

The Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Chaplet of Mercy is recited using ordinary rosary beads of five decades. The Chaplet is preceded by two opening prayers from the Diary of Saint Faustina and followed by a closing prayer.

1. *Make the Sign of the Cross*

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

2. *Optional Opening Prayers*

Leader: You expired, Jesus,

All: 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.

Leader: O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us,

All: I trust in You!

3. *Our Father*

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.

4. *Hail Mary*

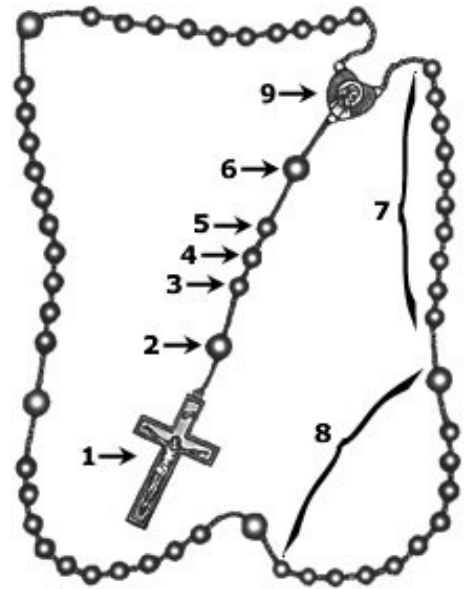
Leader: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

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

5. *The Apostle's Creed*

Leader: 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.

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.



6. *The Eternal Father (the 'Our Father beads')*

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.

7. *For the Sake (the 'Hail Mary beads')*

Leader: For the sake of His sorrowful Passion,

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

8. *Repeat for the remaining decades*

9. *Conclude with Holy God (Repeat three times)*

Leader: Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One,

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

10. *Optional Closing Prayer*

Leader: Eternal God,

All: 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.



The Divine Mercy Novena

The novena can be prayed any time, but there's a specific novena that begins on Good Friday and ends on Divine Mercy Sunday (the Sunday after Easter). Every day of the novena has a particularly intention associated with it.

1. All mankind, especially sinners
2. The souls of priests and religious
3. All devout and faithful souls
4. Those who do not believe in Jesus and those who do not yet know Him
5. The souls of separated brethren
6. The meek and humble souls and the souls of children
7. The souls who especially venerate and glorify Jesus' mercy
8. The souls who are detained in purgatory
9. The souls who have become lukewarm