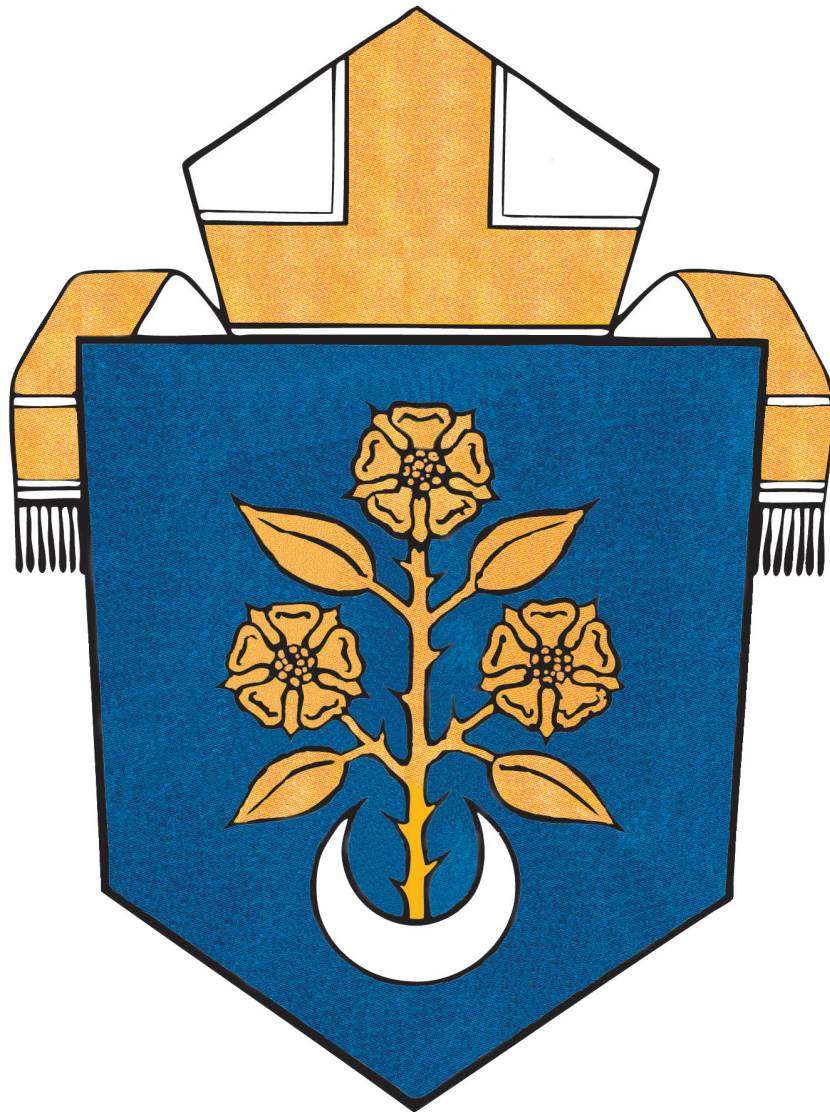


# **Novena for the Healing of our Hearts and Home**

*Prayer Booklet*



**Archdiocese of Mobile**  
**Sunday, April 19-Monday, April 27**

## Introduction

**Leader:** We offer this Novena asking God to pour out his mercy and grace upon us to heal our hearts and home—that is, to use this trying time to draw us closer to himself and to deliver us from this tragic pandemic here in the Archdiocese of Mobile, our common home.



# Chaplet of Divine Mercy

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### 1. Making the Sign of the Cross

**Leader:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Response:** Amen.

### 2. Opening Prayer

**Leader:** (3 times) O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!

### 3. Our Father

**Leader:** Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**Response:** 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

**Leader:** Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. (Luke 1:28) Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. (Luke 1:42)

**Response:** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

### 5. The Apostles' Creed

**Leader:** 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.

**Response:** 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 of a Rosary)

**Leader:** Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ,

**Response:** in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

### 7. On the 10 Small (“Hail Mary”) Beads of Each Decade of a Rosary

**Leader:** For the sake of His sorrowful Passion,

**Response:** have mercy on us and on the whole world.

### 8. Repeat the Remaining Decades

After 5 decades, Conclude with Holy God Prayer

**All:** (Pray 3 times) Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

**All:** AMEN



# Litany of Repentance

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**Leader:** Father, have mercy on us

**Response:** Father, have mercy on us

**Leader:** Son, have mercy on us

**Response:** Son, have mercy on us

**Leader:** Holy Spirit, have mercy on us

**Response:** Holy Spirit, have mercy on us

### Refrain after every petition: **We Repent and Believe in the Gospel**

**Leader:** For putting anything before you

**For** bringing dishonor to your name

**For** making idols out of money, pleasure, power and fame

**For** trying to live apart from you

**For** being envious of one another, hating each other because of their talents and failing to appreciate the talents you have uniquely given us

**For** allowing our pride to keep us from being obedient to those whom you have placed over us and from reaching out for help for you and our neighbors when necessary

**For** being blinded by greed, ambition and lust for the things of this world

**For** all of the things we do too much — eating, drinking, buying, hoarding wealth, gambling or improperly seeking to be entertained by various forms of media

**For** all of the things we do too little — praying, forgiving, sharing, showing compassion, caring for the poor and being mindful, in each moment, of the beauty of your creation

**For** anything to which we have allowed ourselves to become addicted — alcohol, drugs, shopping, social media, complaining or any other thing or behavior

**For** failing to tell the truth; for withholding the truth from those who have a right to it; and for not being true to ourselves and to God's call for us to love on his behalf

**For** all the sins of the Church, especially those committed by her bishops, priests, consecrated men and women and any other person publicly serving in her name

**For** not cherishing the gift of our lives and those of others as we should

**For** all our sins of the flesh, especially adultery, pornography and any other offenses against the Sacrament of Marriage

**For** allowing abortion, euthanasia, capital punishment, self harm and suicide to become commonplace in our communities

**For** not being good stewards of the world with which you have gifted us

**For** failing to see the resources of the earth as personal gifts from you and consequently failing to share them justly among all of your children, our brothers and sisters.

**For** not taking the time to worship and thank you, especially on Sundays.

**For** not taking adequate rest from our labors

**For** not getting enough sleep, not taking caring of our bodies and not acknowledging our limitations as your creatures

**For** not making you the center of our homes and family life

**For** not spending enough time with our families, friends and neighbors and thus failing to establish the bonds of peace and love necessary to support our common good



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**For** being too busy to properly care for our elderly, our children, the poor and the other most vulnerable among us.

**For** worshipping pleasure, youth, physical appearance and any other passing thing of this life

**For** having an inordinate fear of death — our passageway to Eternal Life with you

**For** not taking the time to properly grieve, celebrate and pray for our deceased brothers and sisters

**For** not putting our lives in your hands, seeking your guidance or listening to your callings

**For** taking your gifts of faith, hope and love for granted and failing to allow them to flourish

**For** all unnecessary wars, murders, crime and for the anger we have held in our hearts

**For** the hatred and prejudice we harbor against one another because of race, gender, culture,

ethnicity, personality, weakness or any other inherited trait

**For** hating others because of their religious beliefs, ideas or political affiliations

**For** creating so many divisions in the Body of Christ and thus working against your son's hope that "They may be one"

**For** all the resentment we harbor, grudges we hold and especially for our delay and, at times, refusal to forgive one another

**For** all we have done to offend you and to reject your Perfect Will for our lives and humanity as a whole

**For** not fully appreciating the gift of your son Jesus and for not fully accepting him as our Lord, Brother, Savior and Friend.

**For** not cherishing you and your friendship above all else

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**Leader:** Holy Spirit, we love you

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**All:** AMEN.

**Leader:** Let us pray, Heavenly Father, with humble and contrite hearts we place ourselves and our world into your hands. You alone have the power to completely deliver us from this pandemic and we ask that you do so swiftly. You alone have the power to forgive our sins and we ask that you do so mercifully. You alone have the power to breathe upon the tragedy afflicting our world and make it an occasion for your peace and joy to newly be poured out upon the earth. And so we ask you to do so graciously. May we, particularly as your children here in the southern half of Alabama, seize this opportunity to draw closer to you and make you ever more the center of our lives. For it is you who lives and reigns forever and ever, Through Christ our Lord.

**Together:** AMEN

**Leader:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Response:** Amen.

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