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In a vision to Blessed Faustina Kowalska, the Lord revealed a powerful prayer that He wanted everyone to say - and He promised extraordinary graces to those who would recite it.

Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you ... Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death ... When they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge but as the Merciful Savior ... Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My

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infinite mercy ... I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy ... Through the chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will. (*Diary, 687, 1541, 1731*)

Prayed on ordinary rosary beads, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy 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

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revelations to Blessed Faustina, Our Lord asked for special prayer and veneration for His Passion during this time.

At the Shrine of The Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA, the chaplet is recited every day at 3 o'clock. It is preceded by two opening prayers from the diary of Blessed Faustina and followed by a closing prayer, also from the diary.

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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! (*Diary, 84*) **Three times.**

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

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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 APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

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ON THE LARGE 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 world.

ON THE 10 SMALL BEADS ,ON EACH DECADE:

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

AFTER 5 DECADES THE "THRICE-HOLY" HYMN:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us

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and on the whole world. Three times.

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 nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. (Diary, 950)

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How to Recite the Chaplet

Optional Beginning

1. Make the sign of the Cross and say the opening prayer: "You expired Jesus ..."
2. Say the "O Blood and Water..."
3 times.

Chaplet according to the instructions given to Blessed Faustina by the Lord.

3. Say the "Our Father."
4. Say the "Hail Mary."
5. Say the "Apostles Creed."

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6. On the large bead before each decade, say the "Eternal Father..."

7. On the 10 small beads of each decade, say the "For the sake of..."
In each decade, meditate on Christ's Passion, particularly His abandonment at the hour of death.

8. After the 5th decade, say the "Holy God..." *3 times*.

Optional Ending

9. Say the closing prayer: "Eternal God..."

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