

PLENARY INDULGENCE

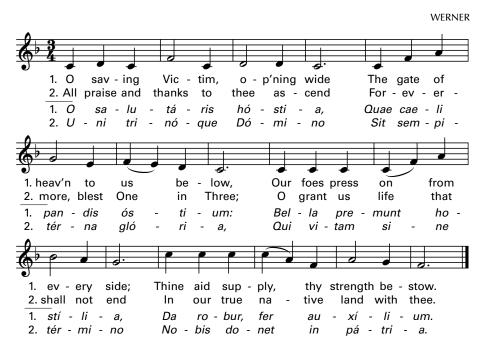
In a decree dated August 3, 2002, the Apostolic Penitentiary announced that in order "to ensure that the faithful would observe this day (Divine Mercy Sunday) with intense devotion, the Supreme Pontiff himself established that this Sunday be enriched by a plenary indulgence... so that the faithful might receive in great abundance the gift of the consolation of the Holy Spirit. In this way, they can foster a growing love for God and for their neighbor, and after they have obtained God's pardon, they in turn might be persuaded to show a prompt pardon to their brothers and sisters."

The *plenary indulgence* is granted (under the usual conditions of a sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and a prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on Divine Mercy Sunday, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, recite the *Our Father and the Creed, and also adding a devout prayer (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!)*.

The various prayers in this booklet can be used *ad libitum* during this hour of prayer.



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Text: LM; Latin, St. Thomas Aquinas, 1227-1274; tr. by Edward Caswall, 1814-1878. Music: Anthony Werner, fl. 1863.

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me.

Within your wounds, hide me.

Separated from you let me never be.

From the evil one, protect me.

At the hour of my death, call me, And close to you bid me, that with your saints I may be, praising you forever and ever. Amen.

St. Ignatius of Loyola

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

SIGN OF THE CROSS AND OPENING PRAYER

You expired, Jesus, but for 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, envelope 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! (3 times).

- 1. Our Father, Hail Mary and The Apostles Creed.
- 2. Then on the Our Father Beads say the following: 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.
- 3. On the 10 Hail Mary Beads, say the following:
 For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

(Repeat steps 2 and 3 for all five decades)

4. Conclude with:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (3 *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 greater confidence, submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is love and mercy itself. Amen.

THE MIRACLE PRAYER

Lord Jesus, I come before You just as I am. I am sorry for all my sins. I repent of my sins, please forgive me. In Your name, I forgive all others for what they have done against me. I renounce Satan, the evil spirits and all their works. I give You my entire self, Lord Jesus, now and forever. I invite You into my life Jesus. I accept You as my Lord, God and Saviour. Heal me, change me, strengthen me in body, soul and spirit. Come Lord Jesus, cover me with Your Precious Blood and fill me with Your Holy Spirit. I love You Lord Jesus. I Praise You Jesus. I Thank You Jesus. I shall follow You every day of my life. Amen. Mary my Mother, Queen of Peace, all the Angels and Saints, please help me. Amen

PRAYER TO THE DIVINE MERCY

O Lord, behold here before You a soul who exists in this world in order to allow You to exercise Your admirable MERCY and manifest it before heaven and earth. Others may glorify You through their faithfulness and perseverance, thus making evident the power of Your grace. How sweet and generous You are to those who are faithful to You!

Nevertheless, I will glorify You by acquainting others of Your goodness to sinners and by reminding them that Your MERCY is above all malice, that nothing can exhaust it, and that no relapse, no matter how shameful or criminal, should allow the sinner to despair of forgiveness.

I have offended You grievously, O Beloved Redeemer, but it would be still worse if I were to offend You by thinking that You were lacking in goodness to forgive me. I would rather He deprive me of everything else than the TRUST I have in Your Mercy.

Should I fall a hundred times or should my crimes be a hundred times worse that they actually are, I would continue to trust in Your MERCY. Amen

PRAYER FOR MERCY FOR THE DYING

O merciful Jesus, lover of souls, I beseech You, by the agony of Your Most Sacred Heart and by the sorrows of Your Immaculate Mother, wash clean in Your Blood the sinners of the whole world who are now in their final agony, but especially those on their way to eternal damnation and who are to die this day. Heart of Jesus who suffered death's agony, I beg You have mercy on these poor souls. Amen.

PRAYER FOR MERCY FOR SOULS IN PURGATORY

Eternal Father, I offer You the most precious blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, for those in my own home and within my own family. Amen

St. Faustina's Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament

O Blessed Host, in whom is contained the testament of God's Mercy for us and especially for poor sinners.

O Blessed Host, in whom is contained the Body and Blood of infinite mercy for us and especially for poor sinners.

O Blessed Host, in whom is contained the mercy of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit toward us and especially for poor sinners.

LITANY OF DIVINE MERCY

Divine Mercy, gushing forth from the bosom of the Father: I trust in You.

Divine Mercy, greatest attribute of GOD

Divine Mercy, incomprehensible mystery

Divine Mercy, fountain 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



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- V. Panem de cœlo praestitisti eis. (Alleluia).
- R. Omne delectamentum in se habentem. (Alleluia).
- V. You have given them bread from heaven. (Alleluia).
- R. Having within it all sweetness. (Alleluia).

Oremus: Deus, qui nobis sub sacramento mirabili, passionis tuae memoriam reliquisti: tribue, quæsumus, ita nos corporis et sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari, ut redemptionis tuæ fructum in nobis iugiter sentiamus. Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculorum.

Let us pray: O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament left us a memorial of Thy Passion: grant, we implore Thee, that we may so venerate the sacred mysteries of Thy Body and Blood, as always to be conscious of the fruit of Thy Redemption. Thou who livest and reignest forever and ever.

DIVINE PRAISES

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.

Blessed be the name of Jesus.

Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be his Most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in His angels and in His Saints.



Text: 78 78 77 with repeat; *Te Deum laudamus*; attr. to St. Nicetas, ca. 335–414; *Grosser Gott, wir loben dich*; tr. ascr. to Ignaz Franz, 1719–1790; tr. by Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900. Music: *Allgemeines Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, ca. 1774.

