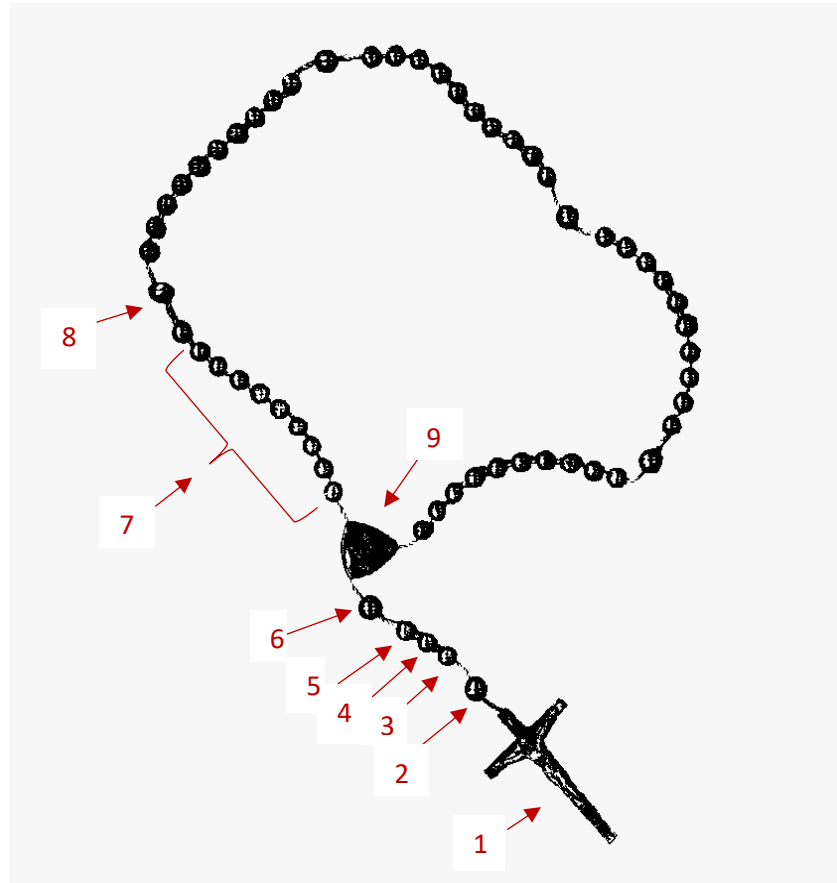


How to Pray the Chaplet of The Divine Mercy *

1. Make the Sign of the Cross.
2. Say the optional Opening Prayer.
3. Say the "Our Father".
4. Say the "Hail Mary".
5. Say the Apostle Creed.
6. Say the "Eternal Father".
7. Say 10 "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" on the "Hail Mary" beads.
8. Repeat for four more decades saying "Eternal Father" on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For the Sake of His sorrowful Passion" on the following "Hail Mary" beads.
9. At the conclusion of the five decades, on the medallion say the "Holy God," the concluding doxology, three times.
10. Say the optional Closing Prayer



The Chaplet is prayed on ordinary rosary beads, and is an intercessory prayer that extends the offering of the Eucharist. It may be said at any time, but our Lord specifically requested that it be used as a novena on the nine days before the Feast of Mercy (the first Sunday after Easter).

It is also especially appropriate to say the Chaplet during the three o'clock hour (recalling the time of Christ's death on the cross). In his revelations to St. Faustina, Our Lord asked for special prayer and veneration for His Passion during this time.

**Using ordinary rosary beads.
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Prayers of the Chaplet of The Divine Mercy

- 1. The Sign of the Cross:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
- 2. 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 (Diary, 1319).

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You! (*three times*) (84).
- 3. 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.
- 4. The Hail Mary:** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen
- 5. 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 Pilot, 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 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.
- 6. On the "Our Father" 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, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole. (476).
- 7. On the "Hail Mary" bead of each decade:** For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
- 8. Repeat "Eternal Father" and "For the Sake of His sorrowful Passion":** (Number 6 & 7) Prayers for four more decades.
- 9. After 5 decades, the concluding doxology (three times):** Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
- 10. Closing Prayer (optional):** 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, not become despondent, but with great confidence, submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy Itself. Amen (950).