For Jesus is our Hope: Through His merciful Heart, as through an open gate, we pass through to heaven (Diary, 1570). Amen.

**IX. Prayer to St. Joseph**

O Saint Joseph, Foster Father of Jesus Christ and True Spouse of the Virgin Mary, pray for us and for those who will die this day (or night). Amen.

Why the Chaplet for the Sick and Dying?

“GOD AND SOULS” is the motto of St. Maria Faustina of the Most Blessed Sacrament. One of the elements of the devotion that Jesus desired St. Faustina to spread is called the Divine Mercy Chaplet. He wants it to be offered especially for sinners and for the dying. Jesus is quoted in St. Faustina’s Diary as saying:

Pray as much as you can for the dying. By your entreaties [that is, insistent prayers] 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 freely and for yourself and for those near you. Sooner would heaven and earth turn into nothingness than without you, I would My mercy envelopes the soul, and the very depths of My divine wrath is placated, unfathomable mercy envelopes the soul, and the very depths of My tender mercy are moved for the sake of the sorrowful Passion of My Son (Diary, 811).

What if the person prays from a distance?

Saint Faustina had a love for the sick and dying, and prayed for them with great fervor. The Lord gave many favors to people who participated in her chaplet. She wrote: “Oh, dying souls are in such great need of prayer! O Jesus, inspire souls to pray often for the dying” (Diary, 1015).

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is one of the best means of assisting the dying. Jesus revealed the power of this prayer to St. Faustina, insisting that she use it often — even continuously. He told her:

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. . . . 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 (Diary, 1541).

Earlier, Our Lord said to her: At the hour of their death, I defend as My own glory every soul that will say this chaplet; or when others say it for a dying person, the indulgence is the same (Diary, 811).

Saint Faustina comments: “Oh, if only everyone realized how great the Lord’s mercy is and how much we all need that mercy, especially at that crucial hour!” She wrote these words upon hearing God the Father say within her. When this chaplet is said by the bedside of a dying person, divine wrath is placated, unfathomable mercy envelopes the soul, and the very depths of My tender mercy are moved for the sake of the sorrowful Passion of My Son (Diary, 811).

Recitation of the Chaplet during Eucharistic Adoration

This intention is particularly relevant for Eucharistic adorers. In chapels worldwide, they are praying the chaplet for the sick and dying and are part of an International Registry established by the Eucharistic Apostles of The Divine Mercy.

On the occasion of the Great Jubilee of the year 2000, the Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, by a personally signed parchment, imparted a special Apostolic Blessing “to all the faithful, who during Adoration of Our Most Merciful Savior in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the altar will be praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet for the sick and for those throughout the world who will be dying in that hour.” The Apostolic Blessing extends indefinitely for all who participate. The prayer program contained in this pamphlet is offered as one way adorers might pray for the sick and dying during adoration using the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

For more information on prayer cenacles, obtaining a copy of the Papal Blessing for your Adoration Chapel, getting apostolate members to speak in your diocese or parish, or for a listing of our publications for purchase, please call us at (877) 380-0727 or visit us at www.thedivinemercy.org.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet for the Sick and the Dying

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.”

(Diary of St. Faustina, 927)
Let the sleep on increase.

You, we implore, Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, Greatly Merciful God, Infinite Goodness, today all You alone. And we expect to obtain everything promised us by Jesus in spite of all our wretchedness. The treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Jesus Christ, true God and true man. Blessed be the name of Jesus. Blessed be His most Sacred Heart. Blessed be His most Precious Blood. Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete. Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy. Blessed be her holy and Assumption. Blessed be the name of Mary mother. Blessed be St. Joseph her most chaste spouse. O mercy—to Your compassion, O God; and it is with its mighty voice of misery that it cries out. Gracious God, our o

Amen.