



Novena
to
The Divine Mercy
For Congregational Use

**The Apostle of Divine Mercy
The Servant of God
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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.

Then, on the single beads, in place of the **Our Father**, say:

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.

On the ten beads, in place of the *Hail Mary*, say:

LEADER: For the sake of His sorrowful Passion

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

After the five decades say three times:

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

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

INTRODUCTION TO THE NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY

*Excerpted from the Diary
of Sister Faustina (III, p. 57)*

“A Novena to The Divine Mercy which Jesus instructed me to write down and to make before the Feast of Mercy. It begins on Good Friday.”

Our Lord’s words recorded by Sister Faustina:

“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 grace they have need of 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 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.”

Sister Faustina continues:

“I answered, ‘Jesus, I do not know how to make this novena and which souls to bring first into you Most Compassionate Heart.’ Jesus replied that He would tell me which souls to bring each day into His heart.”

FIRST DAY

LEADER: *Let us listen to the words of our Merciful Saviour:*

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.

(A few moments of silent reflection and prayer.)

LEADER: *Most Merciful Jesus,*

ALL: 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, and 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.

(Pause)

LEADER: *Eternal Father,*

ALL: cast a merciful glance especially upon all poor sinners and upon all mankind as well, 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 that same Mercy, forever and ever. Amen.

THE CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY

THE CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY (recited on ordinary Rosary beads) CONGREGATIONALLY:

LEADER: OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

ALL: 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.

LEADER: HAIL MARY, full of grace.
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed are thou among women, and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.

ALL: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray
for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our
death. Amen.

LEADER: I BELIEVE in God, the Father almighty,
ALL: Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe 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,

NINTH DAY

LEADER: *Let us listen to the words of our Merciful Saviour:*
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 flee to My Mercy.

(A few moments of silent reflection and prayer.)

LEADER: *Most Compassionate Jesus, You are compassion Itself.*
ALL: We 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 deep loathing, be once again set aflame. O Most Compassionate Jesus, exercise Your omnipotent 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.

(Pause)

LEADER: *Eternal Father,*
ALL: cast a merciful glance 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 these souls, too, glorify the abyss of Your Mercy. Amen.

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SECOND DAY

LEADER: *Let us listen to the words of our Merciful Saviour:*
Today bring 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.

(A few moments of silent reflection and prayer.)

LEADER: *Most Merciful Jesus,*
ALL: from Whom comes all that is good, increase Your grace in all priests and religious that they may perform worthy works of mercy. And may all who observe their good works praise the Father of Mercy Who is in heaven.

(Pause)

LEADER: *Eternal Father,*
ALL: cast Your merciful glance upon the chosen company of labourers in Your vineyard. Look 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.

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EIGHTH DAY

THIRD DAY

LEADER: *Let us listen to the words of our Merciful Saviour:*
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.

(A few moments of silent reflection and prayer.)

LEADER: *Most Merciful Jesus,*

ALL: 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, and 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.

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LEADER: *Let us listen to the words of our Merciful Saviour:*
Today bring to Me those souls who are in the prison of purgatory and immerse them in the abyss of My Mercy. Let the torrents of My Body 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.

(A few moments of silent reflection and prayer.)

LEADER: *Most Merciful Jesus,*

ALL: You Yourself have said that You desire mercy. I now 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 the purifying fire that in that place too the power of Your Mercy may be celebrated.

(Pause)

LEADER: *Eternal Father,*

ALL: cast a merciful glance upon the souls suffering in purgatory. They too are enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. I beseech You by the sorrowful Passion of Jesus, Your Son, and by all the bitterness with which His most sacred Soul was flooded, show Mercy to the souls which are under Your just scrutiny. Look upon them in no other way than 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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SEVENTH DAY

LEADER: *Let us listen to the words of our Merciful Saviour:*

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 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 its death.

(A few moments of silent reflection and prayer.)

LEADER: *Most Merciful Jesus, whose Heart is Love Itself,*

ALL: receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of those who particularly extol and venerate the greatness of Your Mercy. As through Your Mercy they share in YOUR mighty power, may they go forward in the midst of all afflictions and adversities and confident of that same Mercy. United with You, O Jesus, they bear all mankind on their shoulders. And as they depart from this life may their judgement be one with the embrace of Your tender Mercy.

(Pause)

LEADER: *Eternal Father,*

ALL: cast a merciful glance 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. May they ever be a living Gospel. May their heart, overflowing with joy, ever pour forth to You a canticle in praise of Your most tender Mercy. O Almighty God, I beseech You to show them Your Mercy according to the hope and trust they have placed in You. Your Son Jesus has promised that He himself will defend as His own glory, both in this life and especially at the hour of death, all those who have venerated His fathomless Mercy. We ask, Father, that this promise be fulfilled in them. Amen.

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FOURTH DAY

LEADER: *Let us listen to the words of our Merciful Saviour:*

Today bring to Me the pagans and those who do not yet know Me. I was thinking of them also during My bitter Passion, and their future zeal comforted My Heart. Immerse them in the ocean of My Mercy.

(A few moments of silent reflection and prayer.)

LEADER: *Most Compassionate Jesus,*

ALL: 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 the wonders of Your Mercy. Do not let them escape from the abode which is Your Most Compassionate Heart.

(Pause)

LEADER: *Eternal Father,*

ALL: cast a merciful glance upon the souls of pagans and of those who as yet do not know You. They too are enclosed in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. Draw them to the light of the Gospel. These souls do not know what a great happiness it is to love You. Grant that they too may extol the generosity of Your Mercy, for endless ages. Amen.

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FIFTH DAY

LEADER: *Let us listen to the words of our Merciful Saviour:*

Today bring to Me the souls of (the separated brethren) 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.

(A few moments of silent reflection and prayer.)

LEADER: *Most Merciful Jesus, Goodness Itself,*

ALL: You do not refuse light to those who seek it of You. Receive into the abode of your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of our separated brethren. 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 praise the generosity of Your Mercy.

(Pause)

LEADER: *Eternal Father,*

ALL: cast Your merciful glance upon the souls of our separated brethren, especially those who have squandered Your blessings and spurned Your graces by obstinately persisting in their errors. Do not look upon their failings but on the love of Your own Son and upon His bitter Passion which He underwent for their sake. 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. Amen.

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SIXTH DAY

LEADER: *Let us listen to the words of our Merciful Saviour:*

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 able to receive My grace. I favour humble souls with My confidence.

(A few moments of silent reflection and prayer.)

LEADER: *Most Merciful Jesus,*

ALL: 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. May these send all heaven into ecstasy. May they be the Heavenly Father’s favourites. May they be a sweet-smelling bouquet before the throne of God. May God himself take delight in their fragrance.

(Pause)

LEADER: *Eternal Father,*

ALL: look with mercy upon all meek and humble souls and the souls of little children, enfolded in 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 the delight You take in them, to bless the whole world that all mankind may sing out the praises of Your Mercy for endless ages. Amen.

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