## Divine Mercy Chaplet

### Step 1
Using a regular set of Rosary beads, you begin at the cross by doing the sign of the cross.

**Optional Opening Prayer**

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**

*O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!*

### Step 2
On the three beads of the rosary pray:

**Our Father, Hail Mary and Apostles Creed**

### Step 3
You begin each decade with the Our Father beads by praying this prayer:

_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._

### Step 4
Complete the decade on the 10 Hail Mary beads by praying this prayer:

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

Repeat Steps 3 and 4 for each decade on the rosary beads

### Step 5
Once you have prayed all 5 decades, you finish the Chaplet by praying the following prayer 3 times:

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

**Optional Closing Prayer**

_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._

**Amen.**

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## About the Divine Mercy Novena

The message of Divine Mercy was given to a Polish nun named Sister Faustina. It was revealed to her by Jesus in a private revelation that is fully approved by the Church. The message of Divine Mercy is not something that is new or additional to the Gospel message. In fact, it is the same core message presented in a particular way with a few new devotions. This novena is one of those devotions.

St. Faustina reports in her diary that she transcribed the words of the novena as Jesus dictated them to her day-by-day beginning on Good Friday.

While this novena can be prayed any time, it is fitting that this novena begins on the day that Jesus gave us His Life. Good Friday is the perfect time to begin meditating on the Mercy of God towards us who need His mercy so much.

We end the novena on the eve of the Feast of Mercy, a feast day established by Pope John Paul II in response to St. Faustina’s revelation. This is a very important feast and the novena is an important part of our preparation for the Feast of Mercy, Divine Mercy Sunday.

_“The Lord told me to say this chaplet for nine days before the Feast of Mercy. It is to begin on Good Friday. By this novena, I will grant every possible grace to souls.”* (Diary 796)

On April 30, 2000 Pope John Paul II instituted Divine Mercy Sunday as an official feast of the Church. In doing this he said, “by this act today, I pass on the message of Divine Mercy to the new millennium. I pass it on because I want people to know the better face of God, and that of His Divine Mercy, and through it, the better face of their brethren. The light of the message of Divine Mercy which the Lord wished to renew in the world, will be as much a beacon of hope for the third millennium, as the apostles were in the first.”

This is clearly a very important and powerful devotion.

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## Purpose of the Devotion

You can pray the Divine Mercy Novena for any reason you want. God’s Mercy is relevant and effective in all parts of our lives. However, there are some specific reasons you may want to call on the Divine Mercy in your prayer life.

- For the dying
- For Poland
- For forgiveness and mercy
- For conversion
- For healing
- In preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday

So, let us join together and beg for God’s Divine Mercy through this Divine Mercy Novena!
DAY ONE
INTENTION: Today bring to Me ALL MANKIND, ESPECIALLY ALL SINNERS, and immerse them in the ocean of Your mercy. In this way you will console Me in the bitter grief in which the loss of souls plunges Me.

NOVENA PRayers:
Most Merciful Jesus, whose very nature it is to have compassion on us and 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, and never let us escape from it. We beg of You by Your love which unites You to the Father and the Holy Spirit, eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls of those who do not believe in You, and 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.

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DAY TWO
INTENTION: Today bring to Me THE SOULS OF PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS, and immerse them in My ocean of divine mercy. It was they who gave Me eternal glory and added to My bitter Passion. Through them as through channels My mercy flows out upon mankind.

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

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the chosen ones in Your vineyard—upon the souls of priests and religious and endow them with the strength of Your blessed. For the love of the Heart of Your Son in which they are enfolded, Angels, who will keep vigil at My altars. I pour out upon them whole torrents of grace. Only with the help of Your grace can they return to unity with the Church, My wounds heal and in this way alleviate My Passion.

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DAY THREE
INTENTION: Today bring to Me ALL DEVOUT AND FAITHFUL SOULS, and immerse them in the ocean of Your mercy. The souls that brought Me consolation on the Way of the Cross. They were that drop of consolation in the midst of an ocean of bitterness.

NOVENA PRayers:
Most Merciful Jesus, from the treasury of Your mercy, You impart to the humble soul is capable of receiving My grace. I favor humble souls with My confidence. I pour out upon them whole torrents of grace. Only with the help of Your grace can they return to unity with the Church, My wounds heal and in this way alleviate My Passion.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls of those who have separated themselves from Your Church, who have surrendered Their blessings and wronged Your Son, who have been negligent in Your service. Receive into the abode of Your Most Merciful Heart the souls of those who have apostatized from My Church. Draw them by Your light into the unity of the Church, and do not let them escape from the abode of Your Most Merciful Heart; but bring it about that they come to know the generosity of Your mercy.

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DAY FOUR
INTENTION: Today bring to Me THOSE WHO DO NOT BELIEVE IN GOD* and those who do not believe in God and 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; and 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, and of those who as yet do not know You, but who are enclosed in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. Receive into the abode of Your Son's Church, who have squandered Your blessings and misused Your grace in men and women consecrated to Your service, and of those who as yet do not know You, but who are enclosed in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. These souls are lighting Gospels their hands are full of deeds of mercy, and 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 and 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.

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DAY FIVE
INTENTION: Today bring to Me THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE SEPARATED THEMSELVES FROM MY CHURCH, and immerse them in the ocean of Your mercy. During My bitter Passion, I set before Your Blessed Heart the souls of those who seek to love You, and of those who, through the absence of grace, will not obey the voice of the Church. By My Body and Blood I offer to You their suffering and their merits.

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

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DAY SIX
INTENTION: Today bring to Me THE MEEK AND HUMBLE SOULS AND THE SOULS OF LITTLE CHILDREN, and immerse them in My mercy. These souls 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. Only with the help of Your grace can they return to unity with the Church, My wounds heal and in this way alleviate My Passion.

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

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DAY SEVEN
INTENTION: Today bring to Me THE SOULS WHO ESPECIALLY VENERATE AND GLORIFY MY MERCY, and immerse them in My mercy. These souls sorrowed most over My Passion and entered most deeply into My spirit. They are living images of My Merciful 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.

NOVENA PRayers:
Most Merciful Jesus, whose Heart is Love Ineffable, receive into the abode of Your Most Merciful Heart the souls of those who particularly extol and venerate the greatness of Your mercy. These souls are mighty with the very power of God Himself. In the midst of all afflictions and adversities they go forward, confident of Your mercy, and 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 and venerate Your greatest attribute, that of Your fathomless mercy, and who are enclosed in the Most Merciful Heart of Jesus. These souls are living Gospels their hands are full of deeds of mercy, and 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 and 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.

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DAY EIGHT
INTENTION: Today bring to Me THE SOULS WHO ARE DETAINED IN PURGATORY, and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy. Let the torrents of My Blood cool down their burning 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 and offer them on their behalf. Oh, if you only knew the tortures they suffer, you would continually offer for them the alms of the spirit and pay off their debt to My justice.

NOVENA PRayers:
Most Merciful Jesus, You Yourself have said that You desire mercy, so I bring to You the souls who are detained in Purgatory, souls who are very dear to You, and yet, who must make retribution to Your justice. May the streams of Blood and Water which gushed forth from Your Heart put out the flames of Purgatory, that there, too, the power of Your mercy will be manifested. Look upon them with the same favor You bestow on sinners, all enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. I beg You O God, by the sorrowful Passion of Jesus Your Son, and by all the bitterness with which His Most sacred Soul was flooded: May all your mercy and of those who as yet do not know You, but who are enclosed in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus, I beg You O God. Show them Your mercy according to the hope and 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.

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DAY NINE
INTENTION: Today bring to Me SOULS WHO HAVE BECOME LUKEWARM, and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy. These souls wound My Heart most painfully. My Soul suffered the most dreadful loathing in the Garden of Olives because of lukewarm souls. They were the most indifferent 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.

NOVENA PRayers:
Most compassionate Jesus, You are Compassion Itself: I bring lukewarm souls into the abode of Your Most Merciful Heart. In this fire of Your pure love, let these tepid souls, who, like corpses, with You face such deep drowning, be once again set aflame by the Most Merciful Jesus, who gives the omnipotence of Your mercy and draw them into the very ardor of Your love, and 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 enclosed in the Most Merciful Heart of Jesus. Father, let the rays of Your Son and by His three-hour agony on the Cross let them, too, glorify the abyss of Your mercy. Amen.

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