeating: "Mercy, mercy, mercy on us and the whole world." And this is very powerful. Jesus said to St. Faustina:

*When this chaplet is said by the bedside of a dying person, unfathomable mercy envelops the soul, and the very depths of My tender mercy are moved for the sake of the sorrowful passion of My Son.*

Jesus made several promises to those who pray the chaplet:

*Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. The souls that say this chaplet will be embraced by My mercy during their lifetime and especially at the hour of their death.*



## **DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**

### 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. O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You.

OUR FATHER

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### On the "Our Father" beads:

V. Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ

R. in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

### On the "Hail Mary" beads:

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

### Conclusion Prayer (repeat 3 times)

V. Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One,

R. have mercy on us and on the whole world.

### 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



## ST. FAUSTINA'S LITANY OF DIVINE MERCY

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

*I Trust in You.*

Divine Mercy, greatest attribute of God,

*I Trust in You.*

Divine Mercy, incomprehensible mystery,

*I Trust in You.*

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

*I Trust in You.*

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

*I Trust in You.*

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

*I Trust in You.*

Divine Mercy, better than the heavens,

*I Trust in You.*

Divine Mercy, source of miracles and wonders,

*I Trust in You.*

Divine Mercy, encompassing the whole universe,

*I Trust in You.*

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

*I Trust in You.*

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

*I Trust in You.*

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

*I Trust in You.*

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

*I Trust in You.*

Divine Mercy, in the founding of Holy Church,

*I Trust in You.*

Divine Mercy, in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism,

*I Trust in You.*

Divine Mercy, in our justification through Jesus Christ,

*I Trust in You.*

Divine Mercy, accompanying us through our whole life,

*I Trust in You.*

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

*I Trust in You.*

Divine Mercy, endowing us with immortal life,

*I Trust in You.*

Divine Mercy, accompanying us every moment of our life,

*I Trust in You.*

Divine Mercy, shielding us from the fire of hell,

*I Trust in You.*

Divine Mercy, in the conversion of hardened sinners,

*I Trust in You.*

Divine Mercy, astonishment for Angels, incomprehensible to Saints,  
*I Trust in You.*

Divine Mercy, unfathomed in all the mysteries of God,  
*I Trust in You.*

Divine Mercy, lifting us out of every misery,  
*I Trust in You.*

Divine Mercy, source of our happiness and joy,  
*I Trust in You.*

Divine Mercy, in calling us forth from nothingness to existence,  
*I Trust in You.*

Divine Mercy, embracing all the works of His hands,  
*I Trust in You.*

Divine Mercy, crown of all of God's handiwork,  
*I Trust in You.*

Divine Mercy, in which we are all immersed,  
*I Trust in You.*

Divine Mercy, sweet relief for anguished hearts,  
*I Trust in You.*

Divine Mercy, only hope of despairing souls,  
*I Trust in You.*

Divine Mercy, repose of hearts, peace amidst fear,  
*I Trust in You.*

Divine Mercy, delight and ecstasy of holy souls,  
*I Trust in You.*

Divine Mercy, inspiring hope against all hope,  
*I Trust in You.*

