

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport
Holy Family Parish – Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish

A Guide for Praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is based on the visions of Saint Mary Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), a member of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy who was canonized by the Catholic Church in 2000 by Pope John Paul II. During a mystical vision, the Lord Jesus Christ asked Sister Faustina to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and to encourage others to do so. According to Sister Faustina, the chaplet has three purposes: to ask for God's mercy, to trust in that mercy, and to show mercy toward others. The Divine Mercy Chaplet can be prayed alone or in groups by using the five decades of a traditional rosary in the following way:

Make the Sign of the Cross

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

Opening Prayer

Your 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 fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

The Lord's Prayer

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 Apostle's 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 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 Lord's Prayer Bead: The Eternal Father

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 the Ten Small Beads of Each Decade

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

After Praying All Five Decades

Pray three times: Holy God, Holy Mighty 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 on us and increase your mercy in us,
so 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. Amen.

More Information

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