

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

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In 1935, St. Maria Faustina, an uneducated Polish nun, received a vision of an angel sent by God to chastise an evil city. She began to pray for mercy, but her prayers were powerless. Suddenly she felt the power of Jesus' grace within her. At the same time she found herself pleading with God for mercy with these words:

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; for the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us. (Diary, 475)

Prayed on ordinary rosary beads, The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy is an intercessory prayer that invokes the mercy of God poured out for us on the cross. In prayer, Jesus told St. Faustina: "By this Novena, [of Chaplets] I will grant every possible grace to souls" (796).

Prayers you'll need to know

Opening Prayer (Optional)

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! (*Repeat this line 3 times*)

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.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace! The Lord is with you; blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your 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; 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.

Eternal Father

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.

For the Sake

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

Holy God

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (*Repeat this line 3 times*)

Closing Prayer (Optional)

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.

How to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

1. While holding the crucifix make the Sign of the Cross and say "**In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**"
2. Recite the **Opening Prayer**, followed by the **Our Father**, **Hail Mary**, and the **Apostles' Creed**, on the three small beads.
3. On the first large bead recite the **Eternal Father**.
4. On each of the adjacent ten small beads (referred to as a decade) recite a **For the Sake**.
5. After the 10 For the Sake's are prayed move to the next large bead and recite the **Eternal Father**. Each succeeding decade is prayed in similar manner by praying the **Eternal Father** followed by 10 **For the Sake**.
6. When the fifth decade is completed, the Chaplet is concluded with the **Holy God**.

