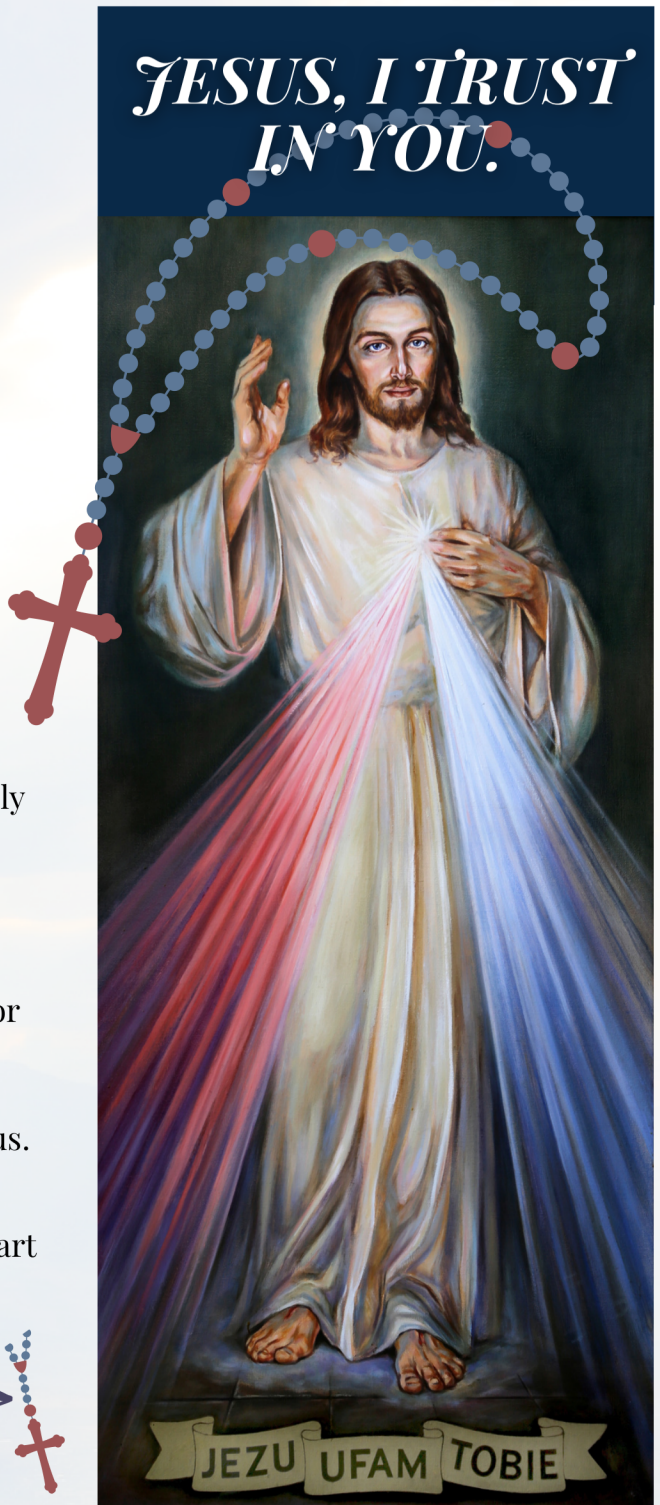


HOW TO PRAY THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

JESUS' PROMISE TO ST. FAUSTINA

"Say unceasingly the chaplet that I have taught you. 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. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy."

(Diary of Sister Faustina, Note number 687)



1. MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

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

2. OPTIONAL OPENING PRAYERS

(Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska, 1319)

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.

(Repeat three times)

V. O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us,

R. I trust in You!

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and 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.

6. THE ETERNAL FATHER ON THE "OUR FATHER" BEADS FOR EACH DECADE

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

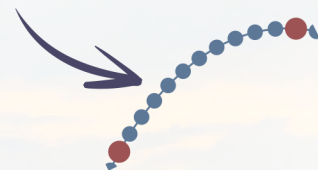
R. in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.



7. FOR THE SAKE OF HIS SORROWFUL PASSION ON THE 10 SMALL BEADS OF EACH DECADE

V. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion,

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



8. CONCLUDE WITH HOLY GOD (REPEAT THREE TIMES)

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

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

9. OPTIONAL CLOSING PRAYERS

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. (*Diary, 950*)

10. CONCLUDE WITH THE SIGN OF THE CROSS.

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



Those who sincerely say 'Jesus, I trust in You' will find comfort in all their anxieties and fears ... There is nothing more man needs than Divine Mercy – that love which is benevolent, which is compassionate, which raises man above his weakness to the infinite heights to the holiness of God."

Saint (Pope) John Paul II (Krakow, Poland – June 7, 1997)