

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



St. Joseph, Patron of the Dying

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 for yourself and especially for poor sinners. Sooner would heaven and earth turn into nothingness than would My mercy not embrace a trusting soul (*Diary*, 1777).

Saint Faustina was often given the grace to know when a certain dying person desired or needed prayer; she would be alerted to the moment by the needy soul, by her Guardian Angel, or by Our Lord Himself. At those times she would pray until she no longer felt the need to pray, or a sense of peace came upon her, or she learned that the person had died, or heard the soul say, “Thank You!” 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).

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 promises regarding recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at the bedside of the sick and dying. The following experiences recorded in her *Diary* make it clear that one does not have to be at the bedside physically. She wrote:

“It sometimes happens that the dying person is in the second or third building away, yet for the spirit, space does not exist. It sometimes happens that I know about a death occurring several hundred kilometers away. This has happened several times with regard to my family and relatives and also sisters in religion, and even souls whom I have not known during their lifetime” (*Diary*, 835).

And again: “My contact with the dying is, just as it has been in the past, very close. I often accompany a person who is dying far away; but my greatest joy is when I see the promise of mercy fulfilled in these souls. The Lord is faithful: What He once ordains — He fulfills” (*Diary*, 935).

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.

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*The wording of the Hail Mary and the Apostles’ Creed complies with the translations of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

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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, 327)

Prayer Program during Adoration

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I. Intention of Prayer Program

For the sick, suffering and all who will die today especially those unprepared for death.

II. Prayer for Souls in Need

Eternal Father, I offer You the most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

III. Litany of Reparation

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.
God, the Father of Heaven, . . .
have mercy on us.

God the Son, Mediator between God and man,
" " " " " "

God the Holy Spirit, Enlightener of hearts,
" " " " " "

Holy and undivided Trinity,
" " " " " "

O Sacred Host! Victim of reparation for the sins
of the world,
" " " " " "

O Sacred Host! Immolated on the altar for us
and by us,
" " " " " "

O Sacred Host! Despised and neglected,
" " " " " "

O Sacred Host! Outraged by the blasphemies of
men,
" " " " " "

O Sacred Host! Neglected and abandoned in
Your temples,
" " " " " "

Be merciful unto us: *spare us, O Lord.*
Be merciful unto us: *hear us, O Lord.*

For so many unworthy Communions, . . .
we offer You our reparation, O Lord.

For the irreverence of Christians,
" " " " " "

For the continual blasphemies of the impious,
" " " " " "

For the infamous discourses made in Your holy
temples,
" " " " " "

For the crimes of sinners,
" " " " " "

For the sacrileges which profane Your Sacrament
of Love,
" " " " " "

For the coldness of Your children,
" " " " " "

For their contempt of Your loving invitations,
" " " " " "

For the infidelity of those who call them-
selves Your friends,
" " " " " "

For the abuse of Your grace,
" " " " " "

For our unfaithfulness,
" " " " " "

For our delay in loving You,
" " " " " "

For our tepidity in Your holy service,
" " " " " "

For Your bitter sadness at the loss of souls,
" " " " " "

For Your long waiting at the door of our hearts,
" " " " " "

For Your loving sighs,
" " " " " "

For Your loving imprisonment,
" " " " " "

For Your loving death,
" " " " " "

That You spare us, that You hear us, . . .
we sinners beseech You, hear us.

That You will make known Your love for us in
this Most Holy Sacrament,
" " " " " "

That You will vouchsafe to accept our
reparation, made in the spirit of humility,
" " " " " "

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,
" " " " " "

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,
spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,
hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us, O Lord.

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I adore
You profoundly and I offer You the Most Precious Body,
Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all
the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the out-
rages, sacrileges and indifference by which He is
offended, and by the infinite merits of His Most Sacred
Heart and through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg
the conversion of poor sinners.

V. An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Most
Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I
desire to possess You within my soul. Since I am unable
now to receive You sacramentally, come at least spiri-
tually into my heart. I embrace You as being already
there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me
to be separated from You.

VI. The Divine Mercy Chaplet

Recite on ordinary rosary beads (Diaz, 476)

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.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He
was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born
of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to 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 again 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 res-
urrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

On the "Our Father" beads:

(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 "Hail Mary" beads:

(of each decade)

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

VII. The Divine Praises

Blessed be God. Blessed be His Holy Name. Blessed be
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
Immaculate Conception. Blessed be her glorious
Assumption. Blessed be the name of Mary, virgin and
mother. Blessed be St. Joseph her most chaste spouse.
Blessed be God in His angels and in His saints.

Optional Concluding 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 (*Diaz, 950*).

VIII. Prayer for Divine Mercy

O Greatly Merciful God, Infinite Goodness, today all
mankind calls out from the abyss of its misery to Your
mercy—to Your compassion, O God; and it is with its
mighty voice of misery that it cries out. Gracious God,
do not reject the prayer of this earth's exiles! O Lord,
Goodness beyond our understanding, who are acquainted
with our misery through and through and know that by
our own power we cannot ascend to You, we implore
You, anticipate us with Your grace and keep on increas-
ing Your mercy in us, that we may faithfully do Your
Holy Will all through our life and at death's hour. Let the
omnipotence of Your mercy shield us from the darts of
our salvation's enemies, that we may with confidence, as
Your children, await Your final coming—that day known
to You alone. And we expect to obtain everything prom-
ised us by Jesus in spite of all our wretchedness.