

Divine Mercy Liturgy

"... throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come."

The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments (May 23, 2000)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

*O salutaris hostia,
Quae caeli pandis ostium:
Bella premunt hostilia,
Da robur, fer auxilium.*

*Uni trinoque Domino
Sit sempiterna gloria,
Qui vitam sine termino
Nobis donet in patria. Amen.*

Opening Prayer

God of mercy, You wash away our sins in water, You give us new birth in the Spirit and redeem us in the Blood of Christ. As we celebrate Christ's resurrection, increase our awareness of these blessings, and renew Your gift of life within us. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available until 3:00PM for those who wish to participate.



MEDITATION/REFLECTION I
THE CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY

NI In 1935, Saint Faustina received a vision of an angel sent by God to chastise a certain city. She began to pray for mercy, but her prayers were powerless. Suddenly she saw the Holy Trinity and felt the power of Jesus' grace within her. At the same time, she found herself pleading with God for mercy with words she heard interiorly:

J **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; for the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world** (Diary, 476).

NI As she continued saying this inspired prayer, the angel became helpless and could not carry out the deserved punishment (Diary, 474, 475). The next day, as she was entering the chapel, she again heard this interior voice, instructing her how to recite the prayer that our Lord later called "the Chaplet." From then on, she recited this form of prayer almost constantly, offering it especially for the dying. In subsequent revelations, the Lord made it clear that the Chaplet was not just for her, but for the whole world. He also attached extraordinary promises to its recitation.

J **Encourage souls to say the Chaplet which I have given you** (Diary, 1541). **Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death** (Diary, 687). **When they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge but as the Merciful Savior** (Diary, 1541). **Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy** (Diary, 687). **I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy** (Diary, 687). **Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will** (Diary, 1731).

NI Prayed on ordinary rosary beads, the Chaplet of 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. It may be said at any time, but our Lord specifically told Saint Faustina to recite it during the nine days before the Feast of Mercy (the first Sunday after Easter). Jesus then added:

J **By this Novena, [of Chaplets] I will grant every possible grace to souls** (Diary, 796).

NI It is likewise appropriate to pray the Chaplet during the "Hour of Great Mercy" at three o'clock each afternoon (recalling the time of Christ's death on the cross). In His revelations to Saint Faustina, Our Lord asked for a special remembrance of His Passion at that hour **if only for a very brief instant** (Diary 1572).

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY
THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES
(To be led & then recited by all)

MEDITATION/REFLECTION II
THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

N2 During the course of Jesus' revelations to Saint Faustina on the Divine Mercy, He asked on numerous occasions that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this feast be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. The liturgical texts of that day, the 2nd Sunday of Easter, concern the institution of the Sacrament of Penance, the Tribunal of the Divine Mercy, and are thus already suited to the request of Our Lord. This Feast, which had already been granted to the nation of Poland and had been celebrated within Vatican City, was granted to the Universal Church by Pope John Paul II on the occasion of the canonization of Sr. Faustina on April 23, 2000 and by a subsequent decree of the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments on May 23, 2000, representing the highest endorsement the Church can give to a private revelation, an act of papal infallibility proclaiming the certain sanctity of the mystic, and the granting of a universal feast, as requested by Our Lord to St. Faustina. Concerning the Feast of Mercy Jesus said:

J **Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (Diary 300). I want the image solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it (Diary 341). This Feast emerged from the very depths of My mercy, and it is confirmed in the vast depths of my tender mercies (Diary 420).**

SF On one occasion, I heard these words:

J **My daughter, tell the whole world about My Inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and 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. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will I contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy (Diary 699). Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to our neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to absolve yourself from it (Diary 742). I want to grant complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy (Diary 1109).**

THE PRAISES OF DIVINE MERCY

(Diary, 949)

SF The Love of God is the flower and Mercy the fruit. Let the doubting soul read these considerations of Divine Mercy and become trusting.

LEADER: Divine Mercy, gushing forth from the bosom of the Father,

ALL: I trust in You.

Divine Mercy, greatest attribute of God...
Divine Mercy, incomprehensible mystery...
Divine Mercy, fount gushing forth from the mystery of the Most Blessed Trinity...
Divine Mercy, unfathomed by any intellect, human or angelic...
Divine Mercy, from which wells forth all life and happiness...
Divine Mercy, better than the heavens...
Divine Mercy, source of miracles and wonders...
Divine Mercy, encompassing the whole universe...
Divine Mercy, descending to earth in the Person of the Incarnate Word...
Divine Mercy, which flowed out from the open wound of the Heart of Jesus...
Divine Mercy, enclosed in the Heart of Jesus for us, and especially for sinners...
Divine Mercy, unfathomed in the institution of the Sacred Host...
Divine Mercy, in the founding of the Holy Church...
Divine Mercy, in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism...
Divine Mercy, in our justification through Jesus Christ...
Divine Mercy, embracing us especially at the hour of death...
Divine Mercy, endowing us with immortal life...
Divine Mercy, accompanying us at every moment of our life...
Divine Mercy, shielding us from the fire of hell...
Divine Mercy, in the conversion of hardened sinners...
Divine Mercy, astonishment for Angels, incomprehensible to Saints...
Divine Mercy, unfathomed in all the mysteries of God...
Divine Mercy, lifting us out of every misery...
Divine Mercy, source of our happiness and joy...
Divine Mercy, in calling us forth from nothingness to existence...
Divine Mercy, embracing all the works of His hands...
Divine Mercy, crown of all of God's handiwork...
Divine Mercy, in which we are all immersed...
Divine Mercy, sweet relief for anguished hearts...
Divine Mercy, only hope of despairing souls...
Divine Mercy, repose of hearts, peace amidst fear...
Divine Mercy, delight and ecstasy of holy souls...
Divine Mercy, inspiring hope against all hope...

LEADER 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 (*Diary*, 950). O incomprehensible and limitless Mercy Divine, to extol and adore You worthily, who can? Supreme attribute of Almighty God, You are the sweet hope for sinful man (*Diary*, 951).

PRAYER TO BE MERCIFUL

O Most Holy Trinity!

As many times as I breathe, as many times as my heart beats, as many times as my blood pulsates through my body, so many thousand times do I want to glorify Your mercy.

I want to be completely transformed into Your mercy and to be Your living reflection, O Lord.

May the greatest of all Divine attributes, that of Your unfathomable mercy, pass through my heart and soul to my neighbor.

Help me, O Lord, that my eyes may be merciful, so that I may never suspect or judge from appearances, but look for what is beautiful in my neighbors' souls and come to their rescue.

Help me, that my ears may be merciful, so that I may give heed to my neighbor's needs and not be indifferent to their pains and moaning.

Help me, O Lord, that my tongue may be merciful, so that I would never speak negatively of my neighbor, but have a word of comfort and forgiveness for all.

Help me, O Lord, that my hands may be merciful and filled with good deeds, so that I may do only good to my neighbors and take upon myself the more difficult and toilsome tasks.

Help me, that my feet may be merciful, so that I may hurry to assist my neighbor, overcoming my own fatigue and weariness.

My true rest is in the service of my neighbor.

Help me, O Lord, that my heart may be merciful so that I, myself, may feel all the sufferings of my neighbor.

I will refuse my heart to no one.

I will be sincere even with those whom I know will abuse my kindness.

And I will lock myself up in the Most Merciful Heart of Jesus.

I will bear my own suffering in silence.

May Your mercy, O Lord, rest upon me.

You Yourself command me to exercise the three degrees of mercy.

The first: the act of mercy, of whatever kind.

The second: the word of mercy – if I cannot carry out a work of mercy, I will assist by my words.

The third: prayer – if I cannot show mercy by deeds or words, I can always do so by prayer.

My prayer reaches out even there where I cannot reach out physically.

O my Jesus, transform me into Yourself, for You can do all things. Amen.

RECITATION OF THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

(To be led & then recited by all)

1. Make the Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

2. 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.

(Repeat three times)

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

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 amongst 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. The 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. The Eternal Father

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 10 Small Beads of Each Decade

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

8. Repeat for the remaining decades

Saying the "Eternal Father" (6) on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" (7) on the following "Hail Mary" beads.

9. Conclude with Holy God (Repeat three times)

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

10. 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.

BENEDICTION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

*Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui,
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui;
Praestet fides supplementum,
Sensuum defectui.*

*Genitori Genitoque
Laus et jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio;
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.*

PRIEST: You have given them bread from heaven (Alleluia).

ALL: Having within it all sweetness (Alleluia).

PRIEST: Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of your suffering and death. May our worship of this sacrament of your body and blood help us to experience the salvation you won for us and the peace of the kingdom where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen

EUCCHARISTIC BLESSING

The Divine Praises

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints.

May the Heart of Jesus
in the Most Blessed Sacrament
be praised, adored and loved
with grateful affection
at every moment
in all the tabernacles of the world
even until the end of time.
Amen.

Closing Hymn

*O God beyond all praising we worship you today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay
For we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end.
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word;
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.*

*Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still,
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.*

