

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Given by Our Lord Jesus to Saint Faustina

INSTRUCTIONS

Introduction

1. Make the Sign of the Cross

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

2. "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."

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

4. 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."

5. 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."

6. 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."

on the main beads...

6. Recite on the single bead the 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."

7. Recite on the 10 Small Beads of Each Decade -

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

8. Repeat #7 and #8 for the remaining 4 decades

Conclusion

9. Conclude with Holy God (Repeat three times)

"Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

10. 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.

O Greatly Merciful God, Infinite Goodness, today all mankind calls out from the abyss of its misery to Your mercy — to Your compassion, O God; and it is with its mighty voice of misery that it cries out. Gracious God, do not reject the prayer of this earth's exiles! O Lord, Goodness beyond our understanding, Who are acquainted with our misery through and through, and know that by our own power we cannot ascend to You, we implore You: anticipate us with Your grace and keep on increasing Your mercy in us, that we may faithfully do Your holy will all through our life and at death's hour. Let the omnipotence of Your mercy shield us from the darts of our salvation's enemies, that we may with confidence, as Your children, await Your [Son's] final coming — that day known to You alone. And we expect to obtain everything promised us by Jesus in spite of all our wretchedness. For Jesus is our Hope: through His merciful Heart, as through an open gate, we pass through to heaven (Diary, 1570).

Our Lord's Promises attached to the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

"The souls that say this chaplet will be embraced by My mercy during their lifetime and especially at the hour of their death." (*Diary*, 754)

"When hardened sinners say it, I will fill their souls with peace, and the hour of their death will be a happy one." (*Diary*, 1541)

"When they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as a just Judge but as a merciful Savior." (*Diary*, 1541)

"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 to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy." (*Diary*, 687)

"The prayer most pleasing to Me is prayer for the conversion for sinners. Know, my daughter, that this prayer is always heard and answered." (*Diary*, 1397)

"At three o'clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony...I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion." (*Diary*, 1320; also, cf. *Diary*, 1572)

"Souls who spread the honor of My mercy...at the hour of death I will not be a Judge for them, but the Merciful Savior." (*Diary*, 1075)

"I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy...whoever approaches the Fount of Life on this day will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment. Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy." (*Diary*, 299-300)

"Through this chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will." (*Diary*, 1731)

"My mercy is greater than your sins and those of the entire world." (*Diary*, 1485)

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