

## Divine Mercy Novena

Sister Faustina recorded these words that our Lord spoke in her diary. **“In the Old Covenant I sent prophets with thunderbolts to My people. Today I am sending you with My Mercy to the whole of mankind. I do not want to punish afflicted mankind, but I desire to heal it by pressing it to My Merciful Heart. Punishment I use when they themselves force Me to it; My hand unwillingly takes hold of the Sword of Justice. Before the Day of Justice I am sending the Day of Mercy”** (V, 155).

- 1) Sign of the Cross
- 2) Opening Prayers (optional): **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.** (Repeat 3 times) (84).
- 3) Our Father
- 4) Hail Mary
- 5) Apostles' Creed
- 6) Read the daily **Novena Meditation** for each day before the Feast of Divine Mercy (The Second Sunday of Easter), beginning on Good Friday (see below).
- 7) On the “Our Father” bead of your Rosary say: **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.** (476)
- 8) On the “Hail Mary” beads of your Rosary say: **For the Sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.**
- 9) Concluding Doxology to be said three times: **Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.**
- 10) Closing Prayers (optional): **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.** (950).
- 11) 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 increasing 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 promised us by Jesus in spite of all our wretchedness. For Jesus is our Hope: through His merciful Heart as through an open gate, we pass through to Heaven.** (Diary, 1570)

## Divine Mercy Novena Meditations

### First Day (Good Friday)

Jesus said: **“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 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 and 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, cast a merciful glance especially upon all poor sinners, and upon all mankind as well, 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.

### **Second Day (Holy Saturday)**

Jesus said: **“Today, bring Me the souls of priests and religious and immerse them in My unfathomable Mercy. It was they who gave me 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 so that all who watch us may praise the Father of Mercy who is in Heaven.

Eternal Father, cast Your merciful glance upon the company (of those ones) in Your vineyard—upon the souls of priest 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.

### **Third Day (Easter Sunday)**

Jesus said: **“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 (grace) of You by that most wondrous love for the Heavenly Father with which Your Heart burns so fiercely.

Eternal Father, cast a merciful glance upon faithful souls, as upon the inheritance of Your Son. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, grant them Your blessings and surround them with Your unceasing 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.

### **Fourth Day (Monday after Easter)**

Jesus said: **“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.

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 a great happiness it is to love You. Grant that they too may extol the generosity of Your Mercy, for endless ages. Amen.

**Fifth Day (Tuesday after Easter)**

Jesus said: **“Today bring to Me the souls of (the separated brethren) 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 (our separated brethren). 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 praise the generosity of Your Mercy.

Eternal Father, cast Your merciful glance upon the souls of (our separated brethren, especially those) who have squandered Your blessings and misused Your graces by obstinately persisting in their errors. Do not look upon their failings but on 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.

**Sixth Day (Wednesday after Easter)**

Jesus said: **“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 will keep vigil at My altars. I pour out upon them whole torrents of grace. Only the humble souls are 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 the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus and unceasingly sing out a hymn of love and mercy.

Eternal Father, cast a merciful glance 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. The fragrance of these souls 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.

**Seventh Day (Thursday after Easter)**

Jesus said: **“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 their 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.

Eternal Father, cast a merciful glance 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 heart, overflowing with joy, sings a canticle of mercy to the 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.

### **Eighth Day (Friday after Easter)**

Jesus said: **“Today bring to Me those 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 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 celebrated.

Eternal Father, cast a merciful glance upon the souls suffering in Purgatory, who are enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. I beseech 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 which 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.

### **Ninth Day (Saturday after Easter)**

Jesus said: **“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 Compassionate Itself. I bring lukewarm souls into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart. In the 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, cast a merciful glance upon lukewarm souls, who are 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.

## **Celebrating the Feast of Mercy (The Second Sunday of Easter)**

- 1) The reception of Holy Communion on that Sunday.
- 2) The availing oneself of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Sacramental Confession) in connection with that Holy Communion several days before or after that Sunday (according to the Church’s present practice in the matter of gaining a Plenary Indulgence cf. III, 29)
- 3) Jesus asked: **“On My Feast—on the Feast of Mercy, run through the whole world and lead souls that fainted away to the source of My Mercy. I will heal and strengthen them.”** (1, 99); **“I desire that Adoration (a period of prayer before the Most Blessed Sacrament) take place here (i.e. in Chapel—therefore in any Church where the Most Blessed Sacrament is reserved), for the intention of imploring mercy for the world.”** (III, 19)