



Mary Immaculate Catholic Church

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

First Sundays 3:30 – 4:00 pm English

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

Leader's Guide

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How to Say the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

The Chaplet is usually said at the Passion Hour (3:00 p.m.), said every day, and said on a regular set of Rosary beads.

1. Optional opening prayer said by leader:

- 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.

2. Optional prayer said by everyone three times:

- O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, we trust in You!

3. Everyone says three prayers on the crucifix: the OUR FATHER, HAIL MARY, and the APOSTLES' CREED.

- 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 among 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.
- I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heavy 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 and on the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall 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.

4. Then on the large bead before each decade, everyone recites the prayer below.

- 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.
- Optional: The leader may offer each decade to the wounds of Christ:

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- First decade – “We offer You this decade in reparation for the hundreds of wounds He received during the scourging at the pillar.”
- Second decade – “We offer You this decade in reparation for the wounds in His Head in which the Crown of Thorns pierced His Sacred Skull.”
- Third decade – “We offer You this decade in reparation for the holes in His Right and Left Hands.”
- Fourth decade – “We offer You this decade in reparation for the holes in His Sacred Feet.”
- Fifth decade – “We offer You this decade in reparation for the wound in His side in which Blood and Water gushed forth as a Font of Mercy for all generations.”

5. On each of the small beads:

- The leader recites: For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion,
- Everyone answers: ...have mercy on us and on the whole world.
- Optional for Private Devotion: Substitute “For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion and the Sorrows of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, have mercy on us and on the whole world.”

6. At the end of the Chaplet everyone recites three times:

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

7. Optional: the Divine Mercy Praises, next page.

- 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.

End with the sign of the cross.

Divine Mercy 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, gushing forth from the bosom of the Father,... "I trust in You."

Divine Mercy, greatest attribute of God,... "I trust in You."

Divine Mercy, incomprehensible mystery,... "I trust in You."

Divine Mercy, fount gushing forth from the mystery of the Most Blessed Trinity, "I trust in You."

Divine Mercy, not understood by any intellect, human or angelic,... "I trust in You."

Divine Mercy, from which wells forth all life and happiness,... "I trust in You."

Divine Mercy, better than the heavens,... "I trust in You."

Divine Mercy, source of miracles and wonders,... "I trust in You."

Divine Mercy, encompassing the whole universe,... "I trust in You."

Divine Mercy, descending to earth in the Person of the Incarnate Word,... "I trust in You."

Divine Mercy, which flowed out from the open wound of the Heart of Jesus,... "I trust in You."

Divine Mercy, enclosed in the Heart of Jesus for us, and especially for sinners... "I trust in You."

Divine Mercy, unfathomed in the institution of the Sacred Host,... "I trust in You."

Divine Mercy, in the founding of the Holy Church,... "I trust in You."

Divine Mercy, in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism,... "I trust in You."

Divine Mercy, in our justification through Jesus Christ,... "I trust in You."

Divine Mercy, accompanying us our

whole life,... "I trust in You."

Divine Mercy, accompanying us every moment of our life,... "I trust in You."

Divine Mercy, embracing us especially at the hour of death,... "I trust in You."

Divine Mercy, endowing us with immortal life,... "I trust in You."

Divine Mercy, shielding us from the fire of hell,... "I trust in You."

Divine Mercy, in the conversion of hardened sinners,... "I trust in You."

Divine Mercy, astonishment for Angels, incomprehensible to Saints,... "I trust in You."

Divine Mercy, beyond understanding in all the mysteries of God,... "I trust in You."

Divine Mercy, lifting us out of every misery,... "I trust in You."

Divine Mercy, source of our happiness and joy,... "I trust in You."

Divine Mercy, in calling us forth from nothingness to existence,... "I trust in You."

Divine Mercy, embracing all the works of His hands,... "I trust in You."

Divine Mercy, crown of all of God's handiwork,... "I trust in You."

Divine Mercy, in which we are all immersed,... "I trust in You."

Divine Mercy, sweet relief for anguished hearts,... "I trust in You."

Divine Mercy, only hope of despairing souls,... "I trust in You."

Divine Mercy, repose of hearts, peace amid fear,... "I trust in You."

Divine Mercy, delight and ecstasy of holy souls,... "I trust in You."

Divine Mercy, inspiring hope against all hope,... "I trust in You."

First Sundays - Protocol

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.

Then we will ask everyone to add their own thanks in their own way during a moment of silence.

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

Closing 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.

Special Requests Made by Our Lord Jesus Christ

This is what Jesus asks of us:

- Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image with the caption, "Jesus, I trust in You."
- Praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, especially at 3:00 - the Hour of Mercy
 - "At three o' clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony: This is the hour of great mercy for the whole world. I will allow you to enter into My mortal sorrow. In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion."
- Praying a Novena of mercy from Good Friday to the Sunday after Easter, which has been designated the Feast of the Divine Mercy.
 - The Lord specifically asked that it be recited as a novena.
 - He promised, "By this Novena (of Chaplets), I will grant every possible grace to souls."
 - "I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, that they may draw therefrom strength and refreshment and whatever grace they have need of in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death."
 - For each of the nine days, our Lord gave Saint Faustina a different intention:
 - all mankind, especially sinners;
 - the souls of priests and religious;
 - all devout and faithful souls;
 - those who do not believe in God and those who do not yet know Jesus;
 - the souls who have separated themselves from the Church;
 - the meek and humble souls and the souls of little children;
 - the souls who especially venerate and glorify His mercy; the souls detained in purgatory; and
 - souls who have become lukewarm.

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Intentions for Each Day of the Novena

① First Day

“Today bring to Me ALL MANKIND, ESPECIALLY ALL SINNERS.”

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. 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, turn Your merciful gaze upon all mankind and especially upon poor sinners, all 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 for ever and ever. Amen.

② Second Day

“Today bring to Me THE SOULS OF PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS.”

Most Merciful Jesus, from whom comes all that is good, increase Your grace in men and women consecrated to Your service, that they may perform worthy works of mercy; and that all who see them may glorify the Father of Mercy who is in heaven.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the company of chosen ones in Your vineyard—upon the souls of priests 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.

③ Third Day

“Today bring to Me ALL DEVOUT AND FAITHFUL SOULS.”

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 of You by that most wondrous love for the heavenly Father with which Your Heart burns so fiercely.

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Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon faithful souls, as upon the inheritance of Your Son. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, grant them Your blessing and surround them with Your constant 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.

④ Fourth Day

“Today bring to Me THOSE WHO DO NOT BELIEVE IN GOD AND THOSE WHO DO NOT YET KNOW ME.”

Most compassionate Jesus, You are the Light of the whole world. Receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of those who do not believe in God and of those 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 those who do not believe in You, 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 great happiness it is to love You. Grant that they, too, may extol the generosity of Your mercy for endless ages. Amen.

⑤ Fifth Day

“Today bring to Me THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE SEPARATED THEMSELVES FROM MY CHURCH.”

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 those who have separated themselves from Your Church. 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 glorify the generosity of Your mercy.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls of those who have separated themselves from Your Son's Church, who have squandered Your blessings and misused Your graces by obstinately persisting in their errors. Do not look upon their errors, but upon the love of Your own Son and upon His bitter Passion, which He underwent for their sake, since they, too, are enclosed in His Most Compassionate Heart. Bring it about that they also may glorify Your great mercy for endless ages. Amen.

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⑥ Sixth Day

“Today bring to Me THE MEEK AND HUMBLE SOULS AND THE SOULS OF LITTLE CHILDREN.”

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 Your Most Compassionate Heart, O Jesus, and they unceasingly sing out a hymn of love and mercy.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze 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. Their fragrance 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.

⑦ Seventh Day

“Today bring to Me THE SOULS WHO ESPECIALLY VENERATE AND GLORIFY MY MERCY.”

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; and united to You, O Jesus, they 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, turn Your merciful gaze 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 hearts, overflowing with joy, sing a canticle of mercy to You, O 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.

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⑧ Eighth Day

“Today bring to Me THE SOULS WHO ARE DETAINED IN PURGATORY.”

Most Merciful Jesus, You Yourself have 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 Purgatory, that there, too, the power of Your mercy may be celebrated.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls suffering in Purgatory, who are enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. I beg 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 who are under Your just scrutiny. Look upon them in no other way but only through the Wounds of Jesus, Your dearly beloved Son; for we firmly believe that there is no limit to Your goodness and compassion. Amen.

⑨ Ninth Day

“Today bring to Me SOULS WHO HAVE BECOME LUKEWARM.”

Most compassionate Jesus, You are Compassion Itself. I bring lukewarm souls into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart. In this 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, turn Your merciful gaze upon lukewarm souls who are nonetheless 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.

Optional Bible Readings

Psalm 103:8-18

- 8 **Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger, abounding in kindness.**
- 9 God does not always rebuke, nurses no lasting anger,
- 10 **He has not dealt with us as our sins merit, nor requited us as our deeds deserve.**
- 11 **As the heavens tower over the earth, so God's love towers over the faithful.**
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, so far have our sins been removed from us.
- 13 **As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on the faithful.**
- 14 For he knows how we are formed, remembers that we are dust.
- 15 Our days are like the grass; like flowers of the field we blossom.
- 16 The wind sweeps over us and we are gone; our place knows us no more.
- 17 **But the LORD'S kindness is forever, toward the faithful from age to age.** He favors the children's children
- 18 of those who keep his covenant, who take care to fulfill its precepts.

Psalm 130:1-8

- 1 Out of the depths I call to you, LORD;
- 2 Lord, hear my cry! **May your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.**
- 3 If you, LORD, mark our sins, Lord, who can stand?
- 4 **But with You is forgiveness and so you are revered.**
- 5 I wait with longing for the LORD, my soul waits for his word.
- 6 My soul looks for the Lord more than sentinels for daybreak. More than sentinels for daybreak,
- 7 let Israel look for the LORD, **For with the LORD is kindness, with him is full redemption,**

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8 And God will redeem Israel from all their sins.

Calling of Matthew – Matthew 9:9-13

9 As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the customs post. He said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

10 While he was at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat with Jesus and his disciples.

11 The Pharisees saw this and said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

12 He heard this and said, "**Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do.**

13 Go and learn the meaning of the words, "**'It is mercy I desire, not sacrifice.'** [a] **For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.**"

Luke 23: 34

And Jesus said: "**Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.**"

A Brief History of Saint Faustina and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy



Excerpts from www.ainglkiss.com/mc:

In 1905, Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska was born in a small village in Poland. When she was twenty years old, she entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. Sister Faustina began to have a number of religious experiences far from what one might consider the norm. Mentioning these unusual occurrences to her spiritual advisors, Rev. M. Sopocko and Fr. J. Andrasz, S.J., Sister was instructed to keep a diary of these events. Sister also notes in the diary that it was the, "express command of the Lord Jesus, that this diary be written."

In the town of Plock, Poland, on February 22, 1931, Sister Faustina had a vision of Jesus Christ. Jesus appeared to Sister Faustina and said, "Paint an image according to the pattern you see with the signature: JESUS I TRUST IN YOU. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over (its) enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory."

Jesus entrusted her with a three-fold mission:

1. To convey new forms of devotion to the Divine Mercy,
2. To initiate a movement that would renew Christian life according to the spirit of trust and mercy,
3. To remind the world of the known, yet forgotten truth, of the merciful love of God towards man.

Suffering from different illnesses including asthma, and tuberculosis, Sister's health began to deteriorate. On August 24, 1938, Sister Faustina wrote her last letter to Mother General begging pardon for all the faults of her whole life. She ends the letter with the words: "Till we meet in Heaven."

She died at 10:45 P.M. October 5, 1938, at the convent in Krakow. She was buried in the convent chapel beneath the miraculous image of the Divine Mercy. She was beatified on April 18, 1993.

Sister Faustina was canonized on April 30, 2000, by His Holiness Pope John Paul II, who declared the first Sunday after Easter to be Mercy Sunday.

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Significance of the Image of Divine Mercy

The earliest element of the Devotion to Divine Mercy revealed to Saint Faustina was the Image.¹ On February 22, 1931, Jesus appeared to her with rays radiating from His heart and said:

“Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus I trust in You. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and throughout the World.”

“I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over its enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I myself will defend it as My own glory.”

“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.”

The Image represents the risen Christ, whose hands and feet bear the marks of the Crucifixion. From His pierced Heart, two rays issue forth: one red and the other pale. When asked about their meaning, Jesus explained:

“The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls.

“These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when my agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross.”

“These rays shield souls from the wrath of My Father. Happy is the one who dwells in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him.”

“Not in the beauty of the color, nor of the brush, lies the greatness of this image, but in My grace.”

“By means of this image I shall grant many graces to souls. It is to be a reminder of the demands of My mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works.”



¹ EWTN Global Catholic Network, www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/mercy/image.htm.

Promises Made by Our Lord Jesus Christ Relative to the Chaplet & Divine Mercy

- “Encourage souls to say the Chaplet... Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death.”
- “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.”
- “Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. 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 for is compatible with My will.”
- “I want this image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter; that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy. On that day, the depths of My Divine Mercy will be open to all. Whoever will go to confession and Holy Communion on that day will receive complete forgiveness of sin and punishment. Mankind will not enjoy peace until it returns to My Mercy.”
- “On the cross, the fountain of My mercy was opened wide by the lance

for all souls—none have I excluded! The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to My mercy. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.”

- “When you go to confession, to this fountain of mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flow down upon your soul...In the Tribunal of Mercy [the sacrament of Reconciliation]...the greatest miracles take place and are incessantly repeated...Here the misery of the soul meets the God of Mercy.”
- “Come with faith to the feet of My representative...I myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest... I Myself act in your soul... Make your confession before Me. The person of the priest is, for Me, only a screen. Never analyze what sort of a priest it is that I am making use of; open your soul in confession as you would to Me, and I will fill it with My light...”
- “Were a soul like a decaying corpse, so that from a human standpoint, there would be no hope of restoration and everything would already be lost, it is not so with God. The miracle of Divine Mercy restores that soul in full... From this fount of mercy souls draw graces solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to My generosity.”

Selected Excerpts from Saint Faustina's Diary

"The flames of mercy are burning Me. I desire to pour them out upon human souls. Oh, what pain they cause Me when they do not want to accept them!"

"Oh how painful it is to Me that souls so seldom unite themselves to Me. ... I wait for souls, and they are indifferent towards Me. I love them tenderly and sincerely, and they distrust Me."

"My Heart overflows with great mercy for souls, and especially for poor sinners. If only they could understand that I am the best of Fathers to them and that it is for them that the Blood and Water flowed from My Heart as from a fount overflowing with mercy."

"Oh, how indifferent are souls to so much goodness, to so many proofs of love! My Heart drinks only of the ingratitude and forgetfulness of souls living in the world. They have time for everything, but they have no time to come to Me for graces."

"I demand from you deeds of mercy which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse yourself from it."

On Friday, September 13, 1935, Our Lord revealed to Saint Faustina a powerful means of obtaining God's mercy for the world. She wrote:

"In the evening, when I was in my cell, I saw an Angel who was the executor of God's justice. He was clothed in a dazzling robe, his face gloriously bright, a cloud beneath his feet. From the cloud, bolts of thunder and flashes of lightning were springing into his hands; and from his hand they were going forth, and only then were they striking the earth. When I saw this sign of divine wrath which was about to strike the earth, ... I began to implore the angel to hold off for a few moments, and the world would do penance. But my plea was a mere nothing in the face of the divine anger. Just then I saw the Most Holy Trinity. The greatness of Its majesty pierced me deeply, and I did not dare to repeat my entreaties. At that very moment I felt in my soul the power of Jesus' grace, which dwells in my soul. ...I found myself pleading with God for the world with words heard interiorly.

"As I was praying in this manner, I saw the Angel's helplessness: he could not carry out the just punishment which was rightly due for sins. Never before had I prayed with such inner power as I did then. The words with which I entreated God are these: 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; for the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us."