

# THE DIVINE MERCY

"Proclaim that mercy is the greatest attribute of God." (301)

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DIARY

of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska



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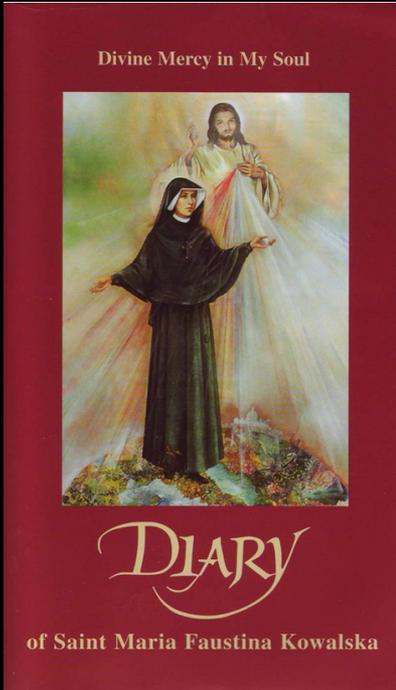


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(1059)



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# Diary, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, Divine Mercy in My Soul

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## Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska

Sister Faustina was the third of ten children born into a poor and pious peasant family in a village in the heart of Poland. She had three years of schooling and at the age of 14 went to work as a domestic.

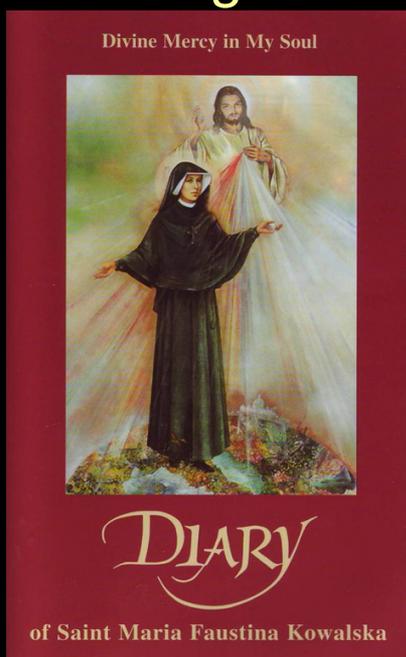
Initially her parents opposed her entering a convent and many convents rejected her. Eventually she entered the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy and she had great joy.

She laid down her life in sacrifice for sinners and ended up with many diverse sufferings, in order by means of them to come to the aid of their souls.



Maria Faustyna Kowalska  
(1905-1938)

The Lord gave her many graces, including; visions, revelations, the hidden stigmata, the gift of prophecy and reading into human souls. Our Lord Jesus gave her the great mission to proclaim His message of mercy to the whole world. Jesus ordered her to keep a diary during the last four years of her life, primarily describing the 'encounters' of her soul with God.



Maria Faustyna Kowalska  
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Pope John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina in 2000 making her the "first saint of the new millennium." Speaking of Sr. Faustina and the importance of the message contained in her *Diary*, the Pope called her "the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time."



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"My daughter, I demand that you devote all your free moments to writing about My goodness and mercy. It is your office and your assignment throughout your life to continue to make known to souls the great mercy I have for them and to exhort them to trust in My bottomless mercy." (1567)



When I went for adoration, I heard these words: "My beloved daughter, write down these words, that today My Heart has rested in this convent (the Cracow house). Tell the world about My mercy and My love.



The flames of mercy are burning Me. I desire to pour them out upon human souls. Oh, what pain they cause Me when they do not want to accept them!" (1074)



"My daughter, do what ever is within your power to spread devotion to My mercy. I will make up for what you lack. Tell aching mankind to snuggle close to My merciful Heart, and I will fill it with peace.

Tell [all people] My daughter, that I am Love and Mercy itself. When a soul approaches Me with trust, I fill it with such an abundance of graces that it cannot contain them within itself, but radiates them to other souls". (1074)



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"Souls who spread the honour of My mercy I shield through their entire lives as a tender mother, her infant, and at the hour of death I will not be a Judge for them, but the Merciful Saviour.

At that last hour, a soul has nothing with which to defend itself except My mercy.

Happy is the soul that during its lifetime immersed itself in the Fountain of Mercy, because justice will have no hold on it." (1075)



"Write this: Everything that exists is enclosed in the bowels of My mercy, more deeply than an infant in its mother's womb.

How painful distrust of My goodness wounds Me! Sins of distrust wound Me most painfully." (1076)

"Oh, if sinners knew My mercy, they would not perish in such great numbers. Tell sinful souls not to be afraid to approach Me; speak to them of my great mercy." (1396)



## The Greatest Sinners

"[Let] the greatest sinners place their trust in My mercy. They have the right before others to trust in the abyss of My mercy.

My daughter, write about My mercy towards tormented souls. Souls that make an appeal to My mercy delight Me. To such souls I grant even more graces than they ask." (1146)



## The Greatest Sinners

"I cannot punish even the greatest sinner if he makes an appeal to My compassion, but on the contrary, I justify him in My unfathomable and inscrutable mercy.

Write: before I come as a just Judge, I first open wide the door of My mercy. He who refuses to pass through the door of My mercy must pass through the door of My justice... " (1146)



## The Greatest Sinners

Today, in the course of a long conversation, the Lord said to me, "How very much I desire the salvation of souls!

My dearest secretary, write that I want to pour out My divine life into human souls and sanctify them, if only they were willing to accept My grace." (1784)



## The Greatest Sinners

"The greatest sinners would achieve great sanctity, if only they would trust in My mercy.

The very inner depths of My being are filled to overflowing with mercy, and it is being poured out upon all I have created. My delight is to act in a human soul and to fill it with My mercy and to justify it. My kingdom on earth is My life in the human soul...."  
(1784)

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## The Greatest Sinners

"...I desire trust from My creatures. Encourage souls to place great trust in My fathomless mercy.

Let the weak, sinful soul have no fear to approach Me, for even if it had more sins than there are grains of sand in the world, all would be drowned in the immeasurable depths of My mercy." (1059)

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## The Greatest Sinners

"My Secretary, write that I am more generous toward sinners than toward the just. It was for their sake that I came down from heaven; it was for their sake that My Blood was spilled. Let them not fear to approach Me; they are most in need of My mercy." (1275)



Rembrandt:  
The Prodigal Son  
(Luke 15:11-32)

## The Greatest Sinners

"My Heart is sorrowful, **Jesus said**, because even chosen souls do not understand the greatness of My mercy.

Their relationship [with Me] is, in certain ways, imbued with mistrust. Oh, how much that wounds My Heart!

Remember My Passion, and if you do not believe My words, at least believe My wounds."  
(379)

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## The Greatest Sinners

"Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy.

Oh, how much I am hurt by a soul's distrust! Such a soul professes that I am Holy and Just, but does not believe that I am Mercy and does not trust in My Goodness. Even the devils glorify My Justice but do not believe in My Goodness."  
(300)

"My Heart rejoices in this title of Mercy.

Proclaim that mercy is the greatest attribute of God. All the works of My hands are crowned with mercy."  
(301)



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## Trust in My Mercy

"The graces of My Mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is – trust. The more a souls trusts, the more it will receive." (1578)

"I have opened My Heart as a living fountain of mercy. Let all souls draw life from it. Let them approach this sea of mercy with great trust.

Sinners will attain justification, and the just will be confirmed in good. Whoever places his trust in My mercy will be filled with My divine peace at the hour of death." (1520)

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# The Hour of Great Mercy

## At three o'clock

"At three o'clock , implore My Mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in my abandonment at the moment of agony. This is the hour of great Mercy for the whole world. I will allow you to enter into my mortal sorrow. In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion." (1320)



## Divine Mercy Hour

### At three o'clock

"As often as you hear the clock strike the third hour, immerse yourself completely in My mercy, adoring and glorifying it; invoke its omnipotence for the whole world, and particularly for poor sinners; for at that moment mercy was opened wide for every soul.

In this hour you can obtain everything for yourself and for others for the asking; it was the hour of grace for the whole world - mercy triumphed over justice."  
(1572)



# Divine Mercy Hour Prayers

## At three o'clock

"My daughter, try your best to make the Stations of the Cross in this hour, provided that your duties permit it; and if you are not able to make the Stations of the Cross, then at least step into the chapel for a moment and adore, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, My Heart, which is full of mercy; and should you be unable to step into the chapel, immerse yourself in prayer there where you happen to be, if only for a very brief instant."  
(1572)



# Divine Mercy Hour Prayers

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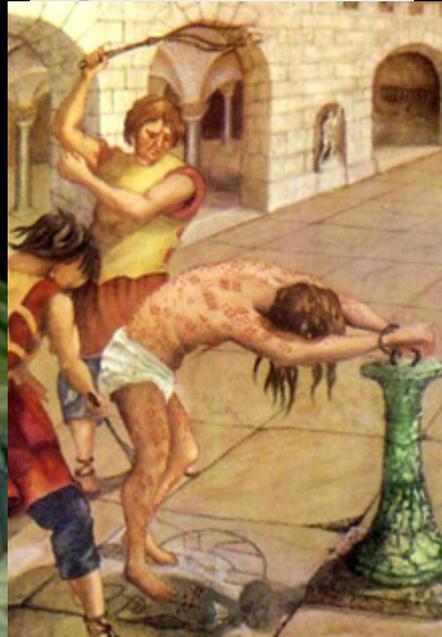
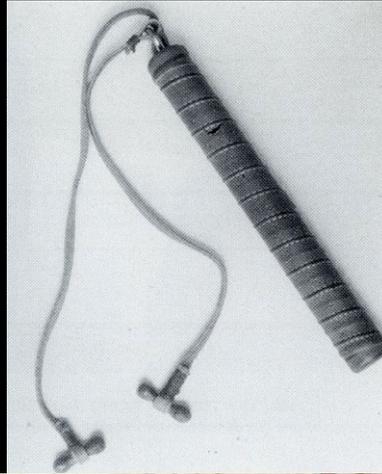
You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty yourself out upon us. (1319)

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us I trust in You! (84)

Say the Chaplet of Divine Mercy if possible.



"There is more merit to one hour of meditation on My Sorrowful Passion than there is to a whole year of flagellation that draws blood; the contemplation of my painful wounds is of great profit to you, and it brings me great Joy." (369)



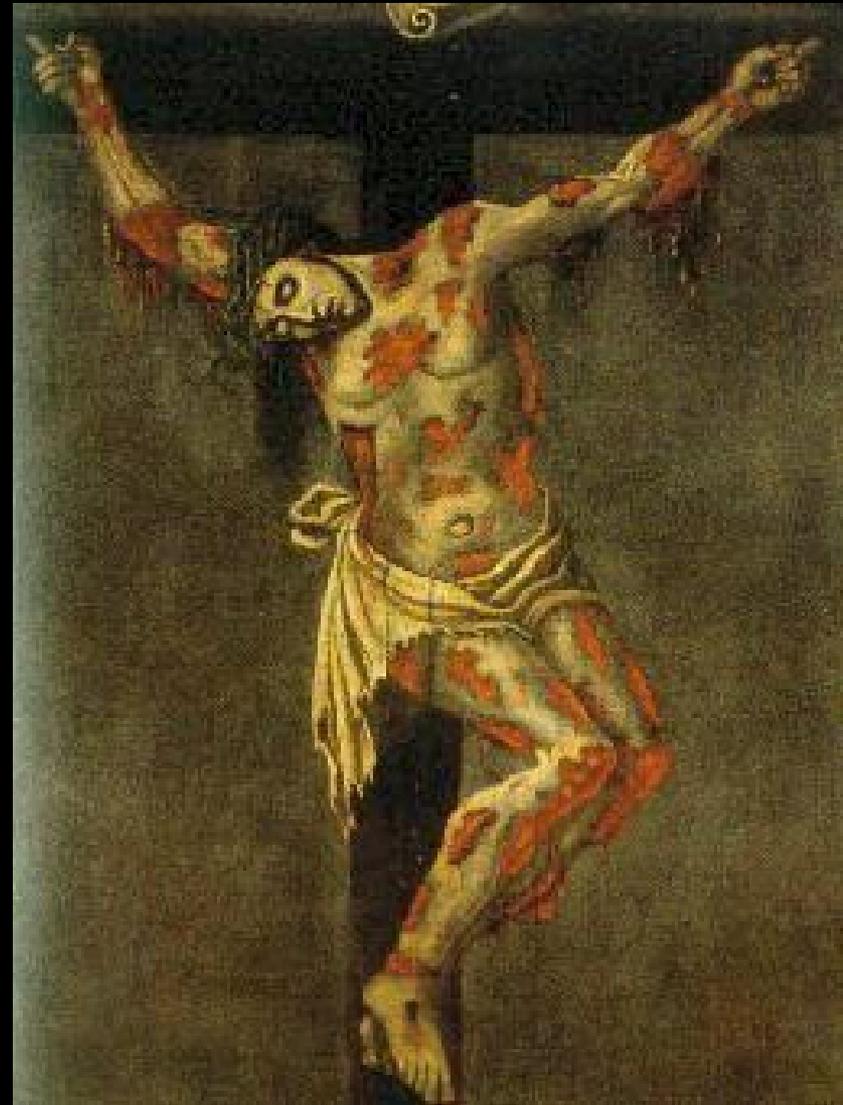
# Aids to Meditation on the Passion of Our Lord

The four Gospels Passion accounts.

The Hours of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, by Luisa Piccarreta, describing the interior sufferings of Our Lord. Saint Hannibal Mary Di Francia published this book in 1915 and wrote its introduction. (Center for the Divine Will, Jacksonville, Florida, USA).

The Dolorous Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, by Anne Catherine Emmerich, describing the exterior sufferings of Our Lord. (Tan Books and Publishers, Illinois, USA).

The Passion and Death of Jesus Christ, by Saint Alphonsus Liguori. (Tan Books and Publishers).

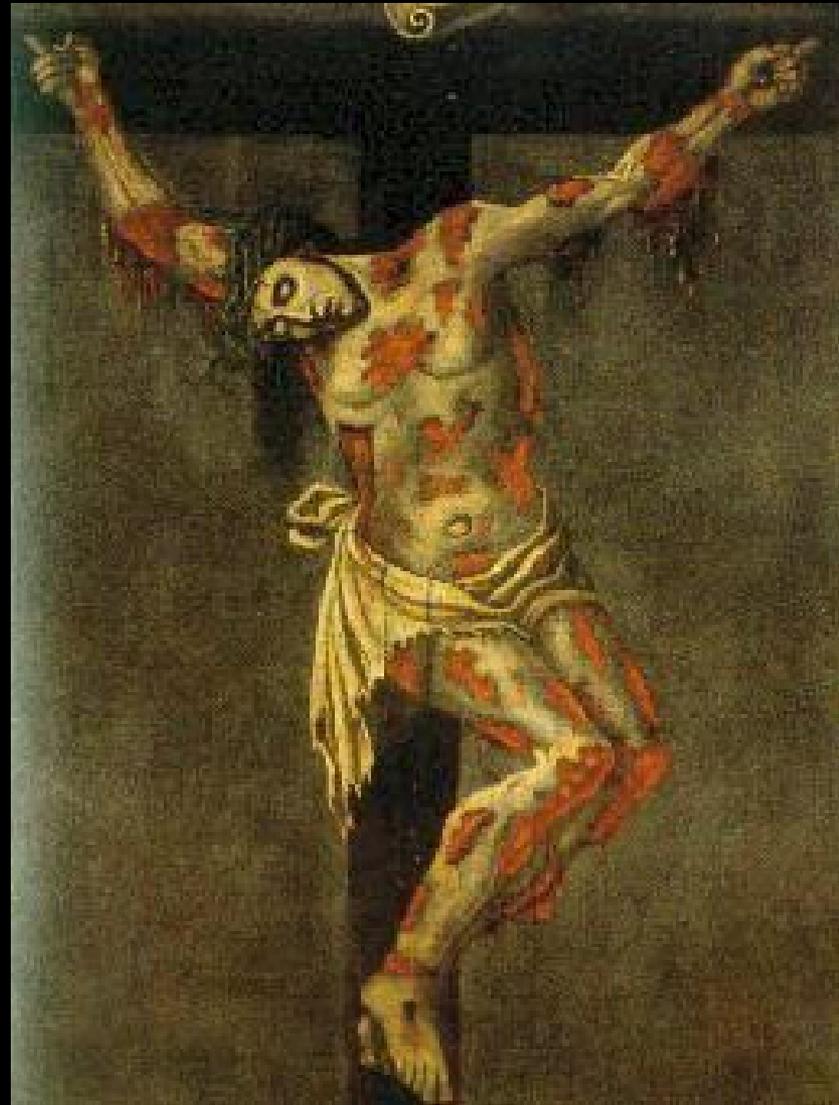


*Crucifixion painted by  
Saint Alphonsus Liguori*

## Suffering

When I fell sick (probably the beginning of consumption) after my first vows and when despite the kind and solicitous care of my Superiors and the efforts of the doctor, I felt neither better nor worse, remarks began to reach my ears which inferred that I was making believe. With that, my suffering was doubled, and this lasted for quite a long time. One day I complained to Jesus that I was being a burden to the sisters.

Jesus answered me, "You are not living for yourself but for souls, and other souls will profit from your sufferings. Your prolonged suffering will give them the light and strength to accept My will." (67)

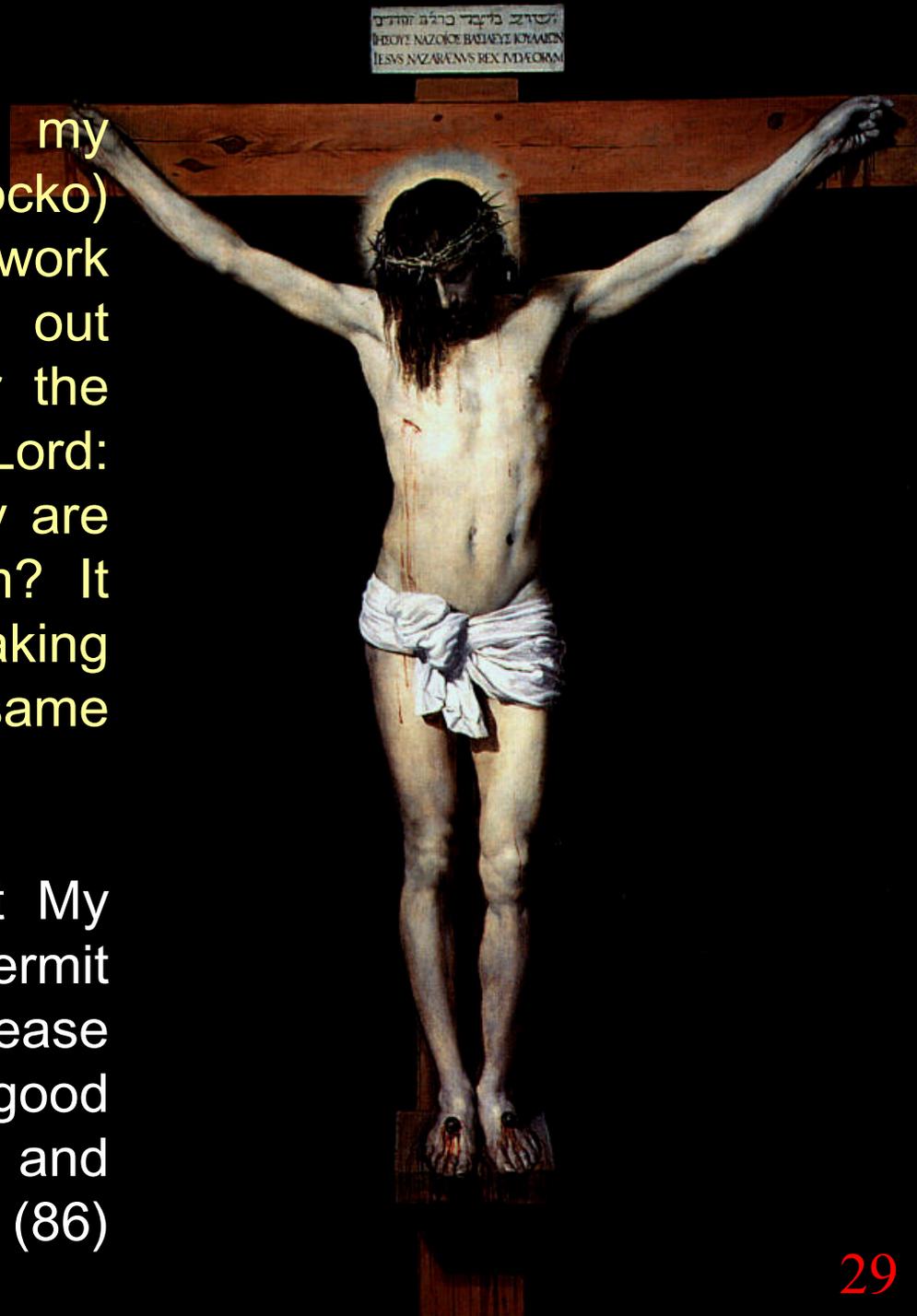


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# Suffering

(Once) when I saw how much my confessor (probably Father Sopocko) was to suffer because of this work which God was going to carry out through him, fear seized me for the moment, and I said to the Lord: "Jesus, this is Your affair, so why are You acting this way toward him? It seems to me that You are making difficulties for him while at the same time ordering him to act."

"Write that by day and by night My gaze is fixed upon him, and I permit these adversities in order to increase his merit. I do not reward for good results but for the patience and hardship undergone for My sake." (86)



## Suffering

One day, I saw interiorly how much my confessor would have to suffer: friends will desert you while everyone will rise up against you and your physical strength will diminish. I saw you as a bunch of grapes chosen by the Lord and thrown into the press of suffering. Your soul, Father, will at times will be filled with doubts about this work and about me. (90)



# Suffering

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IHSVS NAZARENVS REX IVDÆORVM  
IESVS NAZARENVS REX IUDÆORVM

I saw that God himself seemed to be opposing (him), and I asked the Lord why He was acting in this way toward him, as though He were placing obstacles in the way of doing what He himself had asked him to do.

And the Lord said, "I am acting thus with him to give testimony that this work is Mine. Tell him not to fear anything; My gaze is on him day and night. There will be as many crowns to form his crown as there will be souls saved by this work.

It is not for a success of a work, but for the suffering that I give reward."

(90)

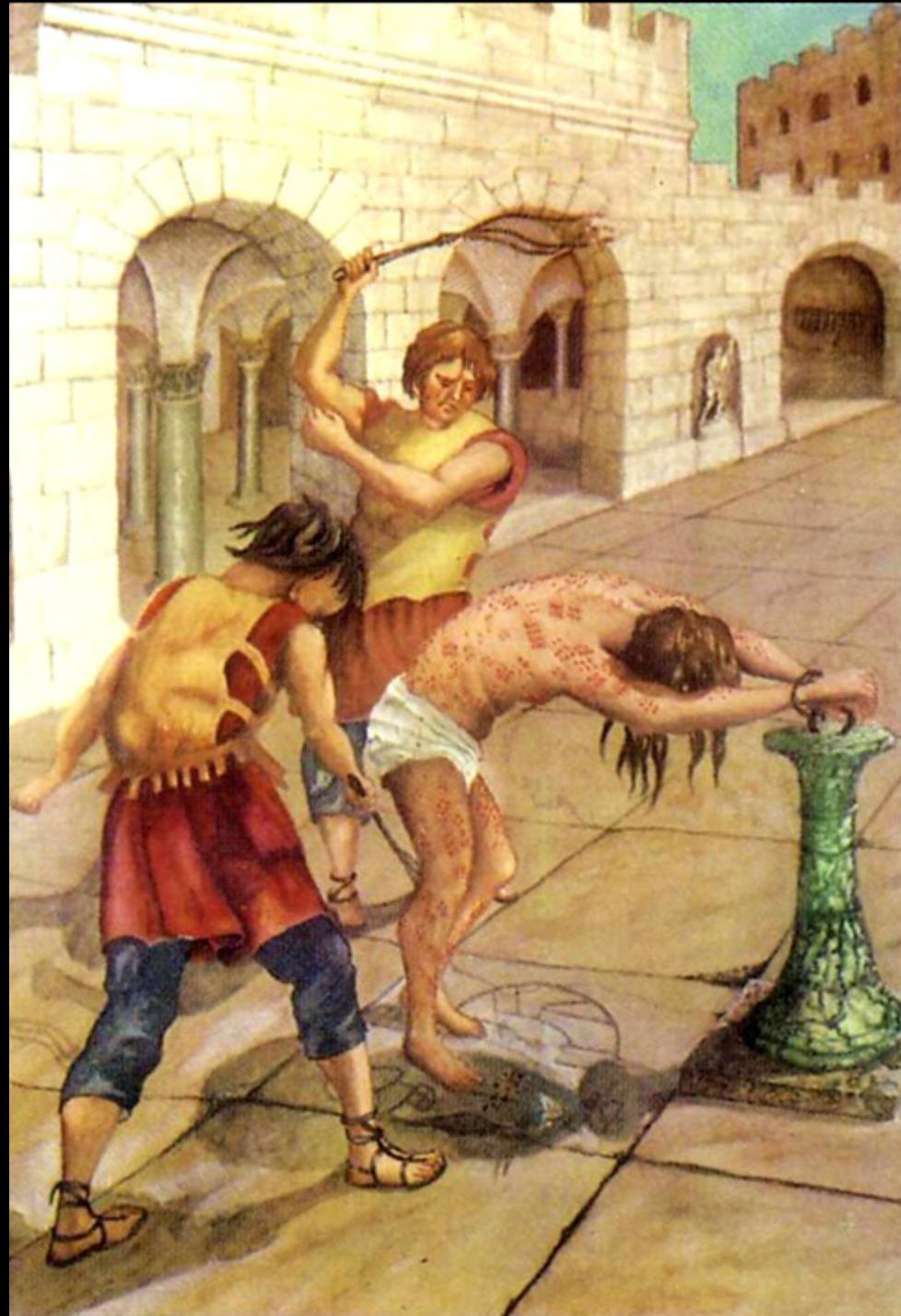


# Suffering

"Know... that your silent day-to-day martyrdom in complete submission to My Will ushers many souls into Heaven.

And when it seems to you that your suffering exceeds your strength, contemplate My Wounds and you will rise above human scorn and judgment.

Meditation on My Passion will help you rise above all things."  
(1184)



# Suffering

"..there is no way to heaven except the way of the cross. I followed it first.

You must learn that it is the shortest way.... I am giving you a share in those sufferings because of My special love for you and in view of the high degree of holiness I am intending for you in Heaven.

A suffering soul is closer to My heart." (1487)

"My daughter, your sufferings of this night obtained the grace of mercy for an immense number of souls." (1459)



# Suffering

Today, during Mass, I saw the Lord Jesus in the midst of His sufferings, as though dying on the cross.

He said to me, "My daughter, meditate frequently on the sufferings which I have undergone for your sake, and then nothing of what you suffer for Me will seem great to you.

You please Me most when you meditate on My Sorrowful Passion. Join your little sufferings to My Sorrowful Passion, so that they may have infinite value before My majesty."

(1512)



# Suffering

I accept joy or suffering, praise or humiliation with the same disposition. I remember that one and the other are passing.

What does it matter to me what people say about me? I have long ago given up everything that concerns my person.

My name is host - or sacrifice, not in words but in deeds, in the emptying of myself and becoming like You on the Cross, O good Jesus, my Master! (485)





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## A Prayer Given to St. Faustina by Jesus Christ Himself

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.  
(1211)

## Saint Faustina's Prayer for Healing

Jesus may Your pure and healthy blood circulate in my ailing organism, and may Your pure and healthy body transform my weak body, and may a healthy and vigorous life throb within me, if it is truly Your holy will. (1089)



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## A Prayer for Conversion

Today Jesus said to me, "I desire that you know more profoundly the love that burns in My Heart for souls, and you will understand this when you meditate upon My Passion. Call upon My mercy on behalf of sinners; I desire their salvation. When you say this prayer, with a contrite heart and with faith on behalf of some sinner, I will give him the grace of conversion. This is the prayer:

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of Mercy for us, I trust in You." (186-187)



Today I heard a voice in my soul: "Oh, if sinners knew My mercy, they would not perish in such great numbers. Tell sinful souls not to be afraid to approach Me; speak to them of My great mercy." (1396)

The Lord said to me, The loss of each soul plunges Me into mortal sadness. You always console Me when you pray for sinners.

The prayer most pleasing to Me is prayer for the conversion of sinners.

Know, My daughter, that this prayer is always heard and answered." (1397)



## The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy

Friday, September 13, 1935. In the evening, when I was in my cell, I saw an Angel, the executor of divine wrath.

... When I saw this sign of divine wrath which was about to strike the earth, and in particular a certain place, ...I began to implore the Angel to hold off for a few moments, and the world would do penance. But my plea was a mere nothing in the face of the divine anger. (474)

## The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy

Just then I saw the Most Holy Trinity. The greatness of Its majesty pierced me deeply, and I did not dare to repeat my entreaties. At that very moment I felt in my soul the power of Jesus' grace, which dwells in my soul.

When I became conscious of this grace, I was instantly snatched up before the Throne of God.

Oh, how great is our Lord and God and how incomprehensible His holiness! (474)





## The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy

I will make no attempt to describe this greatness because before long we shall all see Him as He is.

I found myself pleading with God for the world with words heard interiorly.

As I was praying in this manner, I saw the Angel's helplessness: he could not carry out the just punishment which was rightly due for sins.

(474)



## The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy

Never before had I prayed with such inner power as I did then.  
(474)

The words with which I entreated God are these:

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ for our sins and those of the whole world; for the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us.  
(475)



## The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy

The next morning, when I entered the chapel, I heard these words interiorly:

"Every time you enter the chapel, immediately recite the prayer which I taught you yesterday."

When I had said the prayer, in my soul I heard these words:

"This prayer will serve to appease My wrath. You will recite it for nine days, on the beads of the rosary, in the following manner:" (476) **44**

## The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy

"First of all, you will say  
one OUR FATHER  
and HAIL MARY  
and the I BELIEVE IN GOD.

Then on the OUR FATHER beads  
you will say the following words:

'Eternal Father, I  
offer You the Body  
Blood, Soul and  
Divinity of Your  
dearly beloved Son,  
Our Lord Jesus  
Christ, in atonement  
for our sins and  
those of the whole  
world.' " (476)



# The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy

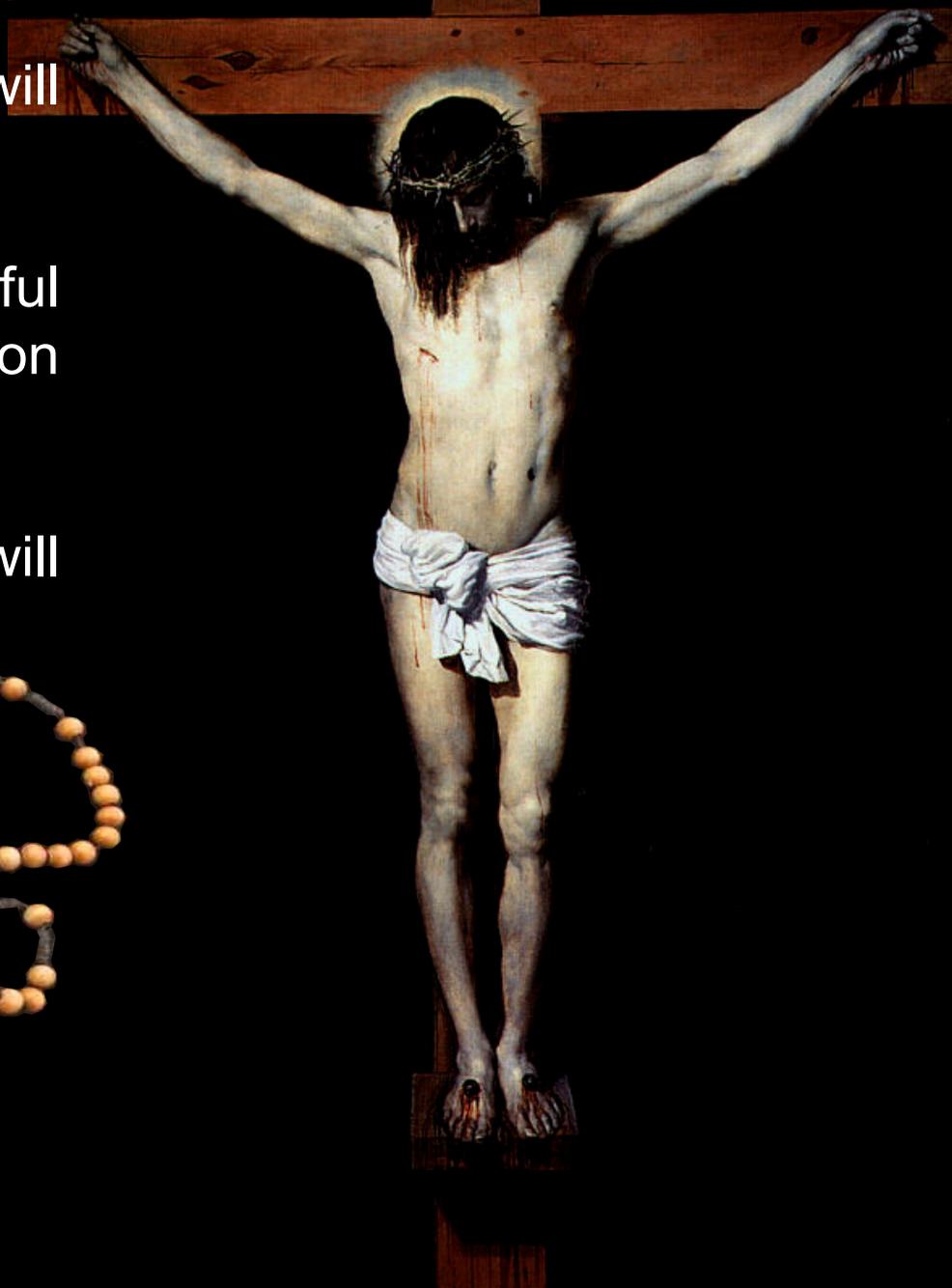
"On the HAIL MARY beads you will say the following words:

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

In conclusion, three times you will recite these words:

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

(476)



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## The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy

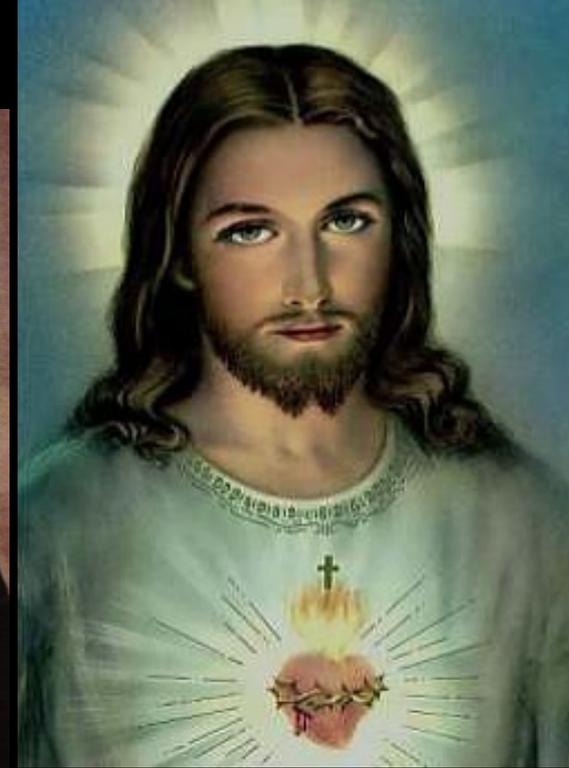
"Encourage souls to say the Chaplet which I have given you.

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."

(1541)

"Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will."

(1731)





## The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy

Once, as I was going down the hall to the kitchen, I heard these words in my soul:

"Say unceasingly the chaplet that I have taught you.

Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death.

Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation."

(687)



## The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy

"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.

I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy.

I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy."

(687)

While I was saying the chaplet, I heard a voice which said, "Oh, what great graces I will grant to souls who say this chaplet; the very depths of My tender mercy are stirred for the sake of those who say the chaplet. Write down these words, My daughter. Speak to the world about My mercy; let all mankind recognize My unfathomable mercy.

It is a sign for the end times; after it will come the day of justice. "

(848)



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"While there is still time, let them have recourse to the fount of My mercy; let them profit from the Blood and Water which gushed forth for them."

"O human souls, where are you going to hide on the day of God's anger? Take refuge now in the fount of God's mercy. O what a great multitude of souls I see! They worshiped the Divine Mercy and will be singing the hymn of praise for all eternity." (848)



**The Lord's Promise:** "The souls that say this chaplet will be embraced by My mercy during their lifetime and especially at the hour of their death." (754)

**January 28, 1938.** Today the Lord said to me, "My daughter, write down these words: All those souls who will glorify My mercy and spread its worship, encouraging others to trust in My mercy, will not experience terror at the hour of death. My mercy will shield them in that final battle..." (1540)



"...Pray as much as you can for the dying. By your entreaties, obtain for them trust in My mercy, because they have most need of trust, and have it the least.

Be assured that the grace of eternal salvation for certain souls in their final moment depends on your prayer. You know the whole abyss of My mercy, so draw upon it for yourself and especially for poor sinners.

Sooner would heaven and earth turn into nothingness than would My mercy not embrace a trusting soul." (1777)





When I entered the chapel for a moment, the Lord said to me, "My daughter, help Me to save a certain dying sinner. Say the chaplet that I have taught you for him. When I began to say the chaplet, I saw the man dying in the midst of terrible torment and struggle, His Guardian Angel was defending him, but he was as it were, powerless against the enormity of the soul's misery."  
(1565) 54



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A multitude of devils was waiting for the soul. But while I was saying the chaplet, I saw Jesus just as He is depicted in the image. The rays which issued from Jesus' Heart enveloped the sick man, and the powers of darkness fled in panic. The sick man peacefully breathed his last. When I came to myself, I understood how very important the chaplet was for the dying. It appeases the anger of God." (1565)



"...My daughter, encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given to you. It pleases Me to grant everything they ask of Me by saying the chaplet. When hardened sinners say it, I will fill their souls with peace, and the hour of their death will be a happy one. ....

Write that 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." (1541)



## How to Pray

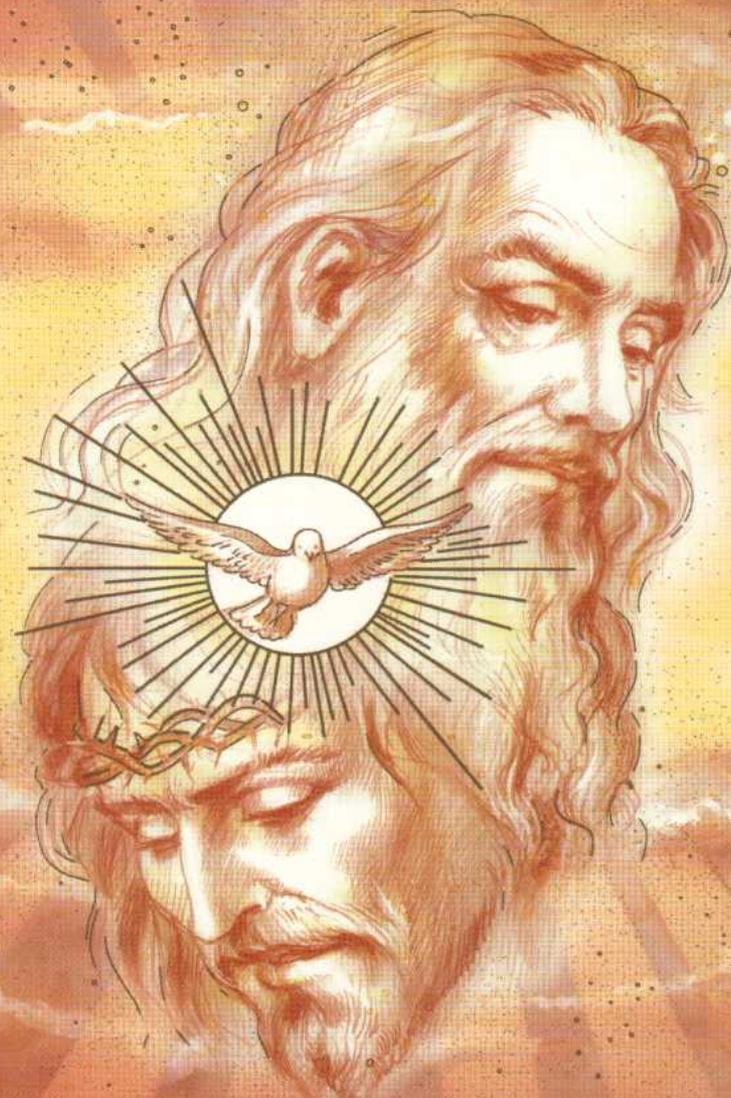
### The Divine Mercy Chaplet

On ordinary rosary beads (476)

**The Sign of the Cross:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Or in Latin:** In nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritūs Sancti. Amen.

**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. **57**



Mathew 6:9-13, Luke 11:2-4

**Hail Mary**, full of  
grace, the Lord  
is with thee;  
blessed art thou  
amongst  
women, and  
blessed is the  
fruit of thy  
womb, Jesus.

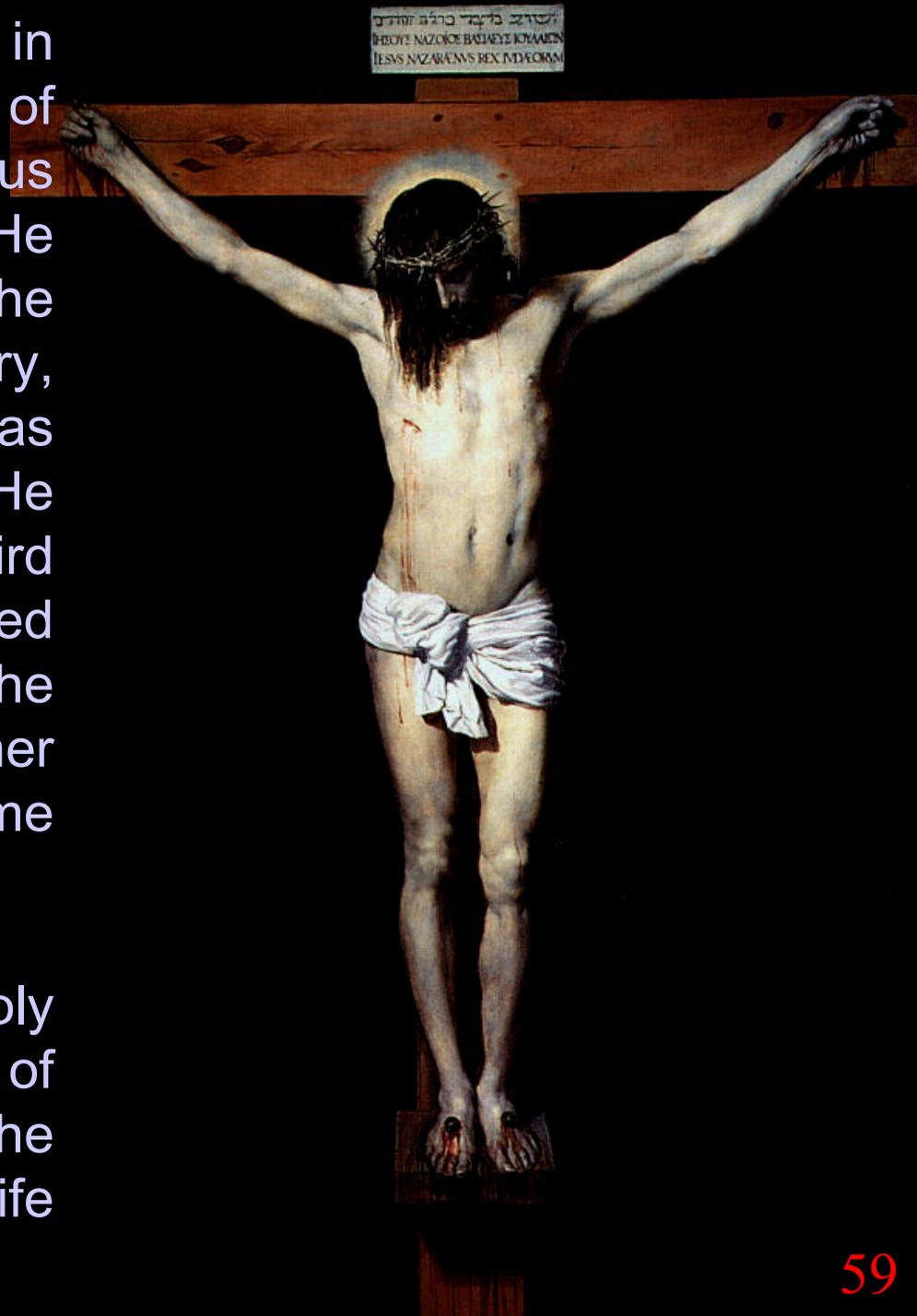
Holy Mary,  
Mother of God,  
pray for us  
sinners, now  
and at the hour  
of our death.  
Amen.



Luke 1:28,42-43

**The Apostles' Creed:** I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He arose again. 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 life everlasting. Amen.



# How to Pray The Divine Mercy Chaplet

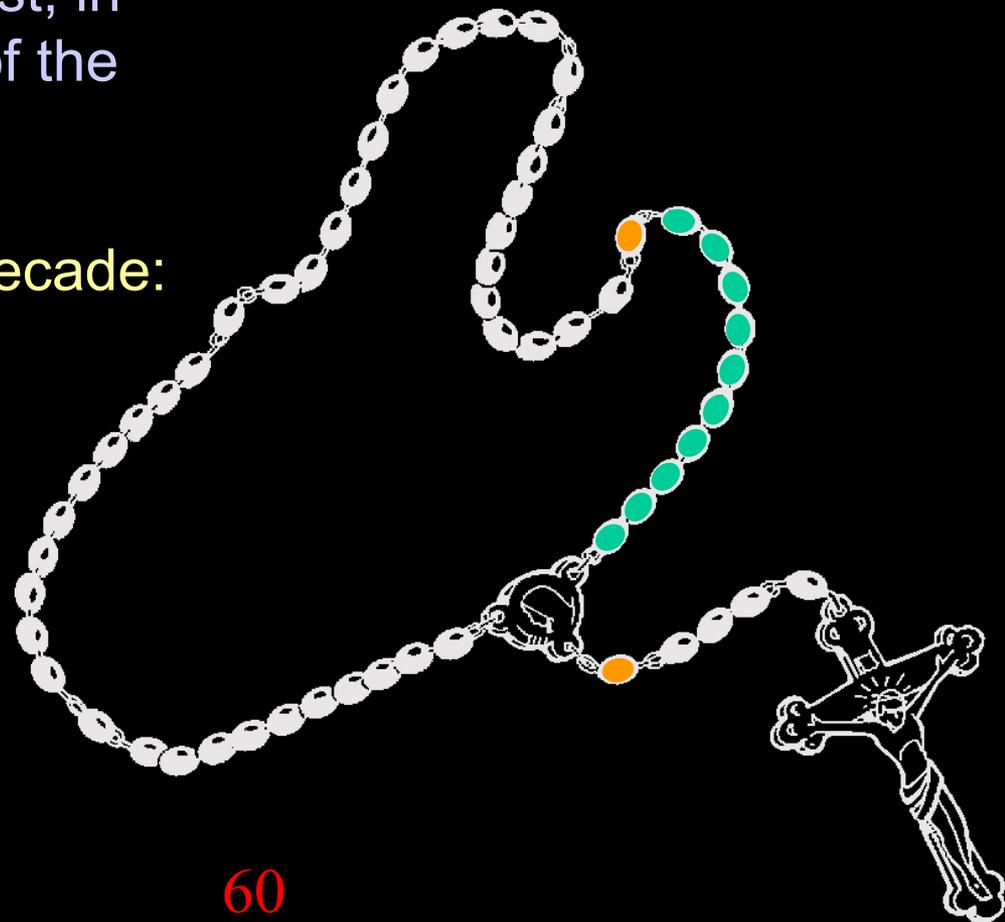


On the **Large Bead** before Each Decade:  
Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and  
Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly  
beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in  
atonement for our sins and those of the  
whole world.

On the **10 Small Beads** of Each Decade:  
For the sake of His sorrowful  
Passion, have mercy on us  
and on the whole world.

At the end of 5 Decades:  
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy  
Immortal One, have mercy on us  
and on the whole world.

(Three times)



## Closing Prayer (optional)

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.  
(950)

Jesus, I Trust in You  
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(47, 327)



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## The Image of The Divine Mercy

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In the evening, when I was in my cell, I saw the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand (was) raised in the gesture of blessing, the other was touching the garment at the breast. From beneath the garment, slightly drawn aside at the breast, there were emanating two large rays, one red, the other pale. (47)



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## The Image of The Divine Mercy

In silence I kept my gaze fixed on the Lord: my soul was struck with awe, but also with great joy. After a while, Jesus said to me,

"Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus I trust in You. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel and [then] throughout the world." (47)

"I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory." (48)



## The Image of The Divine Mercy

"I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You."  
(327)

"By means of this image I shall grant many graces to souls. It is to be a reminder of the demands of My mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works."  
(742)

"Not in the beauty of the colour, nor of the brush, lies the greatness of this image, but in My grace." (313)



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## The Image of The Divine Mercy

"The two rays denote Blood and Water.

The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous.

The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls.

These two rays issued forth from the depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross.

Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him." (299)

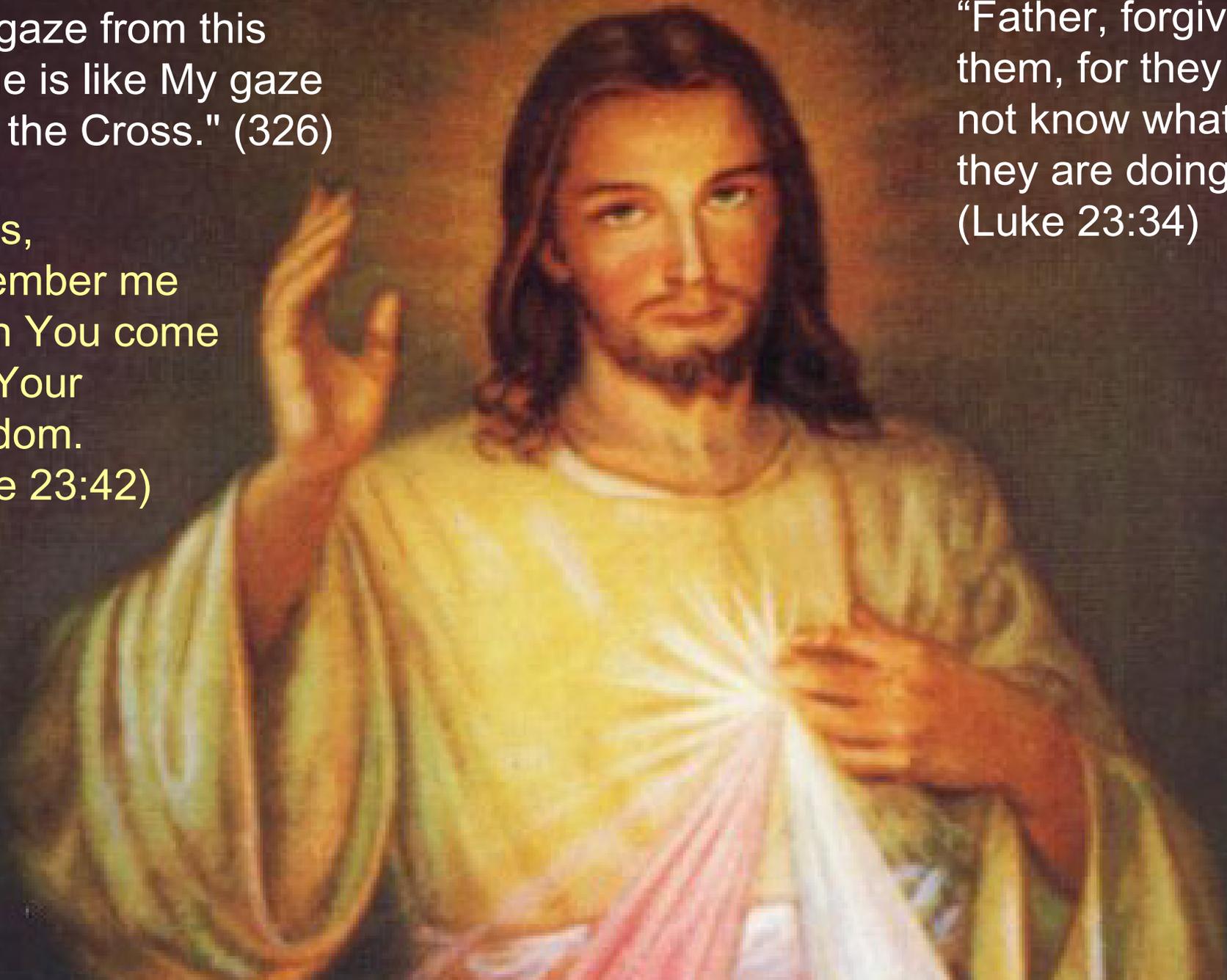


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Once Jesus said to me,  
"My gaze from this  
image is like My gaze  
from the Cross." (326)

Jesus,  
remember me  
when You come  
into Your  
kingdom.  
(Luke 23:42)

Jesus said,  
"Father, forgive  
them, for they do  
not know what  
they are doing."  
(Luke 23:34)



## Jesus' Call to Mercy

"I am giving you three ways of exercising mercy toward your neighbour:

the first - by deed,  
the second - by word,  
the third - by prayer.

In these three degrees is contained the fullness of mercy, and it is an unquestionable proof of love for Me. By this means a soul glorifies and pays reverence to My mercy."  
(1317)



## Jesus' Call to Mercy

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

(Luke 6:36)

"... many souls who are often worried because they do not have the material means with which to carry out an act of mercy.

Yet spiritual mercy, which requires neither permissions nor storehouses, is much more meritorious and is within the grasp of every soul."  
(1317)



## Jesus' Call to Mercy

"If a soul does not exercise mercy somehow or other, it will not obtain My mercy on the day of judgment.

Oh, if only souls knew how to gather eternal treasure for themselves, they would not be judged, for they would forestall My judgment with their mercy".  
(1317)

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven." (Luke 6:37)



# The Works or Deeds of Mercy



## Corporal Works

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Shelter the homeless
- Comfort the prisoners
- Visit the sick
- Bury the dead

## Spiritual Works

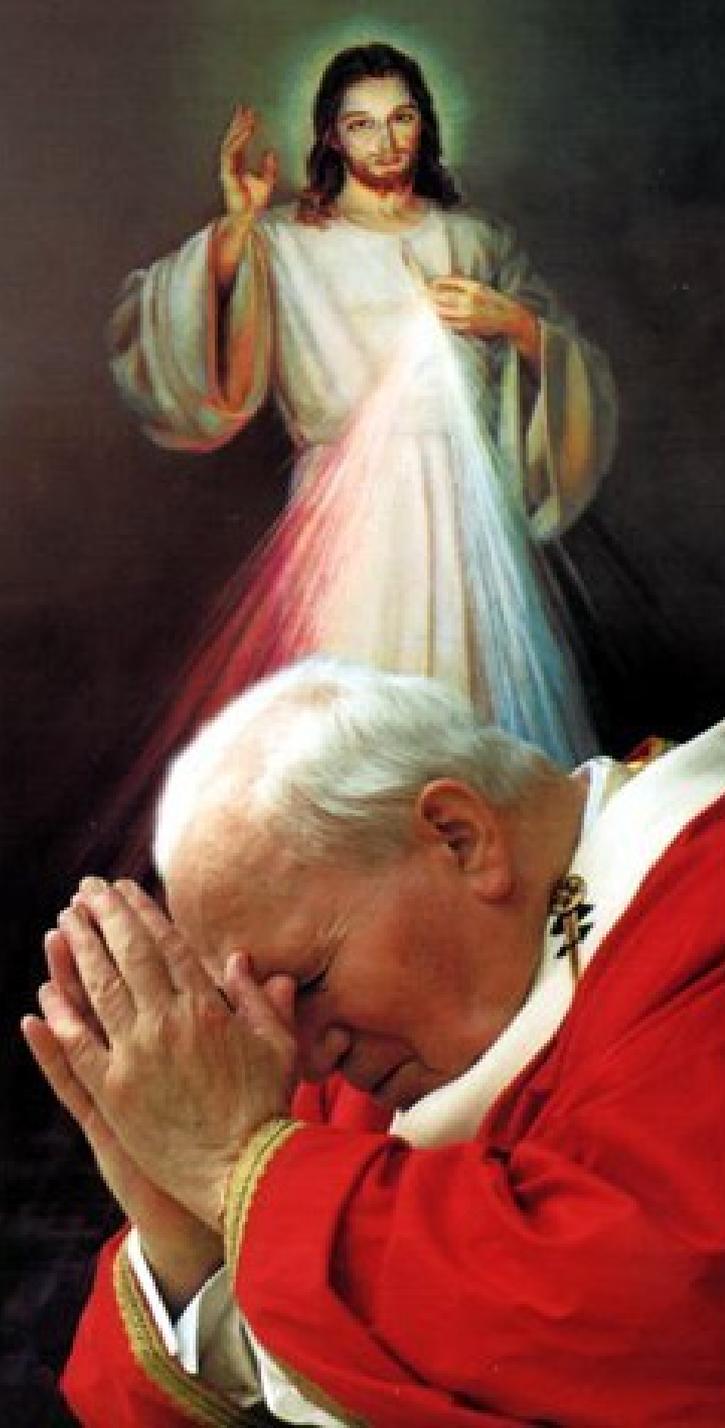
- Teach the ignorant
- Pray for the living & dead
- Correct sinners
- Counsel those in doubt
- Console the sorrowful
- Bear wrongs patiently
- Forgive wrongs willingly

## Jesus' Call to Mercy

"I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbours always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself from it." (1317)

## The Feast of Mercy Divine Mercy Sunday

Pope John Paul II announced in his homily at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000: "It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church, will be called 'Divine Mercy Sunday' ".



## The Feast of Mercy Divine Mercy Sunday

On one occasion, I heard these words:  
"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." (699)



## The Feast of Mercy Divine Mercy Sunday

"On that day are open all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. 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 contemplate my love and mercy throughout eternity." (699)



## The Feast of Mercy Divine Mercy Sunday

"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." (699)

"I desire that there be a Feast of Mercy. I want this image, which you will paint with a brush, to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter; that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy." (49)



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## The Feast of Mercy Divine Mercy Sunday

"I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy." (1109)

"Whoever approaches the Fount of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment". (300)

"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (699)



## The Feast of Mercy Divine Mercy Sunday

"Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be acts of mercy. ... I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbours always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself from it." (742)

# The Feast of Mercy Divine Mercy Sunday

"Your assignment and duty here on earth is to beg for mercy for the whole world.

No soul will be justified until it turns with confidence to My mercy, and this is why the first Sunday after Easter is to be the Feast of Mercy.

On that day, priests are to tell everyone about My great and unfathomable mercy." (570)



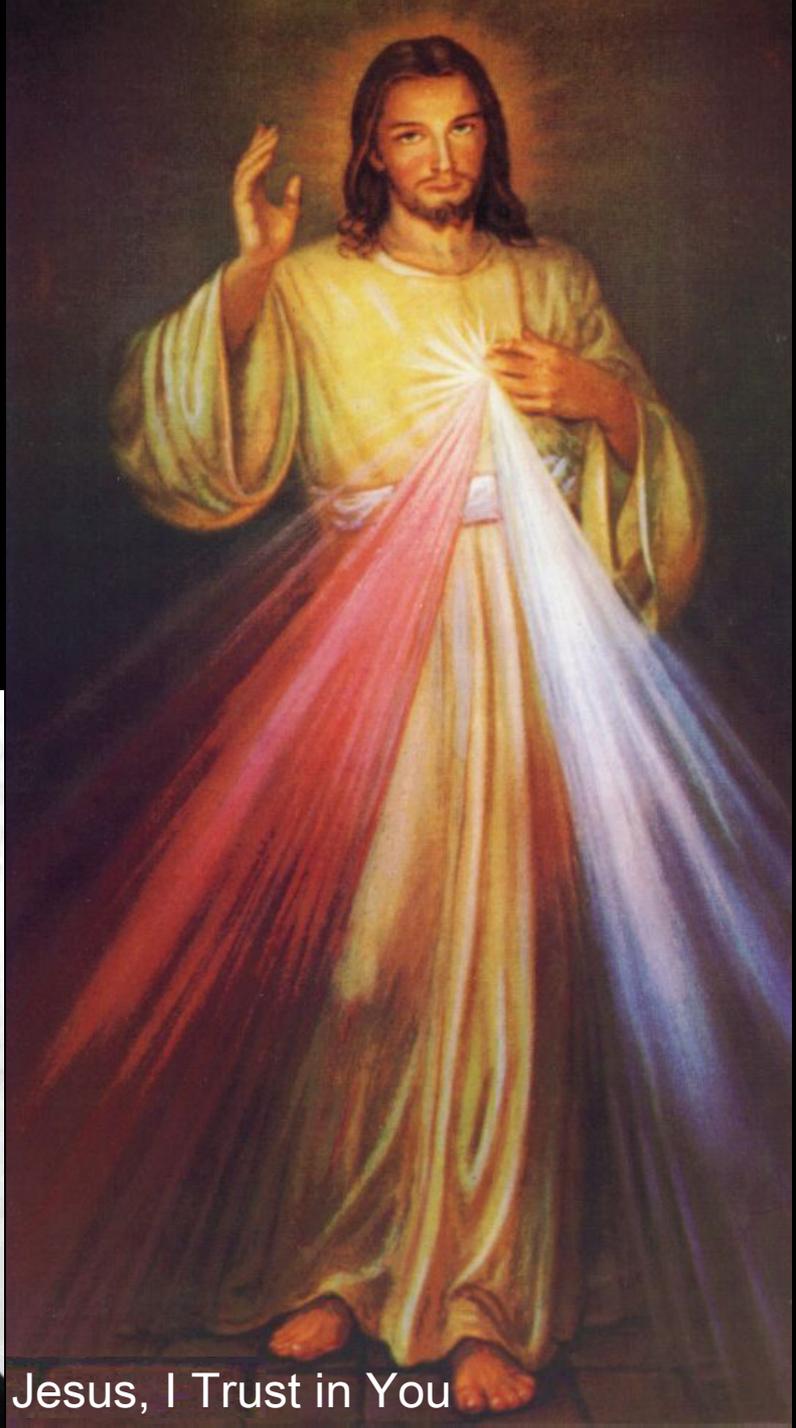
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## The Feast of Mercy Divine Mercy Sunday

"I am making you the administrator of My mercy.

Tell the confessor that the Image is to be on view in the church and not within the enclosure in that convent.

By means of this Image I shall be granting many graces to souls; so let every soul have access to it."  
(570)



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# The Feast of Mercy Divine Mercy Sunday

To observe the Feast of Mercy, we should:

- Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter;
- Sincerely repent of all our sins;
- Place our complete trust in Jesus;
- Go to confession, preferably on/before that Sunday;
- Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast;
- Venerate\* the Image of The Divine Mercy;
- Be merciful to others, through our actions, words, and prayers on their behalf.

*\*To venerate a sacred image or statue simply means to perform some act or make some gesture of deep religious respect toward it because of the person whom it represents — in this case, our Most Merciful Savior.*



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## The Sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession

"Write, speak of My mercy. Tell souls where they are to look for solace; that is, in the Tribunal of Mercy [the Sacrament of Reconciliation]. There the greatest miracles take place [and] are incessantly repeated. To avail oneself of this miracle, it is not necessary to go on a great pilgrimage or to carry out some external ceremony; it suffices to come with faith to the feet of My representative and to reveal to him one's misery, and the miracle of Divine Mercy will be fully demonstrated." (1448)



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# The Sacrament of Reconciliation

"Were a soul like a decaying corpse so that from a human standpoint, there would be no [hope of] restoration and everything would already be lost, it is not so with God. The miracle of Divine Mercy restores that soul in full.

Oh, how miserable are those who do not take advantage of the miracle of God's mercy! You will call out in vain, but it will be too late." (1448)





"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. My last confession was \_\_\_\_ weeks (months, years) ago."

Say the sins that you remember (prepare before going). Start with the one(s) that is most difficult to say.

"For these and all my sins I am sorry."



## Simple act of Contrition

"Oh My God, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you. Because you are so good, and with your help, I will not sin again. Amen."



The seal of confession prevents a priest from revealing your sins to anyone, under pain of excommunication. That means no one. Not even the Pope can require him to repeat. Furthermore, a priest can not be forced to tell your sins in a legal trial.

## Holy Communion

After Communion today, Jesus told me how much He desires to come to human hearts.

"I desire to unite Myself with human souls; My great delight is to unite Myself with souls. Know, My daughter, that when I come to a human heart in Holy Communion, My hands are full of all kinds of graces which I want to give to the soul.

But souls do not even pay any attention to Me; they leave Me to Myself and busy themselves with other things. Oh, how sad I am that souls do not recognise Love! They treat Me as a dead object." (1385)

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John  
6:25-70

Matthew  
28:20



## Holy Communion

When I steeped myself in prayer, I was transported in spirit to the chapel, where I saw the Lord Jesus, exposed in the monstrance. In place of the Monstrance, I saw the glorious face of the Lord, and He said to me,

"What you see in reality, these souls see through faith. Oh, how pleasing to Me is their great faith!

You see, although there appears to be no trace of life in Me, in reality it is present in its fullness in each and every Host.

But for Me to be able to act upon a soul, the soul must have faith. O how pleasing to Me is living faith!" (1420)



## Silence

Silence is a sword in the spiritual struggle. A talkative soul will never attain sanctity. The sword of silence will cut off everything that would like to cling to the soul.

We are sensitive to words and quickly want to answer back, without taking any regard as to whether it is God's will that we should speak.

A silent soul is strong; no adversities will harm it if it perseveres in silence.

The silent soul is capable of attaining the closet union with God. It lives almost always under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. God works in a silent soul without hindrance. (477)



# Obedience

"My daughter, know that you give Me greater glory by a single act of obedience than by long prayers and mortifications."

(894)

"My daughter, you please me more by eating the oranges out of obedience and love of Me than by fasting and mortifying yourself of your own will."

A soul that loves Me very much must, ought to live by My will."

(1023)



## Obedience

I felt worse today, and I went to Mother Superior intending to ask her for permission to go to bed. However, before I could ask for permission, Mother Superior said to me, "Sister, you must somehow manage by yourself at the gate, because I am taking the girl to work at the cabbage, since there is no one else for the cabbage." I said - good, and left the room.

When I got to the gate, I felt unusually strong, and I was at my post all day and felt well. I experienced the power of holy obedience. (1378)



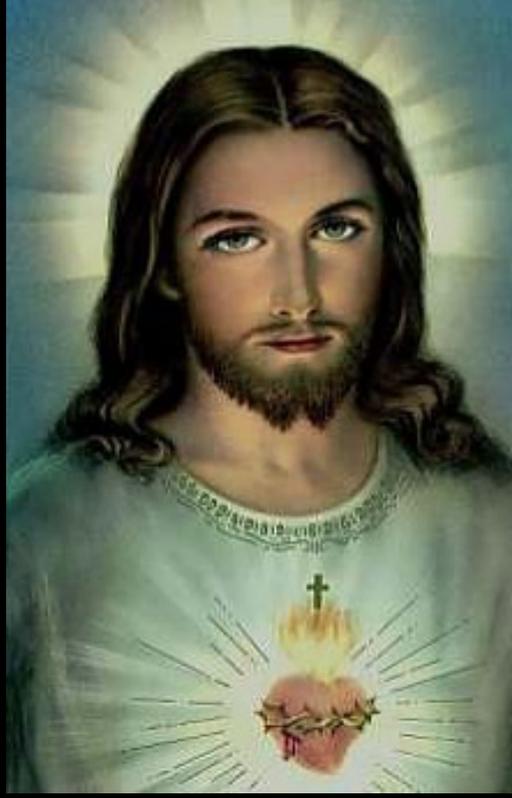
"My daughter, love has brought Me here, and love keeps Me here. My daughter, if you knew what great merit and reward is earned by one act of pure love for Me, you would die of joy.

I am saying this that you may constantly unite yourself with Me through love, for this is the goal of the life of your soul. This act is an act of the will.

Know that a pure soul is humble. When you lower and empty yourself before My majesty, I then pursue you with My graces and make use of My omnipotence to exalt you."



"You should not worry too much about adversities. The world is not as powerful as it seems to be; its strength is strictly limited. Know, my daughter, that if your soul is filled with the fire of My pure love, then all difficulties dissipate like fog before the sun's rays and dare not touch the soul. All adversaries are afraid to start a quarrel with such a soul, because they sense that it is stronger than the whole world..."



## A Sign in the Heavens

"Write this: before I come as the just Judge, I am coming first as the King of Mercy. Before the day of justice arrives, there will be given to people a sign in the heavens of this sort.

All light in the heavens will be extinguished, and there will be great darkness over the whole earth. Then the sign of the cross will be seen in the sky, and from the openings where the hands and the feet of the Saviour were nailed will come forth great lights which will light up the earth for a period of time. This will take place shortly before the last day." (83)



## The Divine Mercy Novena of Chaplets

A novena is typically nine days of prayer in preparation of a celebration of a feast day.

The preparation for the Feast of Divine Mercy is to be a novena consisting of the recitation of the Divine Mercy chaplet for nine days, beginning on Good Friday.

Jesus said,  
"By this novena,  
I will grant every  
possible grace  
to souls." (796)



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## The Divine Mercy Novena of Chaplets

Jesus is commanding me to make a novena before the Feast of Mercy, and today I am to begin it for the conversion of the world and for the recognition of the Divine Mercy....

"So that every soul will praise My goodness. I desire trust from My creatures. Encourage souls to place great trust in My fathomless mercy. Let the weak, sinful soul have no fear to approach Me, for even if it had more sins than there are grains of sand in the world, all would be drowned in the unmeasurable depths of My mercy." (1059)



## The Divine Mercy Novena of Chaplets

"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." (1209)

Intentions for each day (1210-1228)

### First Day

"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 love of souls plunges Me."



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## Second Day

"Today bring to Me the souls of priests and religious, and immerse them in My unfathomable mercy. It was they who gave Me the strength to endure My bitter Passion. Through them, as through channels, My mercy flows out upon mankind."

## Third Day

"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."



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## Fourth Day

"Today bring to Me the pagans and those who do not 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."

## Fifth Day

"Today bring to Me the souls of heretics and schismatics, 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."



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## Sixth Day

"Today bring to Me the meek and the 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 would 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."



# The Divine Mercy Novena of Chaplets

## Seventh Day

"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."



# The Divine Mercy Novena of Chaplets

## Eighth Day

"Today bring to Me the souls who are in the prison of 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 alms of the spirit and pay off their debt to My justice."

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# The Divine Mercy Novena of Chaplets

## Ninth Day

"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 luke warm 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."





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