

# HOW TO PRAY THE CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY



The Divine Mercy chaplet is a prayer devotion said on standard rosary beads that is believed to have been given by Christ to St. Faustina Kowalska (1905–38) as a means of beseeching God's mercy on sinners. St. Faustina recorded the visions she had of Christ and the Blessed Virgin in a diary entitled *Divine Mercy in My Soul*.

## BEGIN by making the Sign of the Cross

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

## Opening Prayers

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.

(Repeat three times)

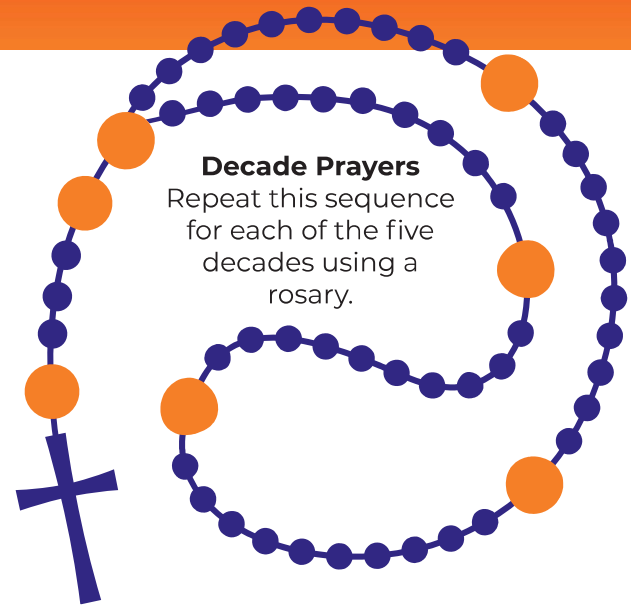
O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!

## Say one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and The Apostles' Creed in this order.

**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.

**Hail Mary**, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy 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, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come 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 resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.



On the “Our Father” bead say the Eternal Father prayer:

∞ 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 each of the 10 beads of the decade, pray:

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

## Conclude with Holy God (Repeat three times)

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

## Closing 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.