

Divine Mercy Novena

Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy which would begin on **Good Friday**. He gave St. Faustina an intention to pray for on each day of the Novena, saving for the last day the most difficult intention of all, the lukewarm and indifferent of whom He said:

"These souls cause Me more suffering than any others; it was from such souls that My soul felt the most revulsion in the Garden of Olives. It was on their account that I said: 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass Me by.' The last hope of salvation for them is to flee to My Mercy."

In her diary, St. Faustina wrote that Jesus told her:

"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."

The different souls prayed for on each day of the novena are:

DAY 1 (Good Friday) - All mankind, especially sinners

DAY 2 (Holy Saturday) - The souls of priests and religious

DAY 3 (Easter Sunday) - All devout and faithful souls

DAY 4 (Easter Monday) - Those who do not believe in Jesus and those who do not yet know Him

DAY 5 (Easter Tuesday) - The souls of separated brethren

DAY 6 (Easter Wednesday) - The meek and humble souls and the souls of children

DAY 7 (Easter Thursday) - The souls who especially venerate and glorify Jesus' mercy

DAY 8 (Easter Friday) - The souls who are detained in purgatory;

DAY 9 (Easter Saturday) - The souls who have become lukewarm.

How to say the Divine Mercy Chaplet:

(You can use a regular Rosary, but only use the five decades)

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross, 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary and The Apostles Creed.

2. Then on the Our Father Beads say the following:

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.

3. On the 10 Hail Mary Beads say the following:

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

(Repeat step 2 and 3 for all five decades).

4. Conclude with *(three times)*:

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

It is now Good Friday, when according to the most ancient tradition, the Church does not celebrate the Sacraments at all, with the exception of Confession and Anointing of the Sick. Today, Holy Communion is distributed only within the celebration of the Lord's Passion, although it may be brought to the sick who cannot participate in this celebration.

You will find the altar in your church to be completely bare, without a cross, without candles, and without cloths.

This is the day Jesus died for our sins. This is the day Jesus died on the Cross so that He could open heaven for us, and we pray especially for His mercy upon us all for our many sins against Him and one another.

During the celebration of the Lord's Passion, we venerate the Cross. We also pray "Solemn Intercessions," which you can join into your own special prayers today at home. Please pray for the following:

- For Christ's Holy Church
- For our Holy Father, the Pope
- For your bishop, for all bishops, priests, and deacons, and for all the faithful
- For all those who are entering the Church
- For the unity of all Christians
- For the Jewish people, to whom God first revealed Himself
- For those who do not believe in Jesus Christ
- For those who do not believe in God
- For those in our government
- For those who are enduring difficulties and sickness and other trials

Divine Mercy Novena begins today.

Jesus appeared many times to a nun in Poland named Saint Faustina. He asked her to spread a devotion to His Divine Mercy and to encourage people to pray certain prayers He taught her. These prayers are called “The Divine Mercy Chaplet.” You can learn how to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at www.LentenAdventure.com.

Jesus especially asked her to encourage people to pray this chaplet as a novena beginning on Good Friday for specific intentions that Our Lord dictated to Saint Faustina. He said, “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.”

Here is the intention Jesus gave Saint Faustina for this first day of the novena:

“Today bring to Me all mankind, especially all sinners, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy.”

Here is a prayer that Jesus gave Saint Faustina that we can use for this intention:

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.

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.

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It is now Holy Saturday, when we should have some quiet time to pray and meditate on the Passion, Death, and Descent into Hell of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. He went down to offer salvation to all those who had died before He came into the world and opened heaven for us.

We are eagerly awaiting His Resurrection with this one last day of fasting.

What will you do today as your last day before the celebration of Easter to help you grow in your love for God and for your family and friends? Write it down here: _____

Divine Mercy Novena: Day 2

You can learn how to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at www.LentenAdventure.com and join us for the second day of the Divine Mercy novena which Our Lord asked Saint Faustina to encourage.

Here is the intention Jesus gave Saint Faustina for this second day of the novena:

“Today bring to Me the souls of priests and religious and immerse them in My unfathomable mercy.”

Here is a prayer that Jesus gave Saint Faustina that we can use for this intention:

Most Merciful Jesus, from whom comes all that is good, increase Your grace in men and women consecrated to Your service, that they may perform worthy works of mercy; and that all who see them may glorify the Father of Mercy who is in heaven.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the company of chosen ones in Your vineyard -- 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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Alleluia—He is risen!

Our fasting is over—but we hope we have been transformed by our penances of this Lent and grown in our love for God and for each other, so that we will continue to pray and give of ourselves and our possessions to the poor.

Divine Mercy Novena: Day 3

You can learn how to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at www.LentenAdventure.com and join us for the third day of the Divine Mercy novena which Our Lord asked Saint Faustina to encourage.

Here is the intention Jesus gave Saint Faustina for this third day of the novena:

“Today bring to Me all devout and faithful souls and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy.”

Here is a prayer that Jesus gave Saint Faustina that we can use for this intention:

Most Merciful Jesus, from the treasury of Your mercy, You impart Your graces in great abundance to each and all. Receive us into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart and never let us escape from It. We beg this grace of You by that most wondrous love for the heavenly Father with which Your Heart burns so fiercely.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon faithful souls, as upon the inheritance of Your Son. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, grant them Your blessing and surround them with Your constant protection. Thus may they never fail in love or lose the treasure of the holy faith, but rather, with all the hosts of Angels and Saints, may they glorify Your boundless mercy for endless ages. Amen.

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Here is the intention Jesus gave Saint Faustina for this fourth day of the novena:

“Today bring to Me those who do not believe in God and those who do not yet know Me.”

Here is a prayer that Jesus gave Saint Faustina that we can use for this intention:

Most compassionate Jesus, You are the Light of the whole world. Receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of those who do not believe in God and of those who as yet do not know You. Let the rays of Your grace enlighten them that they, too, together with us, may extol Your wonderful mercy; and do not let them escape from the abode which is Your Most Compassionate Heart.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls of those who do not believe in You, and of those who as yet do not know You, but who are enclosed in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. Draw them to the light of the Gospel. These souls do not know what 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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Here is the intention Jesus gave Saint Faustina for this fifth day of the novena:

“Today bring to Me the souls of those who have separated themselves from the Church.”

Here is a prayer that Jesus gave Saint Faustina that we can use for this intention:

Most Merciful Jesus, Goodness Itself, You do not refuse light to those who seek it of You. Receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of those who have separated themselves from Your Church. 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, come to glorify the generosity of Your mercy.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls of those who have separated themselves from Your Son’s Church, who have squandered Your blessings and misused Your graces by obstinately persisting in their errors. Do not look upon their errors, but upon the love of Your own Son and upon His bitter Passion, which He underwent for their sake, since they, too, are enclosed in His Most Compassionate Heart. Bring it about that they also may glorify Your great mercy for endless ages. Amen.

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Here is the intention Jesus gave Saint Faustina for this sixth day of the novena:

“Today bring to Me the meek and humble souls and the souls of little children and immerse them in My mercy.”

Here is a prayer that Jesus gave Saint Faustina that we can use for this intention:

Most Merciful Jesus, 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. These souls send all heaven into ecstasy and they are the heavenly Father’s favorites. They are a sweet-smelling bouquet before the throne of God; God Himself takes delight in their fragrance. These souls have a permanent abode in Your Most Compassionate Heart, O Jesus, and they unceasingly sing out a hymn of love and mercy.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon meek souls, upon humble souls, and upon little children who are enfolded in the abode which is 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 by the delight You take in them: Bless the whole world, that all souls together may sing out the praises of Your mercy for endless ages. Amen.

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Divine Mercy Novena: Day 7

You can learn how to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at www.LentenAdventure.com and join us for the seventh day of the Divine Mercy novena which Our Lord asked Saint Faustina to encourage.

Here is the intention Jesus gave Saint Faustina for this seventh day of the novena:

“Today bring to Me the souls who especially venerate and glorify My mercy and immerse them in My mercy.”

Here is a prayer that Jesus gave Saint Faustina that we can use for this intention:

Most Merciful Jesus, whose Heart is Love Itself, receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of those who particularly extol and venerate the greatness of Your mercy. These souls are mighty with the very power of God Himself. In the midst of all afflictions and adversities they go forward, confident of Your mercy; and united to You, O Jesus, they carry all mankind on their shoulders. These souls will not be judged severely, but Your mercy will embrace them as they depart from this life.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze 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. These souls are a living Gospel; their hands are full of deeds of mercy, and their hearts, overflowing with joy, sing a canticle of mercy to You, O Most High! I beg You O God:

Show them Your mercy according to the hope and trust they have placed in You. Let there be accomplished in them the promise of Jesus, who said to them that during their life, but especially at the hour of death, the souls who will venerate this fathomless mercy of His, He, Himself, will defend as His glory. Amen.

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Divine Mercy Novena: Day 8

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Here is the intention Jesus gave Saint Faustina for this eighth day of the novena:

“Today bring to Me the souls who are detained in purgatory and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy.”

Here is a prayer that Jesus gave Saint Faustina that we can use for this intention:

Most Merciful Jesus, You Yourself have said that You desire mercy; so I 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 Purgatory, that there, too, the power of Your mercy may be celebrated.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls suffering in Purgatory, who are enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. I beg You, by the sorrowful Passion of Jesus Your Son, and by all the bitterness with which His most sacred Soul was flooded: Manifest Your mercy to the souls who are under Your just scrutiny. Look upon them in no other way but only 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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Divine Mercy Novena: Day 9 (Last day)

You can learn how to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at www.LentenAdventure.com and join us for the last day of the Divine Mercy novena which Our Lord asked Saint Faustina to encourage.

Here is the intention Jesus gave Saint Faustina for this ninth day of the novena:

“Today bring to Me the souls who have become lukewarm and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy.”

Here is a prayer that Jesus gave Saint Faustina that we can use for this intention:

Most compassionate Jesus, You are Compassion Itself. I 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 such deep loathing, be once again set aflame. O Most Compassionate Jesus, exercise the omnipotence of Your 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.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze 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 them, too, glorify the abyss of Your mercy. Amen.

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