

The Divine Mercy Chaplet

PRAYING GOD'S MERCY
IN YOUR DAILY LIFE

A simple guide for praying with ordinary Rosary beads.



What is the Chaplet?

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is a Catholic devotion associated with St. Faustina Kowalska and the message of God's mercy. It is prayed with ordinary Rosary beads and keeps our attention on the saving Passion of Jesus and on trusting the mercy of God.

You can pray it any time. Many Catholics especially pray the Chaplet at 3 p.m., the Hour of Mercy, or for someone who is sick, dying, grieving, or in need of mercy.

*"Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy."*

MATTHEW 5:7

The Bead-by-Bead Rhythm

1. Make the Sign of the Cross.
2. Pray the Our Father, Hail Mary and Apostles' Creed.
3. On each large bead, pray the official "Eternal Father" prayer.
4. On each of the ten smaller beads, say "For the sake of his sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."
5. Repeat for all five decades.
6. Conclude by praying the official "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One" prayer three times.

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An Intention for Each Decade



For someone who needs healing.



For someone who has hurt you--and for the grace to forgive.



For a person who feels far from God.



For the dying and those who care for them.



For your own need to trust God's mercy more deeply.

CLOSING REFLECTION

When you finish, sit quietly for a moment. Where do you most need to receive mercy today? Where are you being asked to extend it?

Journal: Jesus, help me to trust your mercy in _____.
Help me show mercy by _____.

The Core Prayers

Use this page as a quick reference while you learn.

ST. FAUSTINA 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. *(Repeat 3x: O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in you!)*

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.

HAIL MARY

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among 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.

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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.

FOR EACH OF THE FIVE DECADES

On each "Our Father" bead of the rosary, pray:

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 each of the 10 "Hail Mary" beads, pray:

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

CONCLUSION

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