

## Divine Mercy

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering **ABC**:

**A** - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

**B** - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

**C** - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.



This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

Through St. Faustina, the Merciful Savior has given the aching world new channels for the outpouring of His grace. These new channels include the *Image of The Divine Mercy*, the *Feast of Mercy* (Divine Mercy Sunday), the *Chaplet*, the *Novena to The Divine Mercy*, and prayer at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, *the Hour of Great Mercy*. Although these means of receiving God's mercy are new in form, they all proclaim the timeless message of God's merciful love. They also draw us back to the great Sacrament of Mercy, the Holy Eucharist, where the living Lord, who suffered and died on the Cross and whose Heart was pierced with a lance, pours forth His mercy on all mankind, and grants pardon to all who draw near and honor Him. As Jesus told St. Faustina: **My Heart overflows with great mercy for souls, and especially for poor sinners...[I]t is for them that the Blood and Water flowed from My Heart as from a fount overflowing with mercy. For them I dwell in the tabernacle as King of Mercy. (Diary, 367)**

### Divine Mercy Novena.

Jesus asked that this Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena of Chaplets to the Divine Mercy which would begin on **Good Friday**. Say one chaplet each day following the novena intention. In her diary, St. Faustina wrote that Jesus told her:

**On each day of the novena you will bring to My Heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy... On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces for these souls. By this novena I will grant every possible grace to souls. (Diary 1209, 796)**

**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 plunge me."

**Second Day** "Today bring to Me the **Souls of Priests and 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."

**Third Day** "Today bring to Me **All Devout and Faithful Souls** and immerse them in the ocean of My

mercy. These souls brought Me consolation on the Way to the Cross. They were that drop of consolation in the midst of an ocean of bitterness.”

**Fourth Day** “Today bring to Me **Those Who Do Not Believe in God and Those Who Do Not Yet Know Me**. I was thinking also of them during My bitter Passion, and their future zeal comforted My heart. Immerse them in the ocean of My mercy.”

**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 and Heart, that is My Church. As they return to unity with the Church My wounds heal and in this way they alleviate My Passion.”

**Sixth Day** “Today bring to Me **The Meek and Humble Souls and 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. Only the humble soul is capable of receiving My grace; I favor humble souls with My confidence.”

**Seventh Day** “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 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.”

**Eighth Day** “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 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 and offer them on their behalf. Oh, if you only know the torments they suffer, you would continually offer for them the alms of the spirit and pay off their debt to My justice.”

**Ninth Day** “Today bring to Me **The 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 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.”



### **Chaplet of Divine Mercy**

The Chaplet of Mercy is recited using ordinary rosary beads of five decades.

***Beginning with:***

**Our Father  
Hail Mary  
Apostles' Creed**

***On the 5 Large (Our Father) Beads:***

**Eternal Father, I offer You  
the Body and the Blood,  
Soul & Divinity  
of Your Dearly beloved Son,  
Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
in atonement for our sins  
and those of the whole world.**

***On the 10 Small (Hail Mary) Beads:***

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

***Concluding with:***

**Holy God,  
Holy Mighty One,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy on us  
and on the whole  
world. (3x)**