



Jesus I Trust in You

The Divine Mercy Devotion

Faustina Kowalska was born in a small village in Poland in 1905. She later became a Sister in the order of the congregation of Our Lady of Mercy. Jesus appeared to Sister Faustina with the message that He had appointed her to be the secretary of His mercy and to spread that message throughout the whole world. On one such appearance Jesus instructed her to paint an image of Himself and sign it with the words 'Jesus, I trust In You'. In her diary Sister Faustina writes; **I saw Jesus dressed in a white garment with one hand raised in blessing and the other hand was touching his garment at the breast. From under the garment came two rays of light, one red and the other pale. Jesus told me that the two rays represent the Blood and Water which gushed forth from the depths of my Mercy when my agonizing heart was pierced on the cross. The pale rays symbolize the water that cleanses and purifies the soul; the red rays represent the blood, which gives new life to the soul. These rays will shield the soul before the justice of my Father. Fortunate are those who live in the shelter, for the justice of God will not reach them there.**

Jesus instructed Sister Faustina to write; **The greater the sinner, the greater the mercy. Summon all those to confidence in the incomprehensible depth of My mercy for I desire to save all. Jesus also said; I desire the confidence of My people. Let not even the weak and very sinful fear to approach me; even if their sins be as numerous as all the sands of the earth, all will be forgiven in fathomless pit of my Mercy. My daughter, speak to the world of My inexhaustible mercy. I desire this feast, the second Sunday after Easter, be a refuge and shelter for all souls, especially poor sinners. The very depths of My mercy will be opened on that day. I will pour out a sea of graces upon those souls that will approach the fount of My Mercy on this day. Let no soul fear to come to Me, even if its sins be as scarlet. This feast emerged from the bosom of My Mercy and is founded in the depths of My Mercies.**

Sister Faustina died in 1938. In April 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized Faustina a Saint and then designated the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday.

What this means to us:

According to this great promise, Jesus is offering all souls a chance for a new Baptism each year, giving everyone an opportunity to "wipe the soul clean" and be in a state of perfection. **If a soul taking advantage of this great gift in all sincerity and with proper contrition were to die after receiving communion on the Feast of Mercy before committing another sin, they would go immediately to Heaven, without any time in purgatory – regardless of past life.** Jesus' great mercy will make full atonement for our sins committed up to this point in our life. We will be at that point as pure as the day of our Baptism. Without this grace and assuming that we would die in a state of grace (i.e. free of mortal sin), we will have to go to the purifying fires of purgatory to remove the temporal punishments due to our earthly sins assuming we did not receive a plenary indulgence through the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick before death from a priest.

One Final Note:

Jesus said; **Before I come as the just one, I will first open wide the gates of My Mercy. He who does not pass through the gates of My mercy must pass through the gates of justice. The graces of My Mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, that is TRUST. Sooner would heaven and earth turn into nothingness than would My mercy not embrace a trusting soul.**

**REQUIREMENTS OF THE
DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION**

- 1). **Begin the 9 day novena consisting of the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet on Good Friday.**
 - 2). **Attend confession** (preferably 20 days or less prior to the 2nd Sunday of Easter) with contrition in your heart and ask for forgiveness of all remembered mortal and venial sins (state what they are to the priest). Also ask for Jesus' mercy and complete forgiveness for all sins forgotten over time. Place your complete trust in Jesus' unlimited mercy.
 - 3). **Receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday – 2nd Sunday of Easter.**
 - 4). **At the 3:00 hour of Divine Mercy Sunday:** Venerate the image of Divine Mercy or in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament and recite:
 - a). **The Our Father**
 - b). **The Apostles Creed**
 - c). **Add a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!").**
 - d). **Then recite a prayer for our Supreme Pontiff such as . . .**

O Lord, we are the millions of believers, humbly kneeling at Thy feet and begging Thee to preserve, defend and save our Sovereign Pontiff Benedict for many years. He is the Father of the great fellowship of souls and our Father as well. On this day, as on every other day, he is praying for us also, and is offering unto Thee with holy fervor the sacred Victim of love and peace.

Wherefore, O Lord, turn Thyself toward us with eyes of pity; for we are now, as it were, forgetful of ourselves, and are praying above all for him. Do Thou unite our prayers with his and receive them into the bosom of Thine infinite mercy, as a sweet savor of active and fruitful charity, whereby the children are united in the Church to their Father. All that he asks of Thee this day, we too ask it of Thee in union with him.

Whether he weeps or rejoices, whether he hopes or offers himself as a victim of charity for his people, we desire to be united with him; nay more, we desire that the cry of our hearts should be made one with his. Of Thy great mercy grant, O Lord, that not one of us may be far from his mind and his heart in the hour that he prays and offers unto Thee the Sacrifice of Thy blessed Son. At the moment when our venerable High Priest, holding in His hands the very Body of Jesus Christ, shall say to the people over the Chalice of benediction these words: "The peace of the Lord be with you always," grant, O Lord, that Thy sweet peace may come down upon our hearts and upon all the nations with new and manifest power. Amen.

Most holy Virgin and Mother, whose soul was pierced by a sword of sorrow in the Passion of thy Divine Son, and Who in His glorious Resurrection was filled with never-ending joy at His triumph; obtain for us who call upon thee, so to be partakers in the adversities of Holy Church and the sorrows of the Sovereign Pontiff Benedict as to be found worthy to rejoice with them in the consolations for which we pray, in the charity and peace of the same Christ our Lord. Amen.
 - e). **See The Hour of Great Mercy** (from keepsakesbyleo.com) for additional reflections.
- 5). Be merciful to others as God is merciful to you, through our actions, words and prayers. Make others aware of this devotion. Do not shrink from this obligation. Perform Corporal and Spiritual works of mercy whenever possible.

The traditional Corporal works of mercy:

- To feed the hungry;
- To give drink to the thirsty;
- To clothe the naked;
- To house the homeless;
- To visit the sick;
- To ransom the captive;
- To [bury](#) the dead.

The traditional Spiritual works of mercy are:

- To instruct the [ignorant](#);
- To counsel the [doubtful](#);
- To [admonish sinners](#);
- To bear wrongs patiently;
- To forgive offences willingly;
- To comfort the afflicted
- To [pray](#) for the living and the [dead](#)

The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

By Michael K. Jones

Jesus said to Blessed Faustina Kowalska:

"Even the most hardened sinner, if he recites this chaplet even once,
will receive grace from My infinite Mercy."

(This prayer is said using Rosary beads.)

Hold the cross in your hand and make the Sign of the Cross.

1) In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen

2) Say 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.

3) Say The Hail Mary.

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. 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.

4) Say 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. Who 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 into the dead. On the third day He rose again. He Ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

5) On the first Rosary Mystery beads say the following prayer; (the large bead separating the group of 10 beads)

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

6) On the Hail Mary beads say the following prayer; (repeat on each of 10 beads)

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

7) Repeat step 5 and 6 till you complete the cycle around the Rosary.

8) Ending prayer, (say three times)

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

9) Optional prayer;

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

9 Day Novena to Divine Mercy

By Michael K. Jones

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.

(Message to Saint Faustina from Jesus)

Novena to The Divine Mercy which Jesus instructed (Me) Sr. Faustina to write down and make before the feast of Mercy.

I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fount of My mercy, that they may draw there from strength and refreshment and whatever graces they need in the hardships of life and, especially, at the hour of death

On each day you will bring to My Heart a different group of souls, and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy, and I will bring all these souls into the house of My Father. You will do this in this life and in the next. I will deny nothing to any soul whom you will bring to the fount of My mercy. On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My bitter Passion, for graces for these souls.

I answered, "Jesus, I do not know how to make this novena or which souls to bring first into Your Most Compassionate Heart. "Jesus replied that He would tell me which souls to bring each day into His Heart.

Day One

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 the 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.

O omnipotence of Divine Mercy, Salvation of sinful man, You are a sea of mercy and compassion; You aid him who entreats You with humility.

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 forever and ever.

Amen.

Now say the Divine Mercy Chaplet on page 4.

Day Two

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.

Most Merciful Jesus, from whom comes all that is good, increase Your grace in us, that we may perform worthy works of mercy, and that all who see us may glorify the Father of Mercy who is in heaven.

The fountain of God's love Dwells in pure hearts, Bathed in the Sea of Mercy, Radiant as stars, bright as the dawn.

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.

Now say the Divine Mercy Chaplet on page 4.

Day Three

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.

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 of You by that most wondrous love for the heavenly Father with which Your Heart burns so fiercely.

The miracles of mercy are impenetrable. Neither the sinner nor just one will fathom them.

When You cast upon us an eye of pity, You draw us all closer to Your love.

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.

[Now say the Divine Mercy Chaplet on page 4.](#)

Day Four

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

Most Compassionate Jesus, You are the Light of the whole world. Receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of pagans 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. May the light of Your love Enlighten the souls in darkness; Grant that these souls will know You And, together with us, praise Your mercy.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls of pagans 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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Day 5

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.

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 heretics and schismatics. 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 adore the generosity of Your mercy.

Even for those who have torn the garment of Your unity, A fount of mercy flows from Your Heart. The omnipotence of Your mercy, O God, Can lead these souls also out of error. Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls of heretics and schismatics, 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 the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. Bring it about that they also may glorify Your great mercy for endless ages
.Amen.

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Day Six

Today bring to Me the meek and 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 favor humble souls with My confidence.

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. A truly gentle and humble soul Already here on earth the air of paradise breathes, And in the fragrance of her humble heart The Creator Himself delights.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon meek and humble souls, and upon the souls of 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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Day Seven

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.

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. These souls are united to Jesus and 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. A soul who praises the goodness of her Lord She is always close to the living fountain And draws graces from Mercy Divine.

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 spirit, overflowing with joy, sings 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, I Myself will defend as My own glory, during their lifetime, and especially at the hour of their death, those souls who will venerate My fathomless mercy. Amen

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Day8

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 the alms of the spirit and pay off their debt to My justice.

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 the purifying fire, that in that place, too, the power of Your mercy may be praised.

From the terrible heat of the cleansing fire Rises a plaint to Your mercy, And they receive comfort, refreshment, relief In the stream of mingled Blood and Water.

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 than 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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Day Nine

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 lukewarm 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.

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 ardour of Your love; and bestow upon them the gift of holy love, for nothing is beyond Your power.

Fire and ice cannot be joined; Either the fire dies, or the ice melts. But by Your mercy, O God, You can make up for all that is lacking.

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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Mercy Sunday

(the Second Sunday of Easter)

Jesus said to Sister M. Faustina

Notebook II, 699, (138-139).

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. 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. 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.