

# Facilitator Guide



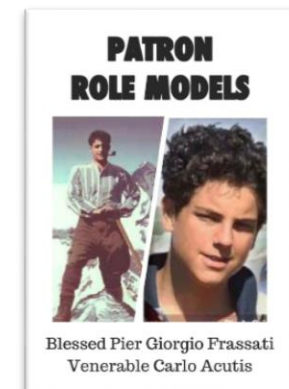
The Divine Mercy Kids' Prayer Group Image by Victor Teh Happy Saints

Mary is the Mother of everyone. God wants His graces and mercy to flow through His dearly beloved Son, Jesus, and through His Mother, Mary, Ark of The New Covenant, to the whole world.

**Foundation of Jesus The Divine Mercy**

## We invite you to be prayer warriors

Ask Mary, Ark of The New Covenant to lead us in this battle, and the warrior patron saints and patron role models to join us and intercede for us.



Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati  
Venerable Carlo Acutis

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## Welcome

You have lovingly answered this call from Jesus by agreeing to begin *The Divine Mercy Kids' Prayer Group* in your parish, school, or home! The power of the Divine Mercy Chaplet is so great, and when children say or sing it, Jesus' Heart cannot help but be moved to shower His Mercy and blessings! This guide is meant to assist you in the format of the prayer meeting, and to give you ideas for the year. Thank you for your openness to be an instrument of Jesus' Mercy! The children, whose lives you touch, will be forever changed through the power of this Devotion. Jesus, we trust in You!

***My daughter, encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given to you.*** (Jesus to St. Faustina from her, *Diary 1541*)

***Why start The Divine Mercy Kids' Prayer Group in your school or parish?***

Jesus asked that we spread devotion to His Divine Mercy by learning the Divine Mercy Chaplet and venerating His Image. He promised that if we do that, we could obtain everything in His Will. The *Divine Mercy Kids' Prayer Groups* help to teach children, ages K-5<sup>th</sup> grade, to sing the Chaplet in reverent motion, and to learn how to grow in virtue. Families are consecrated to the Divine Mercy, and parents are always welcome. Meetings are just once a month for 30-45 minutes. It is very easy to start a group! Go to [JesusTheDivineMercy.com](http://JesusTheDivineMercy.com) for everything you need to begin.

## ***Preparation***

Prior to beginning *The Divine Mercy Kids' Prayer Group*, visit **JesusTheDivineMercy.com** for documents, links, and instructional videos.

### **Documents**

- Facilitator Guide
- *The Divine Mercy Kids' Prayer Group* Booklet
- Step 1: *Jesus, Friend of Children* (lead sheet with guitar chords)
- Step 1: *Jesus, Friend of Children* (without chords)
- Step 2: Reverent Motion Instructions for the *Divine Mercy Chaplet* by Mary Ann Renna
- Step 2: The Rennas *Divine Mercy Chaplet* (vocals)
- Step 2: The Rennas *Divine Mercy Chaplet* (instrumental)
- Step 2: *Divine Mercy Chaplet* (lead sheet with guitar chords)
- Step 2: *Divine Mercy Chaplet* (learning sheet - English and Spanish)
- Step 3: *Jesus, I Trust in You!* (Rennas - vocals)
- Step 3: *Jesus, I Trust in You* (lead sheet with guitar chords)
- Step 3: *Jesus, I Trust in You* (learning sheet - English and Spanish)
- Step 3: *Jesus, I Trust in You* (cue card - English and Spanish)
- Sample: *Family Eucharistic Holy Hour* Worship Aid

## **Links (Songs by The Rennas)**

- Step 1 – *Theme Song: Jesus, Friend of Children*
- Step 2 – Song: *Chaplet of Divine Mercy*
- Step 3 – Song: *Jesus, I Trust in You*
- Optional: *Litany Prayer Song*
  
- \*Intro video: EWTN *Divine Mercy for Kids*
- Step 1 - audio: *Jesus, Friend of Children* (Theme Song - Family Eucharistic Holy Hour, sung by the Renna Family)
- Step 2: - video: Reverent Motion Instructions by Mary Ann Renna
- Step 3 - Instructional Video: *Jesus, I Trust in You*

## ***The Divine Mercy Kids' Prayer Group***

- At the first meeting, give out Rosaries and pamphlets on how to say the Chaplet. These are theirs to keep.
  
- Have a basket of extra Rosaries and pamphlets at each meeting. They can take extras only if they give away to others and encourage others to say the Chaplet (this can be with family, friends, or anyone).
  
- Have a basket, box or container for the children's prayer petitions. Have all children write their own prayer petitions down and place in a special container to be kept present at each meeting. Remind that every Chaplet we say will go toward all of these intentions.

- *The Divine Mercy Kids' Prayer Group* image of the *The Virgin Mary of Nazareth, Ark of The New Covenant, Throne of The Divine Mercy Incarnate* to be displayed at the front of each meeting.
- Explain that Jesus is The Divine Mercy and Mary is The Ark of The New Covenant and the Mother of Divine Mercy and we will ask her to pray with us and for us at our meeting and every day.
- Optional: At each monthly meeting, leader will introduce a virtue to be practiced by all members for the month (page 7). Read a short quote or passage from a Divine Mercy Saint such as St. Faustina, St. John Paul II, that pertains to living out that virtue.
- Meet once or twice a month.
- On weeks not meeting, promise to say the Chaplet (and all prayers of the meeting, if possible) at least once a week, preferably with their family.
- Twice a year (at first meeting and about 4-6 months in), show animated St. Faustina video (\*Intro video: EWTN). Discuss importance of praying this Chaplet daily. Explain image.
- During Lent, have a Crucifix at the meeting. Discuss the Blood and Water which gushed forth from Our Savior to save us. Each may kiss His Side Wound or His Feet (remind that we do this on Good Friday as well).

- At the Christmas meeting, focus on The Holy Family - how Our Lady and St. Joseph received Jesus, the gift of Divine Mercy - how much they loved Him - how good and kind they all were to each other - how they wanted to serve each other - this is how we must be in our homes. Let us be thankful for The Greatest Gift of Jesus, and let us try to imitate The Blessed Mother and St. Joseph.
- At the end of the year (or school year), have a FEHH or at least a time of Adoration giving thanks for The Divine Mercy in our lives.

### ***The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy***

***The Sign of the Cross:*** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Jesus, Friend of children  
Here we come to You  
In Your Mercy hear us  
Grant Your children's prayer*

Traditional Children's Prayer Song from Ghana; Composer unknown

Jesus said to St. Faustina (to be read by an Adult):

***“Today bring to Me the meek and humble souls and the souls of little children, and immerse them in My mercy. These souls most closely resemble My Heart. They strengthened Me during My bitter agony. I saw them as earthly Angels, who will keep vigil at My altars. I pour out upon them whole torrents of grace. Only the humble soul is able to receive My grace. I favor humble souls with My confidence.”***

Jesus to St. Faustina; *Diary* 1220

## Optional Opening Prayer

"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."  
**O Blood and Water which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a Fount of Mercy for us, I trust in You** (say 3 times).

## *The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy in Motion* (Pray and sing on the Rosary)



### *How to Pray* *The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy*

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross, 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary and the Apostles' Creed.
2. Then on the Our Father Beads say the following:  
**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.**

3. On the 10 Hail Mary Beads say the following: **For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

*(Repeat steps 2 and 3 for all five decades.)*

4. Conclude with *(three times)*: **Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

[www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com)

## Optional Closing Prayer

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.

### *Jesus, I Trust in You* *(Pray and sing in motion)*

Jesus, I trust in You  
Jesus, I trust in You  
All praise and all glory  
Be to You, my King  
Jesus, I trust in You

## Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

### **Conclusion** **(Pray and sing)**

*Jesus, Friend of children  
Here we come to You  
In Your Mercy hear us  
Grant Your children's prayer*

**The Sign of the Cross:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



- Snack time (Parents are invited to stay at the meeting or pick up their child/children).

## Optional Prayers

### **Litany Prayer Song**

Lord, have mercy (repeat)  
Christ, have mercy (repeat)  
Lord, have mercy (repeat)

Dear Blessed Virgin Mary – pray for us  
Dear St. Joseph – pray for us  
St. Faustina – pray for us  
St. John Paul II – pray for us  
St. Maximilian Kolbe – pray for us  
St. Louis de Montfort – pray for us  
St. Therese, the Little Flower – pray for us  
St. Teresa of Jesus – pray for us  
St. Margaret Mary – pray for us  
St. Padre Pio – pray for us  
St. Maria Goretti – pray for us  
St. Philomena – pray for us  
St. Dominic – pray for us  
St. Francis of Assisi – pray for us  
All you holy men and women – pray for us  
All you Saints and Angels – pray for us

We lift our hearts to Jesus and we raise our voices high,  
We ask that You be with us all our days and all our nights,  
So we may learn to love You on this earth and try to be  
As holy as the Saints who sing Your praise eternally.  
Amen.

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## ***Act of Consecration of the Family to The Divine Mercy***

O Jesus, You showed us Your infinite compassionate love by exhausting the very last drop of blood and water from Your body. From this day forward, with full confidence, we entrust our families to Your Divine Mercy. We abandon our past, our present and our future. We place into Your wounds all of our wounds which are caused by lack of love, understanding and trust. Jesus, expel Satan and all evil from our families, free us from the consequence of sin and protect us from further harm. Heal our wounds. May our families learn to venerate Your Divine Image that they will never perish but experience Your loving mercy. Amen.

Prayer composed by Rev. Dermot S. Roache, SMA  
Imprimatur + John J. Myers, D.D., J.C.D., Archbishop of Newark, New Jersey  
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## ***Consecration to the Holy Family***

O Lord Jesus, you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth. There you grew in age, wisdom and grace as you prepared to fulfill your mission as our Redeemer. We entrust our family to you. O Blessed Mary, you are the Mother of our Savior. At Nazareth you cared for Jesus and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home. We entrust our family to you. O Saint Joseph, you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary, and gave us a model of fatherhood while showing us the dignity of work. We entrust our family to you. Holy Family, we consecrate ourselves and our family to you. May we be completely united in a love that is lasting, faithful and open to the gift of new life. Help us to grow in virtue, to forgive one another from our hearts, and to live in peace all our days. Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer, diligent in

our work, and generous toward those in need. May our home, O Holy Family, truly become a domestic church where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen.

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!*

Prayer composed by Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, Supreme Chaplain.

## **Virtues**

**PRUDENCE (WISDOM)** – helps us to choose what is pleasing to God

Our model for Prudence – Blessed Mother Mary, Jesus' Mother

Prayer – Dear Blessed Mother, please help us to be prudent and wise like you, always choosing what is right and pleasing to God.

**JUSTICE** – helps us to give God what He deserves, and others, what they deserve and need.

Our model for Justice – St. Joseph, Jesus' foster Father

Prayer – Dear St. Joseph, please help us to be just, always putting God first in our lives, and caring for the needs of others.

**FORTITUDE (COURAGE)** – the strength from God that helps us overcome our fears and temptations.

Our Model for Fortitude - St. Joan of Arc

Prayer – Dear St. Joan of Arc, please help us to have courage to do what is right, even when we are afraid or when it is difficult.

**TEMPERANCE** – helps us to have balance in our lives and to have self-control.

Our model for Temperance - Venerable Carlo Acutis

Prayer – Dear Venerable Carlo Acutis, help us to have self-control in everything we do, especially with the grace of the Sacraments.

**FAITH** – helps us to respond to God's grace by trusting completely in Him.

Our model for Faith – St. John Paul II

Prayer - Dear St. John Paul II, please help us to give ourselves completely to God and to trust Him with our lives.

**HOPE** – helps us to believe that God is always with us to help us.

Our model for Hope – St. Faustina

Prayer – Dear St. Faustina, help us to always have hope in the great Mercy of God. Jesus, the Divine Mercy, we trust in Your great Love for us!

**LOVE (CHARITY)** – helps us love God and our neighbor above ourselves.

Our model for Love – Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

Prayer – Dear Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, please help us to always seek to learn what God wants us to do, and to serve Him by serving our neighbor.

**HUMILITY** – helps us to see ourselves as we really are (strengths and weaknesses), and to always be open to the holy teachings of God and the Church, our parents and teachers.

Our model for Humility – Venerable Fulton Sheen

Prayer – Dear Venerable Fulton Sheen, please help us to always humble ourselves before God and those whom He has given to teach us.

**PATIENCE** – helps us to bear our suffering for the love of God without becoming angry or complaining.

Our model for Patience – St. Padre Pio

Prayer – Dear St. Padre Pio, please help us to bear all of the suffering in our lives by offering it to Jesus and being calm and gentle with others.





## Family Eucharistic Holy Hour

At the end of the year (or school year), plan to have a FEHH or at least a time of Adoration giving thanks for The Divine Mercy in our lives...

