

Jesus, I trust in You!

Novena to the Divine Mercy
Good Friday to Easter Saturday

INTRODUCTION

In preparation for the Feast of Divine Mercy, let us pray together Saint Faustina's Novena to the Divine Mercy. Jesus instructed Saint Faustina that praying this Novena would bring souls strength and refreshment and the graces they need in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death. Jesus also promised that the very depths of His Mercy would be opened on the Feast of Divine Mercy, pouring out an ocean of graces upon those who approach the Fount of His Mercy on that day. Resolved to turn away from our sins, let us, then, look with great trust to Jesus, Whose open Heart flows with abundant mercies for us.

On each day of the novena you will bring to My heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy... On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces for these souls.

-Words of Jesus to Saint Faustina as recorded in her diary

STRUCTURE OF THE NOVENA

The prayers for each day of the Novena consist of a petition for Mercy followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. This booklet will present the First Day in its entirety, and then only the daily petitions for the rest of the Novena

DAY ONE Good Friday

SIGN OF THE CROSS

LEADER: In the name of the Father, † and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

PETITION FOR MERCY

READER: The Lord says:

"Today bring to me ALL MANKIND, ESPECIALLY ALL SINNERS, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy. In this way you will console Me in the bitter grief into which the loss of souls plunges

Me."

LEADER: Let us pray:

ALL:

Most Merciful Jesus, * whose very nature it is * to have compassion on us * and to forgive us, * do not look upon our sins * but upon our trust * which we place in Your infinite goodness. * Receive us all * into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart, * and never let us escape from It. * We beg this of You * by Your love * which unites You to the Father * and the Holy Spirit.

Eternal Father, * turn Your merciful gaze upon all mankind * and especially upon poor sinners, * all enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. * For the sake of His sorrowful Passion * show us Your mercy, * that we may praise the omnipotence of Your mercy * for ever and ever. * Amen.

THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

LEADER: You expired, Jesus,

ALL: 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.

The following exchange is said three times:

LEADER: O Blood and Water, * which gushed forth from

the Heart of Jesus * as a fountain of Mercy for us,

ALL: I trust in you!

Then the following are said:

LEADER: Our Father... ALL: Give us this day...

LEADER: Hail, Mary... ALL: Holy Mary...

LEADER: I believe in God, the Father almighty...

ALL: I believe in the Holy Spirit...

At the large bead of each decade:

LEADER: Eternal Father, * 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.

At the **small beads** of each decade:

LEADER: For the sake of His sorrowful Passion,

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

At the end of five decades, the following is said three times:

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

One,

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

Then the following is said three times:

LEADER: Jesus, King of Mercy,

ALL: we trust in You!

The Chaplet and the Novena prayer for the day ends with the following:

LEADER: Eternal God,

ALL: 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.

LEADER: Mary, Mother of Mercy, ALL: pray for us.

LEADER: Saint Faustina Kowalska, All: pray for us.

LEADER: Saint John Paul the Second, ALL: pray for us.

LEADER: Saint Patrick, ALL: pray for us.

LEADER: In the name of the Father, † and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

DAY TWO IN HOLY SATURDAY

SIGN OF THE CROSS

PETITION FOR MERCY

READER: The Lord says:

"Today bring to me THE SOULS OF PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS, and immerse them in My unfathomable mercy. It was they who gave Me strength to endure My bitter Passion. Through them as through channels My mercy flows out upon mankind."

LEADER: Let us pray:

ALL: Most Merciful Jesus, * from whom comes all that is good, * increase Your grace in men and women

consecrated to Your service, * that they may perform worthy works of mercy; * and that all who see them * may glorify the Father of Mercy * who

is in heaven.

Eternal Father, * turn Your merciful gaze * upon the company of chosen ones in Your vineyard: * upon the souls of priests and religious; * and endow them with the strength of Your blessing. * For the love of the Heart of Your Son * in which they are enfolded, * impart to them Your power and light, * that they may be able * to guide others * in the way of salvation * and with one voice * sing praise to Your boundless mercy * for ages without end. * Amen.

DAY THREE EASTER SUNDAY

SIGN OF THE CROSS

PETITION FOR MERCY

The Lord says: READER:

> "Today bring to me ALL DEVOUT AND FAITHFUL SOULS, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy. These souls brought Me consolation on the Way of the Cross. They were that drop of consolation in the midst of an ocean of bitterness."

LEADER: Let us pray:

ALL:

Most Merciful Jesus, * from the treasury of Your mercy, * You impart Your graces * in great abundance * to each and all. * Receive us into the abode * of Your Most Compassionate Heart * and never let us escape from It. * We beg this grace of You * by that most wondrous love for the heavenly Father * with which Your Heart burns so fiercely.

Eternal Father, * turn Your merciful gaze * upon faithful souls, * as upon the inheritance of Your Son. * For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, * grant them Your blessing * and surround them with Your constant protection. * Thus may they never fail in love * or lose the treasure of the holy faith, * but rather, * with all the hosts of Angels and Saints, * may they glorify Your boundless mercy * for endless ages. * Amen.

DAY FOUR EASTER MONDAY

SIGN OF THE CROSS

PETITION FOR MERCY

READER: The Lord says:

"Today bring to me THOSE WHO DO NOT BELIEVE IN GOD AND THOSE WHO DO NOT YET KNOW ME. I was thinking also of them during My bitter Passion, and their future zeal comforted My Heart. Immerse them in the ocean of My mercy."

LEADER: Let us pray:

Most compassionate Jesus, * You are the Light of the whole world. * Receive into the abode * of Your Most Compassionate Heart * the souls of those who do not believe in God * and of those who as yet do not know You. * Let the rays of Your grace enlighten them * that they, too, * together with us, * may extol Your wonderful mercy; * and do not let them escape * from the abode * which is

Your Most Compassionate Heart.

Eternal Father, * turn Your merciful gaze * upon the souls of those * who do not believe in You, * and of those who as yet do not know You, * but who are enclosed * in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. * Draw them to the light of the Gospel. * These souls do not know * what great happiness it is to love You. * Grant that they, too, * may extol the generosity of Your mercy * for endless ages. * Amen.

DAY FIVE EASTER TUESDAY

SIGN OF THE CROSS

PETITION FOR MERCY

READER: The Lord says:

"Today bring to me THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE SEPARATED THEMSELVES FROM MY CHURCH, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy. During My bitter Passion they tore at My Body and Heart, that is, My Church. As they return to unity with the Church My wounds heal and in this way they alleviate My Passion."

LEADER: Let us pray:

ALL:

Most Merciful Jesus, * Goodness Itself, * You do not refuse light * to those who seek it of You. * Receive into the abode * of Your Most Compassionate Heart * the souls of those * who have separated themselves from Your Church. * Draw them by Your light * into the unity of the Church, * and do not let them escape * from the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart; * but bring it about * that they, too, * come to glorify * the generosity of Your mercy.

Eternal Father, * turn Your merciful gaze * upon the souls of those * who have separated themselves * from Your Son's Church, * who have squandered Your blessings * and misused Your graces * by obstinately persisting * in their errors. * Do not look upon their errors, * but upon the love of Your own Son * and upon His bitter Passion, * which He underwent for their sake, * since they, too, * are enclosed * in His Most Compassionate Heart. * Bring it about * that they

also may glorify * Your great mercy * for endless ages. Amen.

THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

DAY SIX ■ **EASTER WEDNESDAY**

SIGN OF THE CROSS

PETITION FOR MERCY

READER: The Lord says:

"Today bring to me THE MEEK AND HUMBLE SOULS AND THE SOULS OF LITTLE CHILDREN, and immerse them in My mercy. These souls most closely resemble My heart. They strengthened Me during My bitter agony. I saw them as earthly Angels, who will keep vigil at My altars. I pour out upon them whole torrents of grace. Only the humble soul is capable of receiving My grace. I favor humble souls with My confidence."

LEADER: Let us pray:

ALL:

Most Merciful Jesus, * You yourself have said, *
"Learn from Me * for I am meek and humble of
heart." * Receive into the abode * of Your Most
Compassionate Heart * all meek and humble
souls * and the souls of little children. * These
souls send * all heaven into ecstasy * and they are
* the heavenly Father's favourites. * They are a
sweet-smelling bouquet * before the throne of
God; * God himself * takes delight * in their
fragrance. * These souls have * a permanent abode
* in Your Most Compassionate Heart, O Jesus, *

and they unceasingly sing out * a hymn of love and mercy.

Eternal Father, * turn Your merciful gaze * upon meek souls, * upon humble souls, * and upon little children * who are enfolded * in the abode * which is the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. * These souls bear * the closest resemblance to Your Son. * Their fragrance rises * from the earth * and reaches Your very throne. * Father of mercy * and of all goodness, * I beg You * by the love You bear these souls * and by the delight * You take in them: * Bless the whole world, * that all souls together * may sing out * the praises of Your mercy * for endless ages. * Amen.

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DAY SEVEN ■ **EASTER THURSDAY**

SIGN OF THE CROSS

PETITION FOR MERCY

READER: The Lord says:

"Today bring to me THE SOULS WHO ESPECIALLY VENERATE AND GLORIFY MY MERCY, and immerse them in My mercy. These souls sorrowed most over my Passion and entered most deeply into My spirit. They are living images of My Compassionate Heart. These souls will shine with a special brightness in the next life. Not one of them will go into the fire of hell. I shall particularly defend each one of them at the hour of death."

LEADER: Let us pray:

ALL:

Most Merciful Jesus, * whose Heart is Love Itself, * receive into the abode * of Your Most Compassionate Heart * the souls of those * who particularly extol * and venerate the greatness * of Your mercy. * These souls are mighty * with the very power of God Himself. * In the midst of all afflictions and adversities * they go forward, * confident of Your mercy; * and united to You, O Jesus, * they carry all mankind * on their shoulders. * These souls will not be judged severely, * but Your mercy will embrace them * as they depart from this life.

Eternal Father, * turn Your merciful gaze * upon the souls who glorify * and venerate Your greatest attribute, * that of Your fathomless mercy, * and who are enclosed * in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. * These souls are a living Gospel; * their hands are full of deeds of mercy, * and their hearts, * overflowing with joy, * sing a canticle of mercy to You, O Most High! * I beg You O God: * Show them Your mercy * according to the hope and trust * they have placed in You. * Let there be accomplished in them * the promise of Jesus, * who said to them * that during their life, * but especially at the hour of death, * the souls who will venerate * this fathomless mercy of His, * He, Himself, will defend * as His glory. * Amen.

DAY EIGHT EASTER FRIDAY

SIGN OF THE CROSS

PETITION FOR MERCY

READER: The Lord says:

"Today bring to me THE SOULS WHO ARE DETAINED IN PURGATORY, and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy. Let the torrents of My Blood cool down their scorching flames. All these souls are greatly loved by Me. They are making retribution 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 only knew the torments they suffer, you would continually offer for them the alms of the spirit and pay off their debt to My justice."

LEADER: Let us pray:

ALL: Most Merciful Jesus, * You Yourself have said * that You desire mercy; * so I bring into the abode

* of Your Most Compassionate Heart * the souls in Purgatory, * souls who are very dear to You, * and yet, * who must make retribution * to Your justice. * May the streams * of Blood and Water * which gushed forth * from Your Heart * put out the flames of Purgatory, * that there, too, * the power of Your mercy * may be celebrated.

Eternal Father, * turn Your merciful gaze * upon the souls suffering in Purgatory, * who are enfolded * in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. * I beg You, * by the sorrowful Passion of Jesus Your Son, * and by all the bitterness * with which His most sacred Soul was flooded: * Manifest Your mercy * to the souls * who are

under Your just scrutiny. * Look upon them * in no other way * but only through * the Wounds of Jesus, * Your dearly beloved Son; * for we firmly believe * that there is no limit * to Your goodness and compassion. * Amen.

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DAY NINE ■ **EASTER SATURDAY**

SIGN OF THE CROSS

PETITION FOR MERCY

READER: The Lord says:

"Today bring to me SOULS WHO HAVE BECOME LUKEWARM, and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy. These souls wound My Heart most painfully. My soul suffered the most dreadful loathing in the Garden of Olives because of lukewarm souls. They were the reason I cried out: 'Father, take this cup away from Me, if it be Your will.' For them the last hope of salvation is to run to My mercy."

LEADER: Let us pray:

ALL:

Most compassionate Jesus, * You are Compassion Itself. * I bring lukewarm souls * into the abode * of Your Most Compassionate Heart. * In this fire of Your pure love * let these tepid souls, * who, like corpses, * filled You with such deep loathing, * be once again set aflame. * O Most Compassionate Jesus, * exercise the omnipotence of Your mercy * and draw them into the very ardor of Your love, * and bestow upon

them * the gift of holy love, * for nothing is beyond Your power.

Eternal Father, * turn Your merciful gaze * upon lukewarm souls * who are nonetheless enfolded in * the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. * Father of Mercy, * I beg You * by the bitter Passion of Your Son * and by His three-hour agony on the Cross: * Let them, too, * glorify the abyss * of Your mercy. * Amen.

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