

THE DIVINE MERCY NOVENA begins Good Friday

A novena is typically nine days of prayer in preparation of a celebration of a feast day, in this case Divine Mercy.

The Chaplet can be said anytime, but the Lord specifically asked that it be recited as a novena. He promised, "By this Novena (of Chaplets), I will grant every possible grace to souls."

Begin by praying on Rosary beads: The Our Father..., Hail Mary..., followed by The Apostles Creed, Then on the Our Father beads you will say:

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.

On the Hail Mary beads you will say:

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

Once you finish the entire beads you pray **THREE TIMES**:

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

Intentions For each of the nine days, our Lord gave Saint Faustina a different intention:

Day 1) All mankind, especially sinners

Day 2) The souls of priests and religious.

Day 3) All devout and faithful souls.

Day 4) Those who do not believe in God and those who do not yet know Jesus. Day 5) The souls who have separated themselves from the Church. Day

6) The meek and humble souls and the souls of little children.

Day 7) The souls who especially venerate and glorify His mercy.

Day 8) The souls detained in purgatory,

Day 9) The souls who have become lukewarm.

"I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, that they may draw therefrom strength and refreshment and whatever grace they have need of in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death" (Diary, 1209). For more information go to:

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena.php>

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