

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

SATURDAY -- FIRST DAY

OPENING HYMN

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **All:** Amen.
Leader: The Lord be with you. **All:** Amen.

NOVENA INTENTION AND PRAYER

Leader: "Today bring to ME all mankind, especially all sinners and immerse them in the ocean of my mercy. In this way you will console Me in the bitter grief into which the loss of souls plunges me."

Most Merciful Jesus, from the very essence of your being flows endless streams of tender love, compassion and forgiveness of sinners. We beg you this day to look not upon our sins or the sins of mankind, but upon the trust which we place in your infinite goodness and steadfast love. Receive us and all sinners into the sanctuary of your most compassionate heart, and never let us escape from its tender mercy. We ask this of you in the name of LOVE which unites you and the Father and the Holy Spirit in the perfect unity of the Trinity from age to age. **R. Amen.**

Eternal Father, God of steadfast love, turn your merciful gaze upon all mankind and especially upon poor sinners, who this day are enfolded in the most compassionate heart of Jesus. For the sake of his sorrowful passion show us your tender mercy, that we may praise the limitless depths of your merciful heart forever and ever. **R. Amen.**

Holy Spirit, River of Mercy, proceeding from the Father and the Son, fill our hearts with endless joy as we celebrate the Paschal Mystery from which flows the endless mercies of God. **R. Amen.**

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit!
All: Holy! Holy! Holy is the Lord God Almighty, Who was, Who is, Who is to come. Amen. Amen. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Lord Jesus, nailed to the wood of the cross, you died for sinners on Calvary Hill. When the soldier's lance pierced your side, blood and water gushed forth as a fountain of life for souls. An ocean of mercy was opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, empty yourself upon us and envelop the whole world.

O Blood and Water, gushing forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of mercy, **R. I trust in You.**

THE OUR FATHER.....

THE HAIL MARY.....

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 large bead before each decade:

Cantor: Eternal Father, we offer you the body and blood, soul and divinity of your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ...
All: in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On the ten small beads of each decade:

Cantor: For the sake of his sorrowful passion... **All:** have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Cantor conclude with: Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (3X)

THE LITANY OF MERCY

Divine Mercy, gushing forth from the bosom of the heavenly Father:
Divine Mercy, greatest attribute of God Most High:
Divine Mercy, incomprehensible mystery of the Triune God:
Divine Mercy, calling us forth from nothingness to existence:
Divine Mercy, fountain of life and holiness:

R. Jesus Christ, King of Mercy, I Trust in You
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Divine Mercy, source of miracles and wonders:
Divine Mercy, encompassing the whole universe:
Divine Mercy, descending to earth in the Person of the Incarnate Word:
Divine Mercy, which flowed out from the open wound of the heart of Jesus:
Divine Mercy, washing us clean in the waters of Baptism:

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Divine Mercy, sealing us with the gift of the Holy Spirit:
Divine Mercy, reconciling us to God in the words of absolution:
Divine Mercy, made present in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass:
Divine Mercy, feeding us with the Bread of Life:
Divine Mercy, inebriating us with the Blood of Christ:

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Divine Mercy, uniting man and woman in holy matrimony:
Divine Mercy, made manifest in the priesthood of the new covenant:
Divine Mercy, sweet anointing of the Holy Spirit for the sick and dying:
Divine Mercy, atonement for the sins of the whole world:
Divine Mercy, accompanying us throughout our life's journey:

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Divine Mercy, embracing us at the hour of our death:
Divine Mercy, shielding us from the fires of hell:
Divine Mercy, hope of hardened sinners:
Divine Mercy, lifting us out of every misery:
Divine Mercy, source of our happiness and joy:

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Divine Mercy, calling us out of darkness into the light:
Divine Mercy, present in every good deed, every loving embrace, every work of peace:
Divine Mercy, crown of all God's handiwork:
Divine Mercy, in which every soul is immersed:
Divine Mercy, sweet relief for anguished hearts:
Divine Mercy, only hope for despairing souls:
Divine Mercy, you wipe away every tear:
Divine Mercy, delight of the saints in heaven, the souls in purgatory and holy souls on earth:

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CLOSING PRAYER

Leader: Almighty God,

All: Make my eyes merciful, that I may never judge by appearances, but see only the good in those around me. Make my ears merciful, that I may never be deaf or indifferent to another's pain or cry for help. Make my tongue merciful, that I may never speak negatively of others, but only words of comfort and forgiveness. Make my hands merciful, that I may do only good to my neighbor, and have the strength to perform difficult and toilsome tasks without complaint or resentment. Make my feet merciful, that I may run to assist those in need, support those who are in trouble, and stand up for those who are persecuted. Make my heart merciful, that I may feel the sufferings of others, especially the poor and disadvantaged. May your faithful love, compassion and mercy, dwell in us and flow through us to one and all.

Leader: 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.

Leader: O most precious blood and water flowing from the heart of Jesus, fountain of mercy: **R. I TRUST IN YOU**

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