

NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY

A petition to the Divine Mercy for a grace through the intercession of Sister Mary Faustina

Oh, God, whose Mercy surpasses all Your Works, I thank You for all the extraordinary favors you granted to your Servant Faustina. You have shown us in a special way, the abyss of your Mercy which, in these catastrophic times, You want to pour out abundantly on lost and aching humanity. Lord, I beg of You, with great trust, that You also make Your Mercy visible by granting me the grace that I ask of you and need so badly... if it is not contrary to the salvation of my soul. I ask it of You through the merits and intercession of Sister Faustina, but, above all, through the sorrowful Passion of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of Mercy, who with You and the Holy Ghost may grant it to us for all Eternity. Amen.

(This prayer is to be prayed before the prayer corresponding to each of the nine days. The Sacraments of Confession and Communion should also be received.)

FIRST DAY

Let us implore the Divine Mercy for all humanity, and especially for sinners.

Oh, merciful Jesus, whose chief prerogatives are Mercy and Pardon, do not regard our sins; rather, the hope we have in Your infinite Goodness. Put all of us under the protection of Your merciful Heart, and reject no one. We beg it of You by the love that unites the Father and the Holy Ghost in the unity of the most Holy and inscrutable Trinity.

Eternal Father, regard all humanity with eyes of Mercy, and, above all, Your poor children, whose only hope is the Merciful Heart of Your Son Our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the merits of His sorrowful Passion, pour out Your Mercy on us so we may glorify Your Goodness and omnipotence forever and ever. Amen. *Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory.*

SECOND DAY

Let us pray for priests and all members of religious orders through whom the Divine Mercy descends upon humanity.

Oh, Merciful Jesus, source of all good, make grace grow in the souls of priests and members of religious orders so they may fulfill their duties in your vineyard decorously and fruitfully. Make them lead all men to honoring your Divine Mercy by their words and examples.

Eternal Father, regard with eyes of Mercy the ranks of them who work in Your vineyard, the souls of priests and members of religious orders who are the object of special preference of Your Son and Our Lord Jesus Christ. Protect them with the strength of Your blessing and grant them Your Light in such a way that they zealously guide the faithful along the road to salvation and transmit Your Mercy to them. Amen. *Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory.*

THIRD DAY

Let us pray for all the faithful and devoted souls.

Oh, Merciful Jesus, who freely gives copious graces which proceed from the treasure of Your Divine Mercy to all men, shelter all faithful Christians under the protection of Your Merciful Heart and reject no one. We beg it of you by the love that unites You to the Father and the Holy Ghost in the unity of the Holy and inscrutable Trinity.

Eternal Father, regard the souls of the faithful with eyes of Mercy, and through the sorrowful Passion of Your Son, give them Your blessing, supporting them with your constant protection. Never let them lose Your Love nor the treasure of the Holy Faith; rather, may they exalt Your Divine Mercy, together with the hosts of Angels and Saints. Amen. *Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory.*

FOURTH DAY

Let us pray for the pagans and the faithless who do not yet know Your Divine Mercy.

Oh, merciful Jesus, the Light of the world, receive under the protection of Your Merciful Heart, the souls of the pagans and the faithless who do not yet know You. Make a ray of Your Grace enlighten them so that, with us they, too, may exalt the wonders of Your Mercy for all Eternity.

Eternal Father, regard with eyes of Mercy the souls of pagans and faithless who do not yet know the Merciful Heart of Your Son and Our Lord Jesus Christ. Enlighten them with the Light of Your Holy Gospel so they may understand the joy of loving and exalting Your Mercy for all Eternity. Amen. *Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory.*

FIFTH DAY

Let us pray for heretics and schismatics.

Oh, merciful Jesus, Goodness itself, do not refuse light to whomever implores it trustfully. Put the souls of heretics and schismatics under the protection of Your merciful Heart and attract them to Your Holy Church with the light of Your Grace so together with us, they may exalt your most liberal Mercy for all Eternity.

Eternal Father, look with eyes of Mercy on the souls of them who are far from the true Faith and live in error: because of having abused Your Graces, they have Lost this treasure, becoming obstinate in their errors. Do not regard their malice, Lord. Remember the love of your Son and His sorrowful Passion in which He prayed so fervently, "May they all be one." (John 17, 12). Make these souls return soon to holy unity so, together with us, they may glorify Your Mercy forever and ever. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory.

SIXTH DAY

Let us pray for children and all the souls who have made themselves like them.

Oh, Merciful Jesus, you who have said, "Learn from Me who am meek and humble of Heart", receive under the protection of Your most Merciful Heart, the souls of children and of those who having become meek and humble are like them. May they bloom before the Eternal Father like perfumed flowers that gladden Heaven. Make these souls remain constant in Your Heart and exalt Your Mercy for all Eternity.

Eternal Father, regard with eyes of Mercy, children and meek and humble souls, that are most like Your Divine Son and enhance Your Throne with the perfume of their virtues. We beg of you, through the joy that they give you, to grant us Your blessing, extending it to the whole world so as to exalt Your Mercy for all Eternity. Amen. *Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory.*

SEVENTH DAY

Let us pray for them who adore the Divine Mercy and spread trust in it, being like living reflections of the most pious heart of Jesus.

Oh, Merciful Jesus, Your Heart full of compassion is Love itself. Receive under Your protection of Your most Merciful Heart the souls that have devoted themselves especially to the adoration of Your Divine Mercy, exalting its magnificence. Aid all the souls who take all their strength from the Divine Grace, and united to You in sorrows, and in trials, want to carry the enormous weight of all that has afflicted all humanity on their feeble shoulders. Grant them the gift of perseverance, fortitude and patience.

Eternal Father, regard with eyes of Mercy, the souls of those who adore it with special zeal, and by words and deeds. They glorify and imitate You by being with their poor brethren. We beg of You to grant these souls who hopefully have recourse to You, the immense Grace of Your Mercy as you promised to "protect them everywhere as you do Your own glory", and especially at the hour of death. Amen. *Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory.*

EIGHTH DAY

Let us pray for the souls in Purgatory so the torrent of the Blood of Jesus may alleviate and shorten their sufferings.

Oh, merciful Jesus, who has said, "Be merciful like My Father in Heaven is", put the souls in Purgatory under the protection of Your Merciful Heart. May the torrents of Blood and Water that sprang from Your Merciful Heart put out the flames of Purgatory so the infinite Power of your Mercy may also be praised there.

Eternal Father, look with eyes of Mercy on the poor souls in Purgatory. Through the sorrowful Passion of Jesus Christ, Our Saviour, and through the bitterness that filled His most Sacred Heart in those hours, show Your Mercy to those who are objects of your just wrath. We beg of You to regard these souls only through the wounds of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, whose Mercy surpasses Justice. Amen. *Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory.*

NINTH DAY

Let us pray for the lukewarm souls that caused Our Lord Jesus Christ so much grief in Gethsemani.

Oh, Merciful Jesus, who are goodness itself, receive in the protection of Your Merciful Heart all the lukewarm souls similar to decaying cadavers, that filled you with horror in Gethsemani. Melt the ice of those souls with the fire of Your pure love so they can exalt Your Mercy for all Eternity.

Eternal Father, regard with eyes of Mercy the lukewarm souls that drew from the pious Heart of Your Son, the doleful lament, "Let this cup pass away from Me." By the bitter Passion of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and by His agony on the Cross, we beg of You to inflame in them new zeal for Your Glory. Pour true Love into their hearts so, by doing works of Mercy here on earth, they may exalt Your Divine Mercy for all Eternity. Amen. *Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory.*

CONSECRATION TO JESUS OF MERCY

"Oh, Merciful Jesus, Your Goodness is infinite and the treasures of your Grace are inexhaustible. I surrender myself to Your Mercy that surpasses all Your Works. I consecrate myself totally to You to live under the rays of Your Grace and Your Love which sprang from Your Heart pierced on the Cross. I want to make Your Mercy known through the corporal and spiritual works of Mercy, especially for sinners, consoling and aiding the poor, afflicted and the ill. But you will protect me as Your possession since I fear everything from my weakness and expect everything from Your Mercy. May all humanity understand the unfathomable abyss of Your Mercy so that by putting all its hope in It, it may extol it for all Eternity. Amen."

CHAPLET TO THE DIVINE MERCY

BEGIN WITH: *Our Father, Hail Mary and the Apostles' Creed.*

THEN SAY: *Oh, God, come to my aid. Hasten, Lord to save me. Glory...*

THEN ON THE (OUR FATHER) BEADS OF THE ROSARY, 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, SAY: *Through His sorrowful Passion, have Mercy on us and on the whole world.*

AT THE END OF THE ROSARY, SAY: *Holy God, Holy Fortitude, Holy Immortal, have pity on us and on the whole world (3 times).*

TO FINISH: pray the Consecration to Jesus of Mercy.

THE HOUR OF GREAT MERCY
(three o' clock in the afternoon)

In a vision, Sister Faustina learned that God blessed the Earth in consideration of His Son. She wrote, "I saw a great light with God the Father in the center. Between this light and the earth I saw Jesus nailed on the Cross in such a way that God, wishing to look at the earth, had to do it through the wounds of Our Lord." (I, 24).

The devotion that pleases Our Lord most is the veneration of His Passion in that instant in which His redeeming death on the Cross took place. Through the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we gained access to the Kingdom of God. What love should flood our hearts! And how promptly we should respond to the call of Our Lord: He told Sister Faustina, "At three in the afternoon, implore My Mercy, especially for sinners. And although it be only for a brief instant, imbibe yourselves in My Passion, especially in My abandonment at the moment of My Agony. This is the moment of great Mercy for the world. At that moment nothing will be denied to the soul that implores Me through the merits of My Passion." (IV, 59).

Brief prayer for three o'clock in the afternoon

"You died, Jesus, but Your death caused a spring of life to flow for all souls, and the ocean of Your Mercy flooded the whole world. Oh, Fountain of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, flood the whole world, pouring out on us even Your last drop." (IV, 59).

"Oh, Blood and Water that sprang from the Heart of Jesus, source of Mercy for us, I trust You." (I, 35).

THE WAY OF THE CROSS OF THE DIVINE MERCY

Eternal Father, I offer you the sorrowful Passion of Jesus in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world:

- I. for His sentence to death. *Have Mercy on us and on the whole world.*
- II. for the Cross that burdened His shoulders. *Have Mercy on us and on the whole world.*
- III. for His first fall. *Have Mercy on us and on the whole world.*
- IV. for His Mother's tears when He met Her. *Have Mercy on us and on the whole world.*
- V. for His anguished fatigue that caused another man to help Him. *Have Mercy on us and on the whole world.*
- VI. for the compassion of the woman who wiped His bloody Face. *Have Mercy on us and on the whole world.*
- VII. for His second fall. *Have Mercy on us and on the whole world.*
- VIII. for the words He spoke to the compassionate women. *Have Mercy on us and on the whole world.*
- IX. for His third fall. *Have Mercy on us and on the whole world.*
- X. for that fathom of pain revealed by His Body when He was stripped of His clothing. *Have Mercy on us and on the whole world.*
- XI. for the horrible transfixion of the nails that pierced His hands and feet. *Have Mercy on us and on the whole world.*
- XII. for the Blood and Water that flowed from His Heart as a fountain of all good for us. *Have Mercy on us and on the whole world.*
- XIII. for the image of all suffering presented by His Mother when She held His dead Body in Her arms. *Have Mercy on us and on the whole world.*
- XIV. for the stone that sealed his sepulchre. *Have Mercy on us and on the whole world.*

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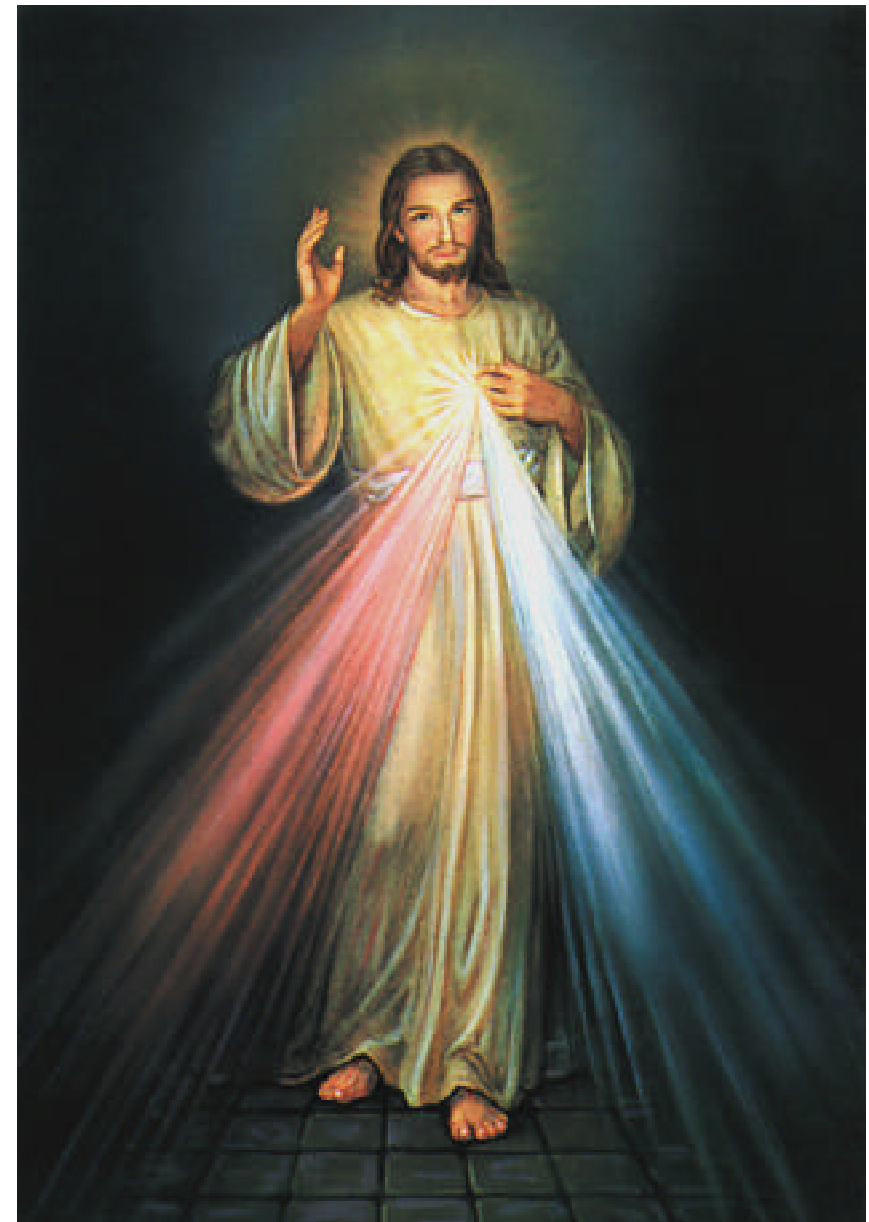
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Jesus, I trust in You
(THE ORIGINAL NOVENA:
Jesus of Mercy revealed
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this Divine Mercy 's Novena for all mankind)