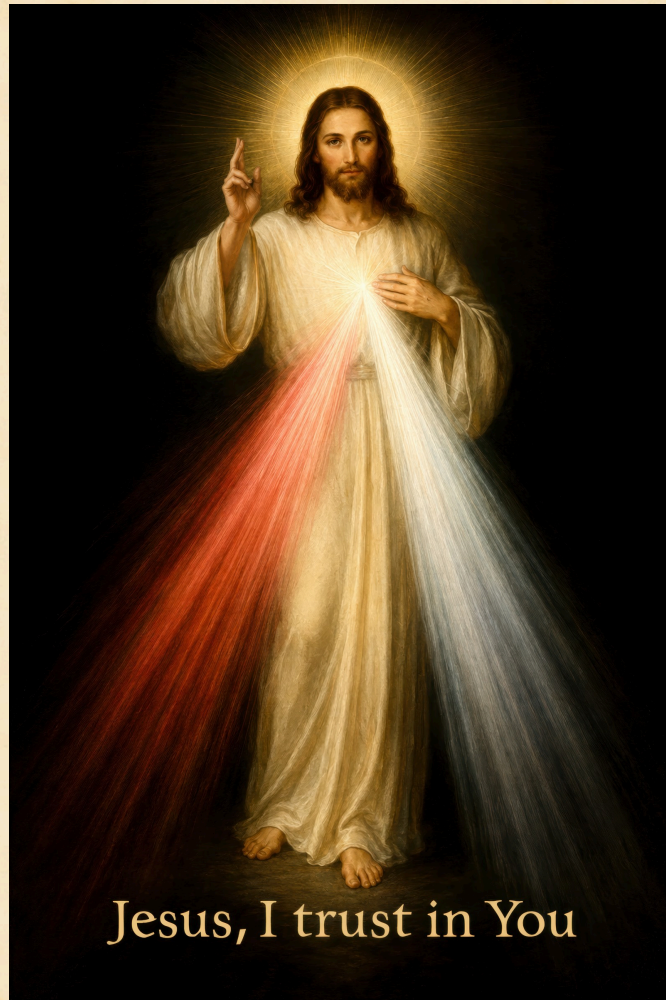




Jesus, I trust in You

A Novena to the Divine Mercy

NINE DAYS FROM GOOD FRIDAY TO DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
WITH THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

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How to Pray This Novena

In the 1930s a young Polish nun, Sister Faustina Kowalska, wrote down in her diary what she heard from Jesus about His mercy. He asked for a feast of Mercy on the Sunday after Easter, for an image signed with the words “Jesus, I trust in You,” and for a novena to prepare for that feast, beginning on Good Friday.

Each day of the novena Jesus asks for a different group of souls to be brought to Him and immersed in the sea of His mercy. Read His words, say the two prayers of the day, then pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, which is on the last page. Pray at three in the afternoon if you can: the hour of His death, which He called the hour of mercy.

Begin on Good Friday and end on the Saturday after Easter, the eve of Divine Mercy Sunday. If you begin late, begin anyway. Nine days that end after the feast are still nine days.

Saint John Paul II canonized Sister Faustina on April 30, 2000, and that same day announced that the Second Sunday of Easter would be kept by the whole Church as Divine Mercy Sunday.

I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, so that they may draw from it strength and refreshment and every grace they need in the hardships of life, and above all at the hour of death. Each day you will bring to My Heart a different group of souls, and you will immerse them in this sea of My mercy, and I will bring all these souls into the house of My Father. Each day you will ask My Father, through My bitter Passion, for graces for these souls.

JESUS TO SAINT FAUSTINA

The words of Jesus and the prayers are translated from the Polish of Saint Faustina's diary (§ 1209 to 1229, and § 476 for the Chaplet). Cover: Divine Mercy, by Heathcliff de Clairvaux.



Rembrandt, The Return of the Prodigal Son, about 1668. Hermitage Museum, Saint Petersburg.

DAY ONE

All Mankind, Especially Sinners

Today bring to Me all mankind, and especially all sinners, and immerse them in the sea of My mercy. In this way you will console Me in the bitter sorrow into which the loss of souls plunges Me.

JESUS TO SAINT FAUSTINA

LET US PRAY

Most merciful Jesus, whose very nature is to have pity on us and to forgive us, do not look upon our sins but upon the trust we place in Your infinite goodness. Receive us all into the dwelling of Your most compassionate Heart, and never let us leave it. We beg this of You by the love that unites You with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Eternal Father, look with the eye of mercy upon all mankind, and especially upon poor sinners. All mankind is enclosed in the most compassionate Heart of Jesus. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, show us Your mercy, so that we may praise the omnipotence of Your mercy for ever and ever. Amen.

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Pietro Perugino, *Christ Giving the Keys to Saint Peter*, 1481 to 1482. Sistine Chapel, Vatican.

DAY TWO

Priests and Religious

Today bring to Me the souls of priests and religious, and immerse them in My unfathomable mercy. They gave Me the strength to endure My bitter Passion. Through them, as through channels, My mercy flows out upon mankind.

JESUS TO SAINT FAUSTINA

LET US PRAY

Most merciful Jesus, from whom all that is good proceeds, increase Your grace in us, so that we may do works of mercy worthy of You, and that all who see them may glorify the Father of mercy who is in heaven.

Eternal Father, look with the eye of Your mercy upon the chosen company in Your vineyard, upon the souls of priests and religious. Endow them with the power of Your blessing, and for the love of the Heart of Your Son, in which they are enclosed, give them Your strength and Your light, so that they may lead others on the way of salvation, and with them sing the praise of Your unfathomable mercy for ever and ever. Amen.

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El Greco, Christ Carrying the Cross, about 1577 to 1587. Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.

DAY THREE

Devout and Faithful Souls

Today bring to Me all devout and faithful souls, and immerse them in the sea of My mercy. These souls consoled Me on the Way of the Cross. They were that drop of consolation in the midst of a sea of bitterness.

JESUS TO SAINT FAUSTINA

LET US PRAY

Most merciful Jesus, who from the treasury of Your mercy give Your graces to all in great abundance, receive us into the dwelling of Your most compassionate Heart, and never let us leave it. We beg this of You by the boundless love with which Your Heart burns for the heavenly Father.

Eternal Father, look with the eye of mercy upon faithful souls, the inheritance of Your Son. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, grant them Your blessing and surround them with Your constant protection, so that they may never lose their love or the treasure of the holy faith, but with all the host of angels and saints may glorify Your immeasurable mercy for ever and ever. Amen.

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Gentile da Fabriano, The Adoration of the Magi, 1423. Uffizi Gallery, Florence.

DAY FOUR

Those Who Do Not Yet Know Him

Today bring to Me those who do not believe in God and those who do not yet know Me. I was thinking of them too in My bitter Passion, and their future zeal comforted My Heart. Immerse them in the sea of My mercy.

JESUS TO SAINT FAUSTINA

LET US PRAY

Most compassionate Jesus, You who are the light of the whole world, receive into the dwelling of Your most compassionate Heart the souls who do not yet know You. Let the rays of Your grace enlighten them, so that they too, together with us, may praise Your wonderful mercy; and never let them leave the dwelling of Your most compassionate Heart.

Eternal Father, look with the eye of Your mercy upon the souls of those who do not believe in You and of those who do not yet know You, for they too are enclosed in the most compassionate Heart of Jesus. Draw them to the light of the Gospel. These souls do not know how great a happiness it is to love You. Grant that they too may praise the generosity of Your mercy for ever and ever. Amen.

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Attributed to Philippe de Champaigne, The Good Shepherd, 17th century. Musée des Ursulines, Mâcon.

DAY FIVE

Our Separated Brethren



Today bring to Me the souls of our separated brethren, and immerse them in the sea of My mercy. In My bitter Passion they tore My Body and My Heart, that is, My Church. When they return to unity with the Church, My wounds heal, and in this way they ease My Passion.

JESUS TO SAINT FAUSTINA

LET US PRAY

Most merciful Jesus, goodness itself, You do not refuse light to those who ask it of You. Receive into the dwelling of Your most compassionate Heart the souls of our separated brethren, and draw them by Your light into unity with the Church. Never let them leave the dwelling of Your most compassionate Heart, but grant that they too may glorify the generosity of Your mercy.

Eternal Father, look with the eye of Your mercy upon the souls of our separated brethren, especially those who have squandered Your gifts and misused Your graces by persisting stubbornly in their errors. Do not look upon their errors, but upon the love of Your Son and upon His bitter Passion, which He bore for them too, for they too are enclosed in the most compassionate Heart of Jesus. Grant that they too may praise Your great mercy for ever and ever. Amen.

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Nicolaes Maes, *Christ Blessing the Children*, 1652 to 1653. National Gallery, London.

DAY SIX

The Meek, the Humble and Little Children



oday bring to Me the meek and humble souls and the souls of little children, and immerse them in My mercy. These souls are most like My Heart. They strengthened Me in the bitter agony of My Passion. I saw them as earthly angels who will keep watch at My altars. Upon them I pour out graces in torrents. Only a humble soul is able to receive My grace; to humble souls I give My confidence.

JESUS TO SAINT FAUSTINA

LET US PRAY

Most merciful Jesus, You Yourself said, "Learn from Me, for I am meek and humble of heart." Receive into the dwelling of Your most compassionate Heart the meek and humble souls and the souls of little children. These souls fill all heaven with delight and are the special joy of the heavenly Father. They are a fragrant bouquet before the throne of God, a fragrance in which God Himself delights. They have a lasting home in Your most compassionate Heart, and they sing without ceasing a hymn of love and mercy for ever.

Eternal Father, look with the eye of mercy upon the meek and humble souls and the souls of little children, who are enclosed in the dwelling of the most compassionate Heart of Jesus. These souls are most like Your Son; their fragrance rises from the earth and reaches Your throne. Father of mercy and of all goodness, I beg You by the love and delight You have in these souls: bless the whole world, so that all souls together may sing the praise of Your mercy for ever and ever. Amen.

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Caravaggio, *The Incredulity of Saint Thomas*, about 1601 to 1602. Sanssouci Picture Gallery, Potsdam.

DAY SEVEN

Those Who Glorify His Mercy



oday bring to Me the souls who especially honor and glorify My mercy, and immerse them in My mercy. These souls grieved most over My Passion and entered most deeply into My spirit. They are a living reflection of My compassionate Heart. In the life to come they will shine with a special brightness. Not one of them will go into the fire of hell. I will defend each one of them in a special way at the hour of death.

JESUS TO SAINT FAUSTINA

LET US PRAY

Most merciful Jesus, whose Heart is love itself, receive into the dwelling of Your most compassionate Heart the souls who especially honor and glorify the greatness of Your mercy. These souls are strong with the very strength of God. In every affliction and adversity they go forward, trusting in Your mercy. They are united with You, and they carry all mankind on their shoulders. These souls will not be judged severely: Your mercy will embrace them at the moment of death.

Eternal Father, look with the eye of mercy upon the souls who glorify and honor Your greatest attribute, Your unfathomable mercy, and who are enclosed in the most compassionate Heart of Jesus. These souls are a living Gospel; their hands are full of works of mercy, and their hearts, overflowing with joy, sing a song of mercy to the Most High. I beg You, O God, show them Your mercy according to the hope and trust they have placed in You. Let the promise of Jesus be fulfilled in them: that He Himself will defend as His own glory, in life and above all at the hour of death, the souls who honor His unfathomable mercy. Amen.

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Peter Paul Rubens, Saint Teresa of Avila Interceding for Souls in Purgatory, about 1630 to 1635. Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.

DAY EIGHT

The Souls in Purgatory



oday bring to Me the souls who are in the prison of Purgatory, and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy. Let the streams of My Blood cool their burning. All these souls are greatly loved by Me; they are making satisfaction to My justice. It is in your power to bring them relief. Draw all the indulgences from the treasury of My Church and offer them on their behalf. Oh, if you knew their suffering, you would never stop offering for them the alms of the spirit and paying their debts to My justice.

JESUS TO SAINT FAUSTINA

LET US PRAY

Most merciful Jesus, You Yourself said that You desire mercy. And so I bring into the dwelling of Your most compassionate Heart the souls in Purgatory, souls who are very dear to You and who must yet make satisfaction to Your justice. May the streams of Blood and Water that flowed from Your Heart put out the flames of Purgatory, so that there too the power of Your mercy may be glorified.

Eternal Father, look with the eye of mercy upon the souls suffering in Purgatory, who are enclosed in the most compassionate Heart of Jesus. I beg You, by the sorrowful Passion of Jesus Your Son and by all the bitterness that flooded His most holy soul, show Your mercy to the souls who are under Your just gaze. Look upon them only through the wounds of Jesus, Your dearly beloved Son, for we believe that Your goodness and compassion are without limit. Amen.

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Carl Bloch, *Christ in Gethsemane*, between 1865 and 1879. Chapel of Frederiksborg Palace, Hillerød, Denmark.

DAY NINE

Lukewarm Souls



oday bring to Me the lukewarm souls, and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy. These souls wound My Heart most painfully. In the Garden of Olives My soul felt the deepest revulsion because of lukewarm souls. They were the reason I said: Father, take this cup away from Me, if it is Your will. For them the last hope of salvation is to take refuge in My mercy.

JESUS TO SAINT FAUSTINA

LET US PRAY

Most compassionate Jesus, You who are compassion itself, I bring into the dwelling of Your most compassionate Heart the lukewarm souls. In this fire of Your pure love, let these frozen souls grow warm again, these souls who, like corpses, fill You with such revulsion. O most compassionate Jesus, use the omnipotence of Your mercy: draw them into the very blaze of Your love and give them holy love, for You can do all things.

Eternal Father, look with the eye of mercy upon the lukewarm souls, who are enclosed in the most compassionate Heart of Jesus. Father of mercy, I beg You by the bitter Passion of Your Son and by His three hours' agony on the Cross: let them too glorify the abyss of Your mercy. Amen.

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The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Pray it on an ordinary rosary. Jesus dictated it to Saint Faustina in Vilnius on September 13 and 14, 1935 (§ 474 to 476 of her diary).



TO BEGIN

Our Father, Hail Mary, and the Apostles' Creed.



ON THE LARGE 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.



ON THE TEN SMALL BEADS OF EACH DECADE

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

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TO CONCLUDE, THREE TIMES

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

Say the large bead and the ten small beads five times, once for each decade of the rosary.

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