

Chapter 1 : Daily Reflections on Divine Mercy: Days with Saint Faustina

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

Jesus conveyed to her our need to ask for His mercy, to be merciful ourselves, and to trust in Him completely. Mercy is a key part of the love that He has for us and wants us to show each other. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is simpler to memorize than it looks at first glance! The opening and closing prayers, while desirable, are optional. You can pray it using rosary beads as follows: First, make the sign of the cross. Then you can pray either, or both, of these two 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. Then, on the first three beads: 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. 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. He descended into hell; 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 thence he shall 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 the life everlasting. Then you pray the rest of the Divine Mercy Chaplet as follows: For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world. You can then conclude the Divine Mercy Chaplet with the following 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. What was new was that our Lord wished Saint Faustina to help establish an apostolic movement of Divine Mercy so that even the most hardened sinners would know that they could obtain His mercy if they asked for it with a spirit of true repentance. The Divine Mercy Chaplet, along with other prayers would help spread this devotion to His mercy, as would veneration of a special image he asked St. Jesus also made known to St. Faustina his desire for us to pray and meditate on His passion at 3: This can also be a great time to pray the opening prayers to the Divine Mercy Chaplet, given above, or the chaplet itself! Saint Faustina served Jesus with great love and grace in convents in Poland from until her death from tuberculosis in Note that we must approach our Lord in praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and in this devotion itself, with love in our hearts, not just words on our lips. He will not refuse us His mercy if our contrition is genuine. It has been said it is easier to believe in God than to trust in Him. Do you find yourself agreeing with that statement at times? Even our sufferings can be of great spiritual benefit on our journey towards Eternal Life with God in Heaven if we, in the midst of our trials, allow Him to give us the grace to withstand them, for the forgiveness of sins. We just need to show our love for Him in return in how we follow His will for us and in how we treat others.

Chapter 2 : Divine Mercy in Action - The Power of Intercessory 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.

Although the chaplet is said on beads like the Rosary, it is about a third of the length of the Rosary, and unlike the Rosary that has evolved over the years, the form and structure of the chaplet has remained unchanged since Faustina attributed it to a message from Jesus. She wrote that Jesus said: When they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying not as the just judge but as the Merciful Savior. In her diary Faustina recounted a vision on September 13, in which she saw an angel sent to a city to destroy it. In subsequent visions, Faustina learned that the prayers she spoke were to be taught to all the people of the world. The hour Jesus died by crucifixion, 3: In a novena , the chaplet is usually said each of the nine days from Good Friday to Divine Mercy Sunday. Pope John Paul II was instrumental in the formal establishment of the Divine Mercy devotion and acknowledged the efforts of the Marian Fathers in its promotion in a Papal Blessing in , the 70th anniversary of the revelation of the Divine Mercy Message and Devotion. Although the prayers said on the beads of the rosary chain share specific similarities between the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Chaplet of Holy Wounds , these are distinct chaplets and were introduced over 20 years apart, one in Poland , the other in France. First opening prayer This prayer is optional, and may be used to begin the Chaplet: You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world. Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion is 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. The praying of the decades then follows, repeating this cycle for each: The Eternal Father on the large bead, with a specific offering each decade; and The For the sake of His sorrowful Passion on each of the ten adjacent small beads, with other petitions for mercy, emphasizing the offering of the Body and Blood of Christ. The Holy God on the medallion; The optional closing prayer , still on the medallion; Any further intentions; and The sign of the cross. Novena The chaplet may be repeated over a period of nine days as part of a novena. There is a prayer intention for specific group of people on each of the nine days. Faustina, is the most difficult of all: These souls cause Me more suffering than any others; it was from such souls that My soul felt the most revulsion in the Garden of Olives. It was on their account that I said: All mankind, in particular all sinners. The souls of priests and the religious. The souls of the devout and faithful people. For the non-believers and those who do not yet know Jesus. The souls of heretics and schismatics. The souls of "the meek and humble" and for little children. The souls in Purgatory. Souls who have become lukewarm and indifferent.

Chapter 3 : How To Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Divine Mercy is the merciful love of God, available to everyone. Jesus wishes to let His boundless love and mercy flow from his own Sacred Heart to all in need. The devotional prayers recorded here, were given to Sister Maria Faustina by Jesus during a series of apparitions.

I am sorry for all my sins. I repent of my sins, please forgive me. In Your name, I forgive all others for what they have done against me. I renounce Satan, the evil spirits and all their works. I give You my entire self, Lord Jesus, now and forever. I invite You into my life Jesus. I accept You as my Lord, God and Saviour. Heal me, change me, strengthen me in body, soul and spirit. I love You Lord Jesus. I Praise You Jesus. I Thank You Jesus. I shall follow You every day of my life. On the ten small beads: For the sake of His sorrowful Passion have mercy on us and on the whole world. Conclude with recited three times: Others may glorify You through their faithfulness and perseverance, thus making evident the power of Your grace. How sweet and generous You are to those who are faithful to You! Nevertheless, I will glorify You by acquainting others of Your goodness to sinners and by reminding them that Your MERCY is above all malice, that nothing can exhaust it, and that no relapse, no matter how shameful or criminal, should allow the sinner to despair of forgiveness. I have offended You grievously, O Beloved Redeemer, but it would be still worse if I were to offend You by thinking that You were lacking in goodness to forgive me. Amen Prayer for Mercy for the Dying O merciful Jesus, lover of souls, I beseech You, by the agony of Your Most Sacred Heart and by the sorrows of Your Immaculate Mother, wash clean in Your Blood the sinners of the whole world who are now in their final agony, but especially those on their way to eternal damnation and who are to die this day. Prayer for Mercy for the Souls in Purgatory Eternal Father, I offer You the most precious blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, for those in my own home and within my own family. You are my salvation, You are my serenity in moments of struggle and amidst an ocean of doubts. You are the bright ray that lights up the path of my life. You are everything to a lonely soul even though it remains silent. You know the weaknesses and You comfort and heal, sparing us sufferings. Divine Mercy Direct Me Eternal God, Goodness itself, whose mercy is incomprehensible to every intellect, whether human or angelic, help me, your feeble child, to do Your holy will as You make it known to me. Lord, here is my soul and my body, my mind and my will, my heart and all my love. Direct me according to Your eternal plan. Jesus instructed me to write down and make before the Feast of Mercy. It begins on Good Friday. I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fount of My mercy, that they may draw there from strength and refreshment and whatever graces 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, and I will bring all these souls into the house of My Father. You will do this in this life and in the next. I will deny nothing to any soul whom you will bring to the fount of My mercy. On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My bitter Passion, for graces for these souls. In this way you will console Me in the bitter grief into which the loss of souls plunges Me. 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 the trust which we place in Your infinite goodness. Oh omnipotence of Divine Mercy, Salvation of sinful people, You are a sea of mercy and compassion; You aid those who entreat You with humility. 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 forever and ever. It was they who gave Me the strength to endure My bitter Passion. Through them, as through channels, My mercy flows out upon Mankind. Most Merciful Jesus, from whom comes all that is good, increase Your grace in us, that we may perform worthy works of mercy, and that all who see us may glorify the Father of Mercy who is in heaven. 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. 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. Most Merciful Jesus, from the treasury of Your mercy, You impart Your graces in great abundance to each and all. We beg this of You by that most wondrous love for the heavenly Father with which Your Heart burns so fiercely. The miracles of mercy are impenetrable. Neither the sinner nor just one will fathom them. When You cast upon us an eye of pity, You draw us all closer to Your love. 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. 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. Most Compassionate Jesus, You are the Light of the whole world. Receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of pagans 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. May the light of Your love Enlighten the souls in darkness; Grant that these souls will know You And, together with us, praise Your mercy. Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls of pagans 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. As they return to unity with the Church, My wounds heal, and in this way they alleviate My Passion. 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 heretics and schismatics. 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 adore the generosity of Your mercy. The omnipotence of Your mercy, Oh God, Can lead these souls also out of error. Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls of heretics and schismatics, 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 the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. Bring it about that they also may glorify Your great mercy for endless ages. These souls most closely resemble My Heart. They strengthened Me during My bitter agony, I saw them as earthly Angels, who would keep vigil at My altars. I pour out upon them whole torrents of grace. Only the humble souls is able to receive My grace. I favor humble souls with My confidence. 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. A truly gentle and humble soul Already here on earth the air of paradise breathes, And in the fragrance of her humble heart The Creator Himself delights. Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon meek and humble souls, and upon the souls of 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. 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. In the midst of all afflictions and adversities they go forward, confident of Your mercy. These souls are united to Jesus and 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. A soul who praises the goodness of her Lord Is especially loved by Him. She is always close to the living fountain And draws graces from Mercy Divine. 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 spirit, overflowing with joy, sings a canticle of mercy to You, O Most High! Let there be accomplished in them the promises of Jesus, who said to them, I Myself will defend as My own glory, during their lifetime, and especially at the hour of their death, those

souls who will venerate My fathomless mercy. Let the torrents of My blood cool down their scorching flames. All these souls are greatly loved by Me.

Chapter 4 : Chaplet of Divine Mercy

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.

It poses the question how good are our prayers, the prayers of simple sinners, in these situations. For the answer, all we have to do is look in the Diary of Saint Faustina, to see how powerful the Lord has made our intercessory prayer. The prayer Jesus gave us to invite Him into the life of another, is a prayer that shows our belief and our trust in His death on the cross to bring Divine Mercy to all mankind especially sinners. Diary , St. How much suffering this soul cost me is known only to God. For no other soul did I make so many sacrifices and for no other soul did I offer so much prayer before the throne of God as I did for this lost soul. I felt finally that I had forced God to grant this soul the grace of conversion. The lost soul that was put into the care of Saint Faustina by Our Lord was that of her own sister. You may ask why so much was expected of St. Faustina to save her sisters soul, because to those that are given much, much is expected. Luke For St. Faustina the veil was lifted, when she was given the Heavenly vision, and saw the Father on His throne. Diary And I know there are many people who have members of their own families who have strayed or lost the faith entirely. If a member of your family is in this position, then you have been given the entrustment of their soul by the Lord. Because he has given you the prayers and means to save them. Faustina received this message it became clear to her that many souls can be saved by intercessory prayer. Jesus I beg You, by the inconceivable power of Your mercy, let all the souls who will die this day, escape the fire of hell, even if they have been the greatest sinners the world has ever known.. For whoever asks, receives; whoever seeks, finds; whoever knocks, is admitted. And in our miserable human condition there is intense need of intercessory prayer. Because without it sinners who will not pray for themselves are without purpose, and without hope. Only God the Father, in His Spirit of Mercy, can answer the needs through intercessory prayer of those who are without their own prayer, and without hope. He waits for us to exercise our right to trust in His mercy. When we do this, we then give God the freedom to grant mercy to others, even when they do not ask for it themselves. If only people could understand the power of intercessory prayer. Rom By prayer we give God permission to be merciful. And His mercy will always exceed our needs and our asking. For His plans for us, are always greater than our plans for ourselves. So when we pray, we allow God to fulfil His plan, in His way, and in His timing. And His plan is to have mercy on all mankind. For this reason he gave us the Chaplet of Divine Mercy which is a Eucharistic offering. Michael at Fatima, and is so close to the offering and sacrifice of the Holy Mass" when we say, 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 and we can repeat this throughout the whole day. We cry out with our hearts, even as St. By this prayer we not only honour Jesus, as Divine Mercy itself, but we also ask Him to have mercy on us, on our needs, on the needs of the Church and on the needs of the whole world. This can be a continual cry from our heart and our lips as we daily encounter the needs of the human condition. It is the Holy Spirit who transforms us, who is poured into our hearts and makes us holy. The Holy Spirit transforms our earthen vessels, all our misery, into His temples! Holiness is not so much the vessel as the content within the vessel; that is, the living presence of the Holy Spirit within us. It is a sign for the end times; after it will come the day of justice.

Chapter 5 : The Divine Mercy Chaplet: A Moving Prayer for Forgiveness

The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, also called the Divine Mercy Chaplet, is a Christian devotion to the Divine Mercy, based on the Christological apparitions of Jesus reported by Saint Faustina Kowalska (), known as "the Apostle of Mercy."

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 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. Joseph, her most chaste spouse. Blessed be God in his angels and in his Saints. Neither this work nor any part of it may be reproduced, distributed, performed or displayed in any medium, including electronic or digital, without permission in writing from the copyright owner. He returned to this theme throughout his pontificate: As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness, and fear, the Risen Lord offers His love that pardons, reconciles, and reopens hearts to love. It is a love that converts hearts and gives peace. How much the world needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy! Jesus, I trust in You, have mercy upon us and upon the whole world. As people of this restless time of ours, wavering between the emptiness of self-exaltation and the humiliation of despair, we have a greater need than ever for a regenerating experience of mercy. May this merciful love also shine on the face of the Church and show itself through the sacraments, in particular that of Reconciliation, and in works of charity, both communitarian and individual. May all that the Church says and does manifest the mercy God feels for man. In the s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary. John Paul II explains: This was precisely the time when those ideologies of evil, nazism and communism, were taking shape. Sister Faustina became the herald of the one message capable of off-setting the evil of those ideologies, that fact that God is mercyâ€”the truth of the merciful Christ. And for this reason, when I was called to the See of Peter, I felt impelled to pass on those experiences of a fellow Pole that deserve a place in the treasury of the universal Church. 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. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world: The Chaplet of Divine Mercy: The Chaplet was also given to St. Faustina with this promise: Instructions for its recitation are provided on a separate page. The Divine Mercy Novena:

Chapter 6 : Divine Mercy Sunday

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world. Concluding prayer (Repeat 3 times) Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Chapter 7 : Divine Mercy - Wikipedia

First Prayer 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.

Chapter 8 : Prayer to the Divine Mercy - Prayers - Catholic Online

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At the National Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts the Chaplet is preceded by two opening prayers from the Diary of Saint Faustina and followed by a closing prayer. Optional Opening Prayers.

Chapter 9 : 4 Ways to Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy - wikiHow

The Divine Mercy Chaplet Prayer with Gregorian Chant Background.