



Divine Mercy

Praying the Chaplet of Mercy

using ordinary rosary beads of five decades

(Structure of prayers and responses are arranged for virtual session)





*Saint Maria
Faustina*

- St. Faustina was a 20th-century Polish nun to whom Jesus appeared and asked for a special feast devoted to Divine Mercy to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. The psalm and Gospel reading for the liturgy on that day focus on mercy, on the forgiveness offered by God for those who are truly sorry for their sins.
- In her diary, St. Faustina recounted Jesus' request: "My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy."
- St. John Paul II established the first Sunday after Easter as the Feast of Divine Mercy on April 30, 2000, the same day he canonized St. Faustina.



How to Recite the Chaplet

1. Sign of the Cross
2. Opening Prayer
3. Our Father
4. Hail Mary
5. I believe in God
6. Eternal Father
7. For the sake of His sorrowful passion ...
8. Holy God Holy Mighty One Holy Immortal One ...
9. Concluding Prayers
10. Oratio Imperata (Obligatory Prayer)*

* Additional prayer: Call for Protection against COVID-19

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DIVINE MERCY

CHAPLET

There's no better time to pray the Divine Mercy chaplet.

A Catholic devotion prayed on rosary beads, the chaplet developed and was promoted following encounters with Christ experienced by St. Faustina Kowalska in the early 20th century.

In her diary, St. Faustina wrote that she heard Christ say he desired that the "whole world" know his infinite mercy. Christ also promised to grant "unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in my mercy."

1 SIGN OF THE CROSS

2 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. (Say the following 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!

3 OUR FATHER

4 HAIL MARY

5 APOSTLES' CREED

6 ON THE FIRST BEAD OF EACH DECADE
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.

7 ON THE TEN BEADS OF EACH DECADE
For the sake of his sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

8 CONCLUDE WITH
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (Say three times)

9 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.

Silence

LEADER: Let's put ourselves in the presence of our Lord with a contrite heart.

(1) Sign of the Cross

*O Merciful God, unworthy we may be, please hear our special intention today for the:
- recovery of (mention the name) - that he/she/they may receive Your healing touch
Please do not forsake him/her/them, especially at this hour of need.*



St. Faustina's Prayer for Sinners

O Jesus, eternal Truth, our Life, we (I) call upon You and we (I) beg Your mercy for poor sinners. O sweetest Heart of (my) Lord, full of pity and unfathomable mercy, we (I) plead with You for poor sinners. O Most Sacred Heart, Fount of Mercy from which gush forth rays of inconceivable graces upon the entire human race, we (I) beg of You light for poor sinners.

O Jesus, be mindful of Your own bitter Passion and do not permit the loss of souls redeemed at so dear a price of Your most precious Blood.

O Jesus, when we (I) consider the great price of Your Blood, we (I) rejoice at its immensity, for one drop alone would have been enough for the salvation of all sinners.



St. Faustina's Prayer for Sinners (continued)

Although sin is an abyss of wickedness and ingratitude, the price paid for us can never be equalled.

Therefore, let every soul trust in the Passion of the Lord, and place its hope in His mercy. God will not deny His mercy to anyone. Heaven and earth may change, but God's mercy will never be exhausted.

Oh, what immense joy burns in our (my) heart when we (I) contemplate Your incomprehensible goodness, O Jesus!

We (I) desire to bring all sinners to Your feet that they may glorify Your mercy throughout endless ages

(Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, 72).



(2) Opening Prayer

LEADER: You expired, Jesus, but the source of life / gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy / opened up for the whole world.

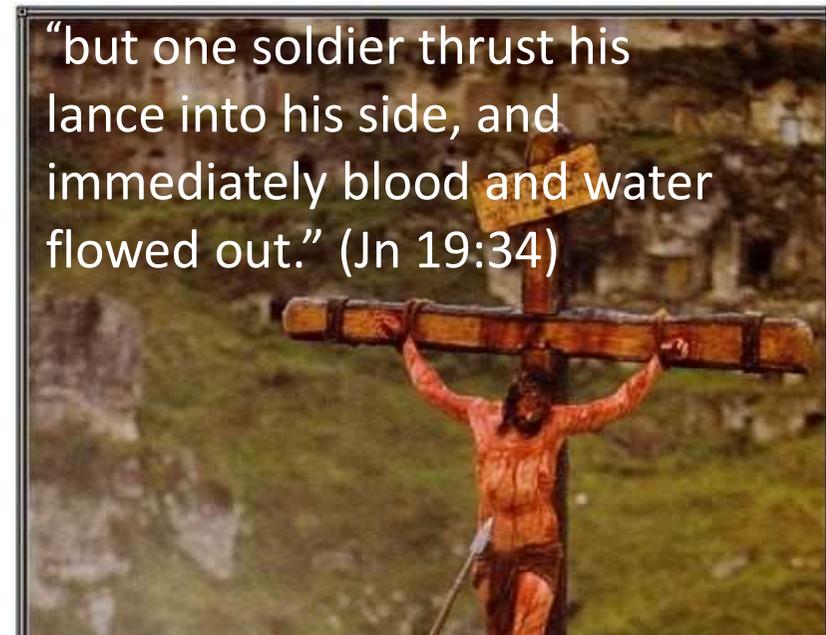
ALL: O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world / and empty Yourself out upon us.

SILENCE: (“If you say this prayer, with a contrite heart and with faith, on behalf of some sinner I will give that soul the grace of conversion”.)

LEADER: *O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus / as a fount of mercy for us,

ALL: We (I) trust in You!

(Repeat * three times)



(3) Our Father

LEADER: Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done / on earth / as it is in heaven.

ALL : 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.

(4) Hail Mary

LEADER: Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

ALL : Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.



(5) The Apostles' Creed

LEADER:

**We (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.**

ALL:

**We (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.**



(6) The Eternal Father /
(7) For the sake of His sorrowful Passion

1. For our Holy Father, the bishops and all the clergy, that they may continue to shepherd all the faithful according to Your will and to promote the unity of your people throughout the world.

LEADER: Eternal Father, We (I) offer you the Body and Blood,
Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, ...

ALL: ... in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On the 10 Small Beads of Each Decade

LEADER: For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, ...

ALL: ... have mercy on us and on the whole world.

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"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" (7) on the following "Hail Mary"
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2. For rulers of all nations, that they may be instrument to uphold Justice, Equality, Servant-Leadership, Unity and Sustainability.

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3. For the souls in purgatory, that whatever offenses they may have committed while on earth, may be forgiven and through the „flame of love“ prepare them to join the eternal abode of God.

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4. For those who left the church, turned lukewarm and callous in sins, that the Holy Spirit may enlighten their minds to repent; and rekindle their hearts to follow your commandment to love as you have loved.

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5. For community members, that they may participate humbly to spread the good news of salvation as revealed by our Lord Jesus, through the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit, all for God's glory.

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(8) Holy God ...

Leader: * Holy God,
Holy Mighty One,
Holy Immortal One,

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(Repeat * three times)



9) Concluding prayers

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Prayer of St Faustina (Diary, 1570)

O Greatly Merciful God, Infinite Goodness, today all mankind calls out from the abyss of its misery to Your mercy — to Your compassion, O God; and it is with its mighty voice of misery that it cries out. Gracious God, do not reject the prayer of this earth's exiles! O Lord, Goodness beyond our understanding, Who are acquainted with our misery through and through, and know that by our own power we cannot ascend to You, we implore You: anticipate us with Your grace and keep on increasing Your mercy in us, that we may faithfully do Your holy will all through our life and at death's hour.



Prayer of St Faustina (Diary, 1570)

Let the omnipotence of Your mercy shield us from the darts of our salvation's enemies, that we may with confidence, as Your children, await Your [Son's] final coming — that day known to You alone. And we expect to obtain everything promised by Jesus in spite of all our wretchedness. For Jesus is our Hope: through His merciful Heart, as through an open gate, we pass through to heaven.



10) ORATIO IMPERATA - For Protection Against the Covid-19

Merciful and compassionate Father, we come to you in our need to seek your protection against the COVID 19 virus that has disturbed and claimed many lives. We ask you now to look upon us with love and by your healing hand, dispel the fear of sickness and death, restore our hope, and strengthen our faith.



10) ORATIO IMPERATA - (cont'd)

We pray that you guide the people tasked to find cures for this disease and to stem its transmission.

We thank you for the vaccines developed made possible by your guiding hands. Bless our efforts to use these vaccines to end the pandemic in our country.



10) ORATIO IMPERATA - (cont'd)

We pray for our health workers that they may minister to the sick with competence and compassion. Grant them health in mind and body, strength in their commitment, protection from the disease.



10) ORATIO IMPERATA - (cont'd)

We pray for those afflicted. May they be restored to health. Protect those who care for them. Grant eternal rest to those who have died. Give us the grace in these trying times to work for the good of all and to help those in need.



10) ORATIO IMPERATA - (cont'd)

May our concern and compassion for each other see us through this crisis and lead us to conversion and holiness. Grant all these through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.



ORATIO IMPERATA - (cont'd)

We fly to Your protection, O Holy Mother of God.
Do not despise our petition in our necessities, but
deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and
blessed Virgin. Amen.



Invocation

LEADER:

Our Lady, Health of the Sick

St Joseph

St Michael, the Archangel

St Raphael, the Archangel

St Roch

St Lorenzo Ruiz

St Pedro Calungsod

St Francisco and St Jacinta

ALL:

Pray for us.



Closing

Sign of the Cross

Thank you !

