

# *Divine Mercy*



# *Holy Hour*

## ENTRANCE PROCESSION WITH THE RELIC

*Please Stand*

Choir: *Gathering Song*

Presider: † Our Savior left us a promise: Souls who spread the honor of my mercy I shield through their entire life as a tender mother her infant, and at the hour of death I will not be a Judge for them but a Merciful Savior. At that last hour a soul has nothing with which to defend itself except My Mercy. Happy is the soul that during its lifetime immersed itself in the Fountain of Mercy, because justice will have no hold on it. (Diary 1074)

## OPENING PRAYER

Presider: Let us pray: God of everlasting mercy, we recognize your presence among us. You are with us in every expression of love, every encounter of compassion, and every act of forgiveness. Help us to let go of today's problems and concerns, so that we may open our hearts to your rays of grace and come to experience Your Will for us. Hear us as we humbly ask you to open wide the doors of your mercy - for us, for our nation, and for the whole world. Help us to be merciful as you, the Father, are merciful. We have come to trust in you even when all seems hopeless, because it is in these moments your love and mercy abound even more.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our most Merciful Savior.

**All:** Amen

*Please be seated*

## **PRAYER TO OBTAIN GRACES THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF ST. FAUSTINA**

**All:** O Jesus, You inspired Saint Faustina with profound veneration for Your boundless Mercy; deign, if it be Your Holy Will, to grant me through her intercession the grace for which I fervently pray. *(Silently state your intention here).*

My sins render me unworthy of Your Mercy, but be mindful of Saint Faustina's spirit of sacrifice and self-denial, and reward her virtue by granting the petition which, with childlike confidence,

I present to You through her intercession.

**Our Father..... Hail Mary..... Glory Be.....**

## **PRAYER OF ENTRUSTMENT TO THE DIVINE MERCY**

**All:** O Lord, our God. We place our trust in you, because you are mercy itself. We repent of our sins and turn to You for mercy. We trust You to provide for our every need, according to Your will. Help us to forgive others as You forgive us.

We promise to be merciful by our deeds, words and prayers. Though we have fears because of human weakness, we rely on Your infinite goodness and mercy. We entrust to your mercy our very lives, our present situation and our uncertain future. We entrust to You the future of our planet, our Church, our nations, our families and all our needs.

With loud cries we implore your mercy on us and on the whole world. Look upon us, created in your image and likeness. Form us in the Heart of Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit into the living images of mercy.

May all come to know the depth of Your mercy and sing the praises of Your mercy forever. Amen!

# PRAYER FOR HEALING THE FAMILY TREE

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Heavenly Father, I come before you as your child, in great need of your help; I have physical health needs, emotional needs, spiritual needs, and interpersonal needs. Many of my problems have been caused by my own failures, neglect and sinfulness, for which I humbly beg your forgiveness, Lord. But I also ask you to forgive the sins of my ancestors whose failures have left their effects on me in the form of unwanted tendencies, behavior patterns and defects in body, mind and spirit. Heal me, Lord, of all these disorders.

With your help I sincerely forgive everyone, especially living or dead members of my family tree, who have directly offended me or my loved ones in any way, or those whose sins have resulted in our present sufferings and disorders. In the name of your divine Son, Jesus, and in the power of His Holy Spirit, I ask you, Father, to deliver me and my entire family tree from the influence of the evil one. Free all living and dead members of my family tree, including those in adoptive relationships, and those in extended family relationships, from every contaminating form of bondage. By your loving concern for us, heavenly Father, and by the shed blood of your precious Son, Jesus, I beg you to extend your blessing to me and to all my living and deceased relatives. Heal every negative effect transmitted through all past generations, and prevent such negative effects in future generations of my family tree.

I symbolically place the cross of Jesus over the head of each person in my family tree, and between each generation; I ask you to let the cleansing blood of Jesus purify the bloodlines in my family lineage. Set your protective angels to encamp around us, and permit Archangel Raphael, the patron of healing, to administer your divine healing power to all of us, even in areas of genetic disability. Give special power to our family members' guardian angels to heal, protect, guide and encourage each of us in all our needs. Let your healing power be released at this very moment, and let it continue as long as your sovereignty permits.

In our family tree, Lord, replace all bondage with a holy bonding in family love. And let there be an ever-deeper bonding with you, Lord, by the Holy Spirit, to your Son, Jesus. Let the family of the Holy Trinity pervade our family with its tender, warm, loving presence, so that our family may recognize and manifest that love in all our relationships. All of our unknown needs we include with this petition that we pray in Jesus' precious Name. **Amen.**

**Diary Reading and Second Scripture reading.**

# Prayers of the Faithful through the Intercession of St Faustina

*Please Stand*

Presider: St Faustina, espoused to our Savior, we ask for God's graces through your intercession. With trust in our Lord, we come to you with our prayers for ourselves, for our families and loved ones, for our country, and for our troubled world. Our needs are great but cannot compare to God's unfathomable mercy.

Cantor: For all priests and deacons who are your servants on the altar and in ministry. Protect them from harm; both spiritual and physical. Give them the grace to shepherd your people by their example of "Love God" and "Love thy neighbor". We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, Hear our Prayer.**

Cantor: For all families especially now when the family is being challenged in today's society. We pray for healing and for a commitment to stand together. And we pray that above all else, love and mercy will always prevail. We Pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, Hear our Prayer**

Cantor: To be completely transformed into Your mercy and to be Your living reflection, O Lord. May the greatest of all Divine attributes, that of Your unfathomable Mercy, pass through my heart and soul to my neighbor. We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, Hear our Prayer.**

Cantor: Help me, O Lord that my eyes may be merciful, so that I may never suspect or judge from appearances, but always look for what is beautiful in my neighbor's soul and come to their rescue. We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, Hear our Prayer.**

Cantor: Help me that my ears may be merciful, so that I may give heed to my neighbor's needs, and not be indifferent to their pains and moaning's. We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, Hear our Prayer.**

Cantor: Help me, O Lord that my tongue may be merciful, so that I should never speak negatively of others, but have a word of comfort and forgiveness for all. We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, Hear our Prayer.**

Cantor: Help me, O Lord that my hands may be merciful and filled with good deeds, so that I may do only good to my neighbors and always try to take upon myself the more difficult and toilsome tasks. We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, Hear our Prayer.**

Cantor: Help me, O Lord that my feet may be merciful, so that I may hurry to assist my neighbor, overcoming my own fatigue and weariness. My true rest is in the service of my neighbor. We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, Hear our Prayer.**

Cantor: Help me, O Lord that my heart may be merciful, so that I myself may feel all the sufferings of my neighbor. I will refuse my heart to no one. I will be sincere even with those who, I know, will abuse my kindness. And I will lock myself up in the most merciful Heart of Jesus. I will bear my own suffering in silence. We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, Hear our Prayer.**

Presider: Listen to the prayers of this faithful gathering. May your mercy, O Lord, rest upon us. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our most Merciful Savior.

**All: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

*If Choir is singing the chaplet, please come forward for veneration of the St. Faustina relic. If reciting the chaplet, veneration will be after praying the chaplet.*

Presider: 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)

**All: O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus  
as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You! (repeat 3 times)**

Presider: Our Father, who are in Heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

**All: 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.**

Presider: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

**All: Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen**

Presider: 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; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

**All: 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 Beads)**

Presider: Eternal Father, I 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. (Diary 476)**

**\*\* (On the Small Beads)**

Presider: For the sake of His sorrowful passion

**All: Have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

**\*\*\*\*(After 5 Decades, repeat 3 times)\*\*\*\***

Presider: Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One

**All: Have Mercy on us and on the whole world.**

**All: 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)**

**All: Jesus, I Trust in You. (repeat 3 times)**

**THE RITE OF BLESSING WITH  
THE RELIC OF ST. FAUSTINA**

“I will rise from the dead in Jesus, but first I must live in Him. If I do not separate myself from the Cross, then the Gospel will be revealed in me.”

~St. Faustina Kowalska (Diary, #392)

## LITANY OF DIVINE MERCY

The response to the following is “I Trust in You”

Presider: Divine Mercy, gushing forth from the bosom of the Father.  
**All: I Trust in You.**

Presider: Divine Mercy, greatest attribute of God.  
**All: I Trust in You.**

Presider: Divine Mercy, incomprehensible mystery.  
**All: I Trust in You.**

Presider: Divine Mercy, fountain gushing forth from the mystery of the Most Blessed Trinity.  
**All: I Trust in You.**

Presider: Divine Mercy, unfathomed by any intellect, human or angelic.  
**All: I Trust in You.**

Presider: Divine Mercy, from which wells forth all life and happiness.  
**All: I Trust in You.**

Presider: Divine Mercy, better than the heavens.  
**All: I Trust in You.**

Presider: Divine Mercy, source of miracles and wonders.  
**All: I Trust in You.**

Presider: Divine Mercy, encompassing the whole universe.  
**All: I Trust in You.**

Presider: Divine Mercy, descending to earth in the Person of the Incarnate Word.  
**All: I Trust in You.**

Presider: Divine Mercy, which flowed out from the open wound of the Heart of Jesus.  
**All: I Trust in You.**

Presider: Divine Mercy, enclosed in the Heart of Jesus for us, and especially for sinners.  
**All: I Trust in You.**

Presider: Divine Mercy, unfathomed in the institution of the Sacred Host.  
**All: I Trust in You.**

Presider: Divine Mercy, in the founding of the Holy Church.  
**All: I Trust in You.**

Presider: Divine Mercy, in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.  
**All: I Trust in You.**

Presider: Divine Mercy, in our justification through Jesus Christ.  
**All: I Trust in You.**

Presider: Divine Mercy, accompanying us through our whole life.  
**All: I Trust in You.**

Presider: Divine Mercy, embracing us especially at the hour of death.  
**All:** **I Trust in You.**

Presider: Divine Mercy, endowing us with immortal life.  
**All:** **I Trust in You.**

Presider: Divine Mercy, accompanying us every moment of our life.  
**All:** **I Trust in You.**

Presider: Divine Mercy, shielding us from the fire of hell.  
**All:** **I Trust in You.**

Presider: Divine Mercy, in the conversion of hardened sinners.  
**All:** **I Trust in You.**

Presider: Divine Mercy, astonishment for Angels, incomprehensible to Saints.  
**All:** **I Trust in You.**

Presider: Divine Mercy, unfathomed in all the mysteries of God.  
**All:** **I Trust in You.**

Presider: Divine Mercy, lifting us out of every misery.  
**All:** **I Trust in You.**

Presider: Divine Mercy, source of our happiness and joy.  
**All:** **I Trust in You.**

Presider: Divine Mercy, in calling us forth from nothingness to existence.  
**All:** **I Trust in You.**

Presider: Divine Mercy, embracing all the works of His hands.  
**All:** **I Trust in You.**

Presider: Divine Mercy, crown of all God's handiwork.  
**All:** **I Trust in You.**

Presider: Divine Mercy, in which we are all immersed.  
**All:** **I Trust in You.**

Presider: Divine Mercy, sweet relief for anguished hearts.  
**All:** **I Trust in You.**

Presider: Divine Mercy, only hope of despairing souls.  
**All:** **I Trust in You.**

Presider: Divine Mercy, repose of hearts, peace amidst fear.  
**All:** **I Trust in You.**

Presider: Divine Mercy, delight and ecstasy of holy souls.  
**All:** **I Trust in You.**

Presider: Divine Mercy, inspiring hope against all hope.  
**All:** **I Trust in You.**

Presider: Let us pray: Merciful God, receive our thanksgiving for the gift of Saint Faustina's life and mission. Grant, we beseech you, that by her intercession we may grow in the attitude of trust in you and mercy toward our neighbor.  
Through Christ, our Lord.  
**All:** Amen.

*Please Stand*

## Prayer to the Divine Mercy

**All:**

O Lord, behold here before You a soul who exists in this world in order to allow You to exercise Your admirable mercy and manifest it before heaven and earth. Others may glorify You through their faithfulness and perseverance, thus making it evident the power of Your grace. How sweet and generous You are to those who are faithful to You!

Nevertheless, I will glorify You by acquainting others of Your goodness to sinners and by reminding them that Your mercy is above all malice, that nothing can exhaust it, and that no relapse, no matter how shameful or criminal, should allow the sinner to despair of forgiveness.

I have offended You grievously, O Beloved Redeemer, but it would be still worse if I were to offend You by thinking that You were lacking in goodness to forgive me. I would rather He deprive me of everything else than the trust I have in Your Mercy.

Should I fall a hundred times or should my crimes be a hundred times worse than they actually are, I would continue to trust in Your mercy.

All of this we ask of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit forever and ever.

**R:/** Amen.

## Final Blessing

Presider: May Almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

Choir: *Recessional Hymn*

*Many Thanks to our St. Matthew Choir for your ever joyous voices of prayer and praise during this service.*

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*[stmatthewcatholic.org/divinemercy/](http://stmatthewcatholic.org/divinemercy/)*



Jesus, I Trust In You.



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7:30 p.m.

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