

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

SATURDAY -- EIGHTH 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 the souls in purgatory and immerse them in the abyss of my mercy. Let the torrents of my blood cool down their scorching flames. All these souls are greatly loved by me. They are making retribution to my justice. It is in your power to bring them relief. Draw all the indulgences from the treasury of my Church and offer them on their behalf. Oh, if you only knew the torments they suffer, you would continually offer for them the alms of the spirit and pay off their debt to my justice."

Most Merciful Jesus, you have said that you desire mercy, so as our act of mercy, we place into the sanctuary of your most compassionate heart the souls in purgatory. They are very dear to you, and yet, your divine justice demands that they make reparation for the evil they have done and the good they have failed to do. Let every vestige of sin and imperfection be purged from their souls in the fiery love of your sacred heart. May the streams of Blood and Water which gushed forth from your pierced side cleanse and renew them, that even in purgatory, the power of your mercy may be celebrated. **R. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Eternal Father, God of steadfast love, turn your merciful gaze upon the souls suffering in purgatory, who are enfolded in the most compassionate heart of Jesus. 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. See them only through the wounds of Jesus, your dearly beloved. We trust in your mercy and firmly believe that there is no limit to your goodness and compassion in this life nor in the life to come. **R. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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

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**

CLOSING HYMN