

How to Pray The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

1. Make the Sign of the Cross

2. (Optional*) Pray,

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, envelope the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

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

3. "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.

"Hail Mary,"

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among 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.

"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.

4. On the Our Father beads pray,

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.

5. On the Hail Mary Beads pray,

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

6. Pray three times,

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

(Optional*)

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.

Close with the Sign of the Cross.

Jesus' promise to St. Faustina:

"Say unceasingly this chaplet that I have taught you. Anyone who says it will receive great Mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as the last hope. Even the most hardened sinner, if he recites this Chaplet even once, will receive grace from My Infinite Mercy. I want the whole world to know My Infinite Mercy. I want to give unimaginable graces to those who trust in My Mercy...."

"...When they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person not as the just judge but as the Merciful Savior."

*Optional Prayers are taken from *The Diary of St. Faustina*.

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Divine Mercy

Mercy: Compassion or forgiveness shown toward someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm.

Divine Mercy: God loves us and wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins. He wants us to call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others.

Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska: Profound messages from Jesus about his immense "Divine Mercy." Saint Faustina recorded these messages in her diary.

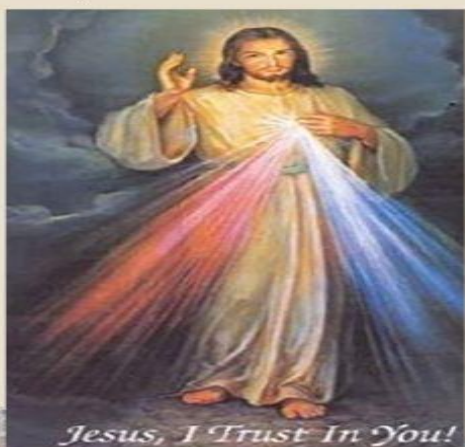
Divine Mercy Image: While on the cross, blood and water gushed forth from Jesus' heart as a fountain of mercy for us. The image of Divine Mercy was painted in 1934. Jesus requested that the image be placed in chapels and venerated throughout the world.

Saint Faustina: Maria Faustina Kowalska (born Helena Kowalska) was a Polish Catholic religious sister and mystic who lived during the early 1900s. She was from a poor family, and only had 3-4 years of formal education. She received extraordinary messages from Jesus and recorded them. She died in 1938, at the young age of 33. She was canonized a saint by Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000.



Hour of Great Mercy - Jesus died on the cross at 3:00 PM. He promises in his message to St. Faustina that great graces will be given at this hour for those that pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. **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. This is the hour of great mercy. In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion (Diary, 1320).**

Divine Mercy Sunday: The Sunday following Easter. Jesus said, "...whoever approaches the Fount of Life on this day will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment." (Diary, 300) "On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon the souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy...Let no soul fear to draw near Me, even though its sins be as scarlet" (Diary, 699).



Promises for the dying: Special graces are given to those who are dying when people recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet. **Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death (Diary, 687). When they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge but as the Merciful Savior (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 (687). I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy (687). Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will. (1731)**

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU