

NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY

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. (*Diary 1319*)

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

First Day (Good Friday)

Fr. John: "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."

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.

All: 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 for ever and ever. Amen.

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy (to be led by Fr. John)

The 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.

The Hail Mary: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

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.

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.

Concluding doxology after five decades:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (3X) (*Diary 476*)

St. Mary Faustina's Praises of the Divine Mercy
(Diary 948-949)

Fr. John: The Love of God is the flower---Mercy the Fruit. Let the doubting soul read these considerations on Divine Mercy and become trusting.

All: Response: * I Trust In You!

Divine Mercy, gushing forth from the bosom of the Father...*

Divine Mercy, greatest attribute of God...*

Divine Mercy, Incomprehensible mystery...*

Divine Mercy, fountain gushing forth from the mystery of the Most Blessed Trinity...*

Divine Mercy, unfathomed by any intellect, human or angelic...*

Divine Mercy, from which wells forth all life and happiness...*

Divine Mercy, better than the heavens...*

Divine Mercy, source of miracles and wonders...*

Divine Mercy, encompassing the whole universe...*

Divine Mercy, descending to earth in the Person of Incarnate Word...*

Divine Mercy, which flowed out from the open wound of the Heart of Jesus...*

Divine Mercy, enclosed in the Heart of Jesus for us, and especially for sinners...*

Divine Mercy, unfathomed in the institution of the Sacred Host...*

Divine Mercy, in the founding of Holy Church...*

Divine Mercy, in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism...*

Divine Mercy, in our justification through Jesus Christ*

Divine Mercy, accompanying us through our whole life

Divine Mercy, embracing us especially at the hour of death...*

Divine Mercy, endowing us with immortal life...*

Divine Mercy, accompanying us every moment of our life...*

Divine Mercy, shielding us from the fire of hell...*

Divine Mercy, in the conversion of hardened sinners...*

Divine Mercy, astonishment for Angels, incomprehensible to Saints...*

Divine Mercy, unfathomed in all the mysteries of God...*

Divine Mercy, lifting us out of every misery...*

Divine Mercy, source of our happiness and joy...*

Divine Mercy, in calling us forth from nothingness to existence...*

Divine Mercy, embracing all the works of His hands...*

Divine Mercy, crown of all of God's handiwork...*

Divine Mercy, in which we are all immersed...*

Divine Mercy, sweet relief for anguished hearts...*

Divine Mercy, only hope for despairing souls...*

Divine Mercy, repose of heart, peace amidst fear...*

Divine Mercy, delight and ecstasy of holy souls...*

Divine Mercy, inspiring hope against all hope...*

Closing Prayer

All: 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. Amen *(Diary 980)*