

Divine Mercy Novena

Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy which would begin on Good Friday. He gave St. Faustina an intention to pray for on each day of the Novena.

In her diary, St. Faustina wrote what Jesus told her: “On each day of the novena you will bring to My heart a different group of souls & you will immerse them in the ocean of My mercy....On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the grace for these souls.”

FIRST DAY

“Today bring to Me all mankind, especially all sinners, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy. In this way you will console Me in the bitter grief into which the loss of souls plunges Me.”

Most Merciful Jesus, whose very nature it is to have compassion on us & to forgive us, do not look upon our sins but upon our trust which we place in Your infinite goodness. Receive us all into the abode of Your Most compassionate Heart, & never let us escape from it. We beg this of You by Your love which unites You to the Father & the Holy Spirit.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon all mankind & especially upon poor sinners, all enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion show us Your mercy, that we may praise the omnipotence of Your mercy for ever & ever. Amen.

SECOND DAY

“Today bring to Me the Souls of Priests & Religious, and immerse them in My unfathomable mercy. It was they who gave me strength to endure My bitter Passion. Through them as through channels My mercy flows out upon mankind.”

Most Merciful Jesus, from whom comes all that is good, increase Your grace in men & women consecrated to Your service, that they may perform worthy works of mercy; & that all who see them may glorify the Father of Mercy who is in heaven.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the company of chosen ones in your vineyard—upon the souls of priests & religious; & endow them with the strength of Your blessing. For the love of the Heart of Your Son in which they are enfolded, impart to them Your power & light, that they may be able to guide others in the way of salvation & with one voice sing praise to Your boundless mercy for ages without end. Amen.

THIRD DAY

“Today bring to Me all Devout & Faithful Souls, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy. These souls brought me consolation on the Way of the Cross. They were a drop of consolation in the midst of an ocean of bitterness.”

Most Merciful Jesus, from the treasury of Your mercy, You impart Your

graces in great abundance to each & all. Receive us into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart & never let us escape from It. We beg this grace of You by that most wondrous love for the heavenly Father with which Your Heart burns so fiercely.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon faithful souls, as upon the inheritance of Your Son. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, grant them Your blessing & surround them with Your constant protection. Thus, may they never fail in love or lose the treasure of the holy faith, but rather, with all the hosts of Angels & Saints, may they glorify Your boundless mercy for endless ages. Amen.

FOURTH DAY

“Today bring to Me those who do not believe in God & those who do not know Me. I was thinking also of them during My bitter Passion, & their future zeal comforted My Heart. Immerse them in the ocean of My mercy.”

Most compassionate Jesus, You are the Light of the whole world. Receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of those who do not believe in God & of those who as yet do not know You. Let the rays of Your grace enlighten them that they, too, together with us, may extol Your wonderful mercy; & do not let them escape from the abode which is Your Most Compassionate Heart.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls of those who do not believe in You & of those who as yet do not know You, but who are enclosed in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. Draw them to the light of the Gospel. These souls do not know what great happiness it is to love You. Grant that they, too, may extol the generosity of Your mercy for endless ages. Amen.

FIFTH DAY

“Today bring to Me the Souls of those who have separated themselves from My Church, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy. During My bitter Passion they tore at my Body & Heart, that is My Church. As they return to unity with the Church My wounds heal & in this way they alleviate My Passion.”

Most Merciful Jesus, Goodness Itself, You do not refuse light to those who seek it of You. Receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of those who have separated themselves from Your Church. Draw them by Your light into the unity of the Church, & do not let them escape from the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart; but bring it about that they, too, can glorify the generosity of Your mercy.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls of those who have separated themselves from Your Son’s Church, who have squandered Your blessings & misused Your graces by obstinately persisting in their errors. Do not look upon their errors, but upon the love of Your own Son & upon His bitter Passion, which He underwent for their sake, since they, too are enclosed in His Most Compassionate

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Heart. Bring it about that they also may glorify Your great mercy for endless ages. Amen.

SIXTH DAY

“Today bring to Me the Meek & Humble Souls & the Souls of Little Children, and immerse them in My mercy. These souls most closely resemble My Heart. They strengthened Me during My bitter agony. I saw them as earthly Angels, who will keep vigil at My altars. I pour out upon them whole torrents of grace. I favor humble souls with My confidence.

Most Merciful Jesus, You Yourself have said, “Learn from Me for I am meek & humble of heart.” Receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart all meek & humble souls & the souls of little children. These souls send all heaven into ecstasy & they are the heavenly Father’s favorites. They are a sweet-smelling bouquet before the throne of God; God Himself takes delight in their fragrance. These souls have a permanent abode in Your Most Compassionate Heart, O Jesus, & they unceasingly sing out a hymn of love & mercy.

Eternal Father, turn your merciful gaze upon meek souls, upon humble souls, & upon little children who are enfolded in the abode which is the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. These souls bear the closest resemblance to Your Son. Their fragrance rises from the earth & reaches Your very throne. Father of mercy & of all goodness, I beg You by the love You bear these souls & by the delight You take in them: Bless the whole world, that all souls together may sing out the praises of Your mercy for endless ages. Amen.

SEVENTH DAY

“Today bring to Me the Souls who especially venerate & glorify My Mercy, and immerse them in My mercy. These souls sorrowed most over my Passion & entered most deeply into My spirit. They are living images of My Compassionate Heart. These souls will shine with a special brightness in the next life. Not one of them will go into the fire of hell. I shall particularly defend each one of them at the hour of death.

Most Merciful Jesus, whose Heart is Love Itself, receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of those who particularly extol & venerate the greatness of Your mercy. These souls are mighty with the very power of God Himself. In the midst of all afflictions & adversities they go forward, confident of Your mercy; & united to You O Jesus, they carry all mankind on their shoulders. These souls will not be judged severely, but Your mercy will embrace them as they depart from this life.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls who glorify & venerate Your greatest attribute, that of Your fathomless mercy, & who are enclosed in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. These souls are a living Gospel; their hands are full of deeds of mercy, & their hearts, overflowing with joy, sing a canticle of mercy to You, O Most High! I beg You O God:

Show them Your mercy according to the hope & trust they have placed in You. Let there be accomplished in them the promise of Jesus, who said to them that during their life, but especially at the hour of death, the souls who will venerate this fathomless mercy of His, He, Himself, will defend as His glory. Amen.

EIGHTH DAY

“Today bring to Me the Souls who are in the prison of Purgatory, and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy. Let the torrents of My Blood cool down their scorching flames. All these souls are greatly loved by Me. They are making retribution to My justice. It is in your power to bring them relief. Draw all the indulgences from the treasury of My Church & offer them on their behalf. Oh, if you only knew the torments they suffer, you would continually offer for them the alms of the spirit & pay off their debt to My justice.

Most Merciful Jesus, You Yourself have said that You desire mercy; so I bring into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls in Purgatory, souls who are very dear to You, & yet, who must make retribution to Your justice. May the streams of Blood & Water which gushed forth from Your Heart put out the flames of Purgatory, that there, too, the power of Your mercy may be celebrated.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls suffering in Purgatory, who are enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. I beg You, by the sorrowful Passion of Jesus Your Son, & by all the bitterness with which His most sacred Soul was flooded: Manifest Your mercy to the souls who are under Your just scrutiny. Look upon them in no other way but only through the Wounds of Jesus, Your dearly beloved Son; for we firmly believe that there is no limit to Your goodness & compassion. Amen.

NINTH DAY

“Today bring to Me the Souls who have become Lukewarm, and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy. These wound My Heart most painfully. My soul suffered the most dreadful loathing in the Garden of Olives because of lukewarm souls. They were the reason I cried out: ‘Father, take this cup away from Me, if it be Your will.’ For them, the last hope of salvation is to run to My mercy.”

Most compassionate Jesus, You are Compassion Itself. I bring lukewarm souls into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart. In this fire of Your pure love, let these tepid souls who, like corpses, filled You with such deep loathing, be once again set aflame. O Most Compassionate Jesus, exercise the omnipotence of Your mercy & draw them into the very ardor of Your love, & bestow upon them the gift of holy love, for nothing is beyond Your power.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon lukewarm souls who are nonetheless enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. Father of Mercy, I beg You by the bitter Passion of Your Son & by His three-hour agony on the Cross; Let them, too, glorify the abyss of Your mercy. Amen.