

SAINT FAUSTINA

Helen Kowalska was born in a small village in Poland in 1905. She entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy when she was 20 years old, and became Sister Maria Faustina. She had very little education and she was sickly. However, she was so holy that Jesus appeared to her many times. He commanded her to keep a diary.

Jesus appeared to her on 2/22/31 with two rays radiating from His heart and asked her to have His image painted. He said, "The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls."

About five years later, Jesus taught Sister Faustina the prayers that are now said on the large and small beads of the Chaplet, and she witnessed the miracle of a city being saved from destruction.

She died from tuberculosis at the age of 33 on 10/5/38. She was buried beneath the miraculous image of Divine Mercy. Pope John Paul II canonized her on 4/30/00.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy



First Sundays at Mary Immaculate Church

3 – 3:30 P.M. SPANISH
3:30 – 4 P.M. ENGLISH

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Chaplet of Divine Mercy

"You died, Lord 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, immeasurable Divine Mercy, envelope the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us."

"O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, we trust in You! " (Repeat three times.)

On the crucifix, say the Our Father, a Hail Mary, and the Apostle's Creed.

On the large bead before each decade, say:

"Eternal Father, we 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 small bead, say:

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

At the end of the Chaplet, recite three times:

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

PRAISES

"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."

"Divine Mercy" ... [phrase below] ... "I trust in You."

- "Gushing forth from the bosom of the Father..."
- "Greatest attribute of God..."
- "Incomprehensible mystery..."
- "Fount gushing forth from the mystery of the Most Blessed Trinity..."
- "Not understood by any intellect, human or angelic..."
- "From which wells forth all life and happiness..."
- "Better than the heavens..."
- "Source of miracles and wonders..."
- "Encompassing the whole universe..."
- "Descending to earth in the Person of the Incarnate Word..."

PRAISES – CONT'D

“Divine Mercy” ... [phrase below] ...
“I trust in You.”

- “Which flowed out from the open wound of the Heart of Jesus...
- “Enclosed in the Heart of Jesus for us, and especially for sinners...
- “Unfathomed in the institution of the Sacred Host...
- “In the founding of the Holy Church...
- “In the Sacrament of Holy Baptism...
- “In our justification through Jesus Christ...
- “Accompanying us our whole life...
- “Accompanying us every moment of our life...
- “Embracing us, especially at the hour of death...
- “Endowing us with immortal life...
- “Shielding us from the fire of hell...
- “In the conversion of hardened sinners...
- “Astonishment for angels, incomprehensible to saints...
- “Beyond understanding in all the mysteries of God...
- “Lifting us out of every misery...
- “Source of our happiness and joy...
- “In calling us forth from nothingness into existence...

- “Embracing all the works of His hands...
- “Crown of all God’s handiwork...
- “In which we all are immersed...
- “Sweet relief for anguished hearts...
- “Only hope of despairing souls...
- “Repose of hearts, peace amid fear...
- “Delight and ecstasy of holy souls...
- “Inspiring hope against all hope...”

OFFERING OF PARISH INTENTIONS

“Dearest Lord Jesus, we thank You for Your Divine Mercy and for all the blessings You have given us and the whole world. We have nothing to give You in return, except for our love and our humble lives.

“Please accept the special intentions offered by our parish now, in the past, and in the future. Please read the hearts of Your people when you consider these petitions, and teach us to recognize and accept Your Holy Will in the answers to our prayers.”

READINGS

We will read letters of thanks to Divine Mercy written by our parishioners. Please add your own thanks in your own way during a moment of silence.

Afterwards, we will read an excerpt from Saint Faustina’s diary.

FINAL PRAYER

“O Greatly Merciful God, Infinite Goodness, today all mankind calls out from the depths of its misery to Your mercy—to Your compassion, O God. It is with the mighty voice of suffering that it cries out. Gracious God, do not reject the prayers of this earth’s exiles!

“O Lord, Goodness beyond our understanding, Who knows our misery through and through and that we cannot ascend to You by our own power, we implore You to bring us to perfection with Your grace, increasing Your mercy in us, so that we may faithfully do Your Holy Will throughout the rest of our lives and at the hour of death.

“Let the omnipotence of Your mercy shield us from the darts of the enemies of our salvation, that we may wait with confidence, as Your children, for Your triumphant, final return—on the day that is known to You alone.

“We expect to obtain everything promised to us by Jesus, in spite of all our wretchedness. For Jesus is our Hope: through His merciful Heart, as through an open gate, we trust that we will pass through to heaven.”

FINAL BLESSING

“May the Lord God Almighty bless each of us, those we love, and those we meet with the grace of Divine Mercy, the gentleness of Christ, Our Savior’s peace in time of trouble and calmness in the face of fear, so that we may reflect the light of Your Goodness to all nations and build up the Body of Christ. We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.”

PROMISES OF OUR LORD

Whoever recites the Chaplet “will receive great mercy at the hour of death.”

“When you 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.”

“Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this Chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy.”

“I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy.”

“Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask is compatible with My will.”