



## DEVOTION: Chaplet of Divine Mercy

**HISTORY & BACKGROUND:** The message and devotion to Jesus as **The Divine Mercy** is based on the writings of **Saint Faustina Kowalska** who wrote a diary recording the revelations she received about God's mercy.

Prayed on ordinary rosary beads, The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy is an intercessory prayer that extends the offering of the Eucharist, so it is especially appropriate to use it after having received Holy Communion at Holy Mass. The Lord specifically told St. Faustina in His revelations to her as documented in *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska: Divine Mercy in My Soul*, to recite it during the Holy Triduum, which begins nine days before the Feast of Mercy (the first Sunday after Easter). The Lord then added: "By this Novena, [of Chaplets] I will grant every possible grace to souls." (Diary of St. Faustina entry #796)

It is likewise appropriate to pray the Chaplet during the "Hour of Great Mercy" — three o'clock each afternoon (recalling the time of Christ's death on the cross). In His revelations to St. Faustina, Our Lord asked for a special remembrance of His Passion at that hour

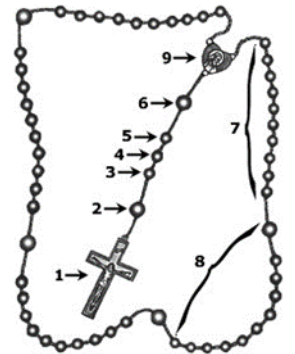
**TIME REQUIRED:** Can be done in less than 30 minutes.

**SUPPLIES NEEDED:** Rosary beads, list of prayers

**SET UP:** Set up a small table and provide extra rosary beads and have copies of the prayers available

### **DIRECTIONS:**

1. Holding the Crucifix, make the *Sign of the Cross*.
2. Optional Opening Prayer
3. Say the *Our Father*
4. Say the *Hail Mary*
5. Say the *Apostles Creed*
6. You begin each decade by praying the *Eternal Father*.
7. Say 10 *For the Sake of His sorrowful Passion...*
8. Repeat Steps 6 and 7 for each decade on the rosary beads
9. Once you have prayed all 5 decades, you finish the Chaplet by praying the concluding doxology 3 times.
10. Optional closing prayer



The Prayers of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

1. **Sign of the Cross:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
2. **Opening Prayers (optional):** You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole



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

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You! \*repeat 3 times

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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Eternal Father (on the "Our Father" bead before 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. For the Sake of His sorrowful Passion (repeat 10 times on the "Hail Mary" bead of each decade): For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
8. Concluding doxology (repeat 3 times): Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
9. 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. Amen.

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

[www.thedivinemercy.org](http://www.thedivinemercy.org)

[www.divinemercygiftshop.org](http://www.divinemercygiftshop.org)

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