

Divine Mercy Novena begins Good Friday (April 2, 2021)

To prepare for the Feast of Divine Mercy,

the Lord asked Saint Faustina to make a novena (nine days) of prayer from Good Friday to the following Saturday. Jesus said, "By this novena, I will grant every possible grace to souls" (Diary, 796). Jesus instructed Saint Faustina to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and bring to His Heart a different group of souls each day that He dictated to her. Jesus said: "I desire that during these nine days, you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, that they may draw strength and refreshment and whatever grace they need in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death. On each day you will bring to My heart a different group of souls, and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy" (Diary, 1209).

Note:
Posters, holy cards, pamphlets, etc. for Divine Mercy may be found in the narthex.

Instructions for the Novena (Diary, 1209)

STEP 1: Read the intention for the day, listed below.

STEP 2: Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for the intention.

Intentions

DAY 1: Today, bring to Me all mankind, especially all sinners.

DAY 2: Today, bring to Me the souls of priests and religious.

DAY 3: Today, bring to Me all devout and faithful souls.

DAY 4: Today, bring to Me the pagans (those who do not believe in God) and those who do not yet know Me.

DAY 5: Today, bring to Me the souls of heretics and schismatics (the souls of those who have separated themselves from My Church).

DAY 6: Today, bring to Me the meek and humble souls and the souls of little children.

DAY 7: Today, bring to Me the souls who especially venerate and glorify My mercy.

DAY 8: Today, bring to Me the souls who are in the prison of Purgatory.

DAY 9: Today, bring to Me the souls who have become lukewarm.

How to Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

BEGIN with one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Apostle's Creed.

OPTIONAL OPENING PRAYERS

- "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" (Diary, 1319).
- "O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!" (Diary, 84).

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" (Diary, 475).

ON THE HAIL MARY BEADS, PRAY: "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world" (Diary, 475).

AFTER FIVE DECADES, pray the concluding doxology three times: "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

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.