

HOW TO RECITE
THE CHAPLET OF MERCY

The Chaplet of Mercy is recited using ordinary rosary beads of five decades. At the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, the Chaplet is preceded by two opening prayers from the Diary of Saint Faustina and followed by a closing prayer.

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 (1319).

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of mercy for us, I trust in You! (84)

Begin the Chaplet with the Our Father, the Hail Mary, and the Apostles Creed.

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 resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Then, on the large bead before each decade:

Eternal Father,
I offer You the body and Blood,
Soul and Divinity of Your dearly
beloved Son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
R- in atonement for our sins
and those of the whole world.

On the ten small beads of each decade, say:

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

Conclude with:

Holy God,
Holy Mighty One,
Holy Immortal One,
have mercy on us
and on the whole world (476).
(three times)

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).

Our Lord said to Saint Faustina:

Encourage souls to say the Chaplet which I
have given you ... 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
(687, 1541, 1731).

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