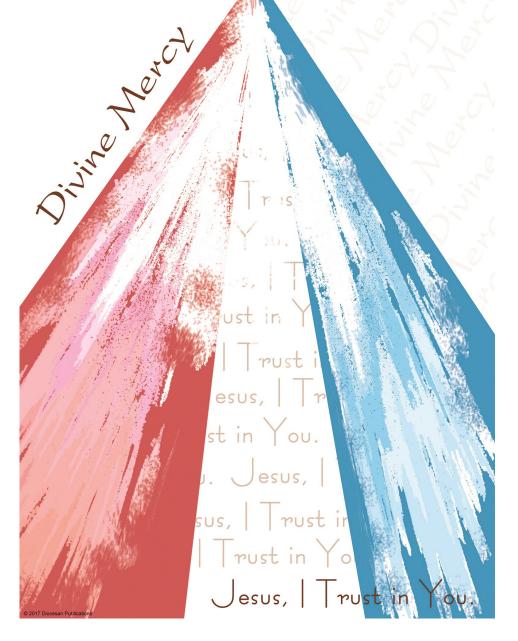
# Divine Mercy Holy Hour



Jesus I Trust In You

Our Savior left us a promise: Souls who spread the honor of My mercy I shield though their entire life as a tender mother her infant, and at the hour of death I will not be a Judge for them, but the Merciful Savior. (21) 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, 1075)

# Suggested Devotion Day and Time Fourth Sunday of the Month 2:30-2:30 pm

Copyright Credit:

All reference to the *Diary of Saint Faustina, Divine Mercy in My Soul*, copyright 1987, Congregation of Marians, Stockbridge, MA; all rights reserved.

#### Holy Hour to the Divine Mercy

# **Entrance: Come Holy Ghost**

Come Holy Ghost, Creator blest, And in our hearts take up thy rest; Come with Thy grace and heav'nly aid To fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

O Comforter blest, to thee we cry, Thou heav'nly Gift of God most high; Thou Font of life, and Fire of love, And sweet Anointing from above.

Praise be to Thee, Father and Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One; And may the Son on us bestow The gifts that from the Spirit flow.

Exposition: (Kneel as priest approaches tabernacle)

#### O Salutaris Hostia

O Salutaris Hostia, Quae caeli pandis ostium; Bella premunt hostilia; Da robur fer auxilium. O saving Victim! Opening wide The gate of heaven to man below! Our foes press on from every side; Thine aid supply, Thy strength bestow. Uni tinoque Domino Sit semiterna Gloria, Qui vitam sine termino Nobis donet in patria. Amen. To Thy great Name be endless praise, Immortal Godhead! One in Three!

Oh, grant us endless length of days In our true native land with Thee!

Amen

# Stand: Scriptural Reading

# Kneel

# Prayer of Entrustment to the Divine Mercy

Give thanks to the Lord for He is Good, for His Mercy endures forever! (Psalm 136)

All:

O Lord, our God,

We place all 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 upon us and the whole world. Look upon us as created in Your image and likeness. Form us in the Heart of Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit into living images of mercy. May all come to know the depth of Your mercy and sing the praises of your mercy forever. AMEN! Prayer of Entrustment by Bob Digan, copyright 1992 National Shrine of Divine Mercy, Stockbridge, MA; all rights reserved.

#### Prayer for Healing the Family Tree

Rev. John H. Hampsch, C.M.F.

All:

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 my 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 mu family tree, including those in adoptive 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 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 blood lines of my family lineage. Set You 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 of family love. And let there be an ever deepening 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.

#### Kneel: Praises of the Divine Mercy

#### Priest Leads. Response: I trust in You\*

Divine Mercy, gushing forth from the bosom of the Father\* Divine Mercy, greatest attribute of God,

Divine Mercy, incomprehensible mystery,

Divine Mercy, fountain gushing forth from the mystery of the Most Blessed Trinity,

Divine Mercy, unfathomed by any intellect, human or angelic,

Divine Mercy, from which wells forth all life and happiness,

Divine Mercy, better than the heavens,

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, enclosed in the Heart of Jesus for us, and especially for sinners,
- Divine Mercy, unfathomed in the institution of the Sacred Host,

Divine Mercy, in the founding of the Holy Church,

Divine Mercy, in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism,

Divine Mercy, in our justification through Jesus Christ,

Divine Mercy, accompanying us through our whole life, Divine Mercy, embracing us especially at the hour of death, Divine Mercy, endowing us with immortal life, Divine Mercy, accompanying us every moment of our life, Divine Mercy, shielding us from the fire of hell, Divine Mercy, in the conversion of hardened sinners, Divine Mercy, astonishment for Angels, incomprehensible to Saints, Divine Mercy, unfathomed in all the mysteries of God, Divine Mercy, lifting us out of every misery, Divine Mercy, source of our happiness and joy, Divine Mercy, in calling us forth from nothingness to existence, Divine Mercy, embracing all the works of His hands, Divine Mercy, crown of all God's handiwork, Divine Mercy, in which we are all immersed, Divine Mercy, sweet relief of anguished hearts, Divine Mercy, only hope of despairing souls, Divine Mercy, repose of hearts, peace amidst fear, Divine Mercy, delight and ecstasy of holy souls, Divine Mercy, inspiring hope against all hope. (Diary, 949)

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) **Sit:** 

# Adoration of the Word: "Let the Lord Love You"

(Five minutes of silent time for adoration of The Word with worship of the heart– open up to the Presence of the Lord.)

Meditation Psalm 63: 2-9 A Prayer of Longing for God

O God, You are my God whom I seek; for You my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water. Thus have I gazed toward You in the sanctuary to see Your power and Your glory, For Your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify You. Thus will I bless You while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon Your name. As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied. and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise You. I will remember You upon my couch, and through the night-watches I will meditate on You: That You are my help,

and in the shadow of Your wings I shout for joy. My soul clings fast to You:

Your right hand upholds me.

#### Kneel: The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy (chanted)

#### Opening Prayer: All

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) (Diary, 309)

# The Chaplet

Priest Leads:

# Our Father Hail Mary The Apostles' Creed

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.

# (Chant Music on Back Page)

#### On the **Our Father Beads:**

V. Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ,R. in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

# On the Hail Mary Beads:

V. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion.

R. have mercy on us and on the whole world.

In conclusion: All

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (three times)

#### Sit:

#### Petitions to the World: "Love the Lord Back"

(Five minutes of silent time for petitioning The Word for our needs and trusting Him to listen.)

Meditation Psalm 111: A Song of Praise For God's Goodness

I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart, in the company and assembly of the just. Great are the works of the Lord, exquisite in all their delights. Majesty and glory are His work, and His justice endures forever. He has won renown for His wondrous deeds; gracious and merciful is the Lord. He has given food to those who fear Him; He will forever be mindful of His covenant. He has made known to His people the power of His works, giving them the inheritance of the nations. The works of His hands are faithful and just; sure are all His precepts. Reliable forever and ever, wrought in truth and equity. He has sent deliverance to His people; He has ratified His covenant forever; holy and awesome is His name. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; prudent are all who live by it, Hi praise endures forever. Kneel: Litany of the Precious Blood Priest Leads: Response: Save Us\* V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Christ have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy. Christ hear us.

R. Christ, graciously hear us.

V. God the Father of Heaven.

R. have mercy on us.

- V. God, the Son, Redeemer of the World.
- R. have mercy on us.
- V. God, the Holy Spirit,
- R. have mercy on us.

- V. Holy Trinity, One God,
- R. have mercy on us.
- V. Blood of Christ, Only Begotten Son of the Eternal Father,
- R. Save us.
- V. Blood of Christ, Incarnate Word of God,\* Blood of Christ, of the New and Eternal Testament, Blood of Christ, falling upon the earth in the Agony, Blood of Christ, shed profusely in the Scourging, Blood of Christ, flowing forth in the Crowning with Thorns, **Blood** of Christ, poured out on the Cross, Blood of Christ, Price of our Salvation, Blood of Christ, without Which there is no forgiveness, Blood of Christ, Eucharistic drink and refreshment of souls, **Blood** of Christ, river of Mercy, **Blood** of Christ, Victor over demons, **Blood** of Christ, Courage of Martyrs, **Blood** of Christ, Strength of Confessors, Blood of Christ, bringing forth Virgins, Blood of Christ, Help of those in peril, Blood of Christ, Relief of the burdened, Blood of Christ, Solace in sorrow, Blood of Christ, Hope of the penitent, **Blood** of Christ, Consolation of the dying, Blood of Christ, Peace and Tenderness of hearts, Blood of Christ, Pledge of Eternal Life, **Blood** of Christ, freeing souls from Purgatory, Blood of Christ, most worth of all glory and honor.
- V. Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,
- R. spare us, O Lord.
- V. Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,
- R. graciously hear us, O Lord.
- V. Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,
- R. have mercy on us.
- V. You have redeemed us, O Lord in Your Blood,
- R. and made of us a kingdom for our God.

#### Priest:

Let Us Pray

Almighty and Eternal God, You have appointed Your only begotten Son the Redeemer of the world, and willed to be appeased by His Blood. Grant, we beseech You, that we may worthily adore this Price of our salvation, and through its power be safeguarded from the evils of this present life, so that we may rejoice in its fruits forever in Heaven, Through the same Christ Our Lord.

R. Amen.

Sit:

# Thanksgiving To The Word:

(Five minutes of silent time to thank The Word for listening to our petitions and acting on them in His Will.)

Meditation Psalm: 118: 1; 4-9; 13-14; 29

# A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Give thank to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever. Let those who fear the Lord say, "His mercy endures forever."

In my straights I called upon the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. The Lord is with me; I fear not; what can man do against me? The Lord is with me to help me, and I shall look down upon my foes. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. I was hard pressed and was falling, but the Lord helped me. My strength and my courage is the Lord and He has been my savior. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

for His Mercy endures forever.

#### A Prayer for Divine Mercy

#### All:

Kneel:

O Greatly Merciful God, Infinite Goodness, today all mankind calls out from the abyss of its misery to Your mercy- to You compassion, O God; and it is with its mighty voice of misery that it cries out. Gracious God, do not reject the prayer of this earth's exiles! O Lord, Goodness beyond our understanding, Who are acquainted with our misery through and through, and know that by our own power we cannot ascend to You, we implore you: anticipate us with Your grace and keep on increasing Your mercy in us, that we may faithfully do Your holy will all through our life and at death's hour. Let the omnipotence of Your mercy shield us from the darts of our salvation's enemies, that we may with confidence, as Your children, await Your final coming- that day known to you alone. And we expect to obtain everything promised us by Jesus in spite of our wretchedness. For Jesus is our Hope: Through His merciful Heart as through an open gate, we pass through to heaven. (Diary, 1570)

**Benediction:** 

# Tantum Ergo

Tantum ero Sacramentum, Veneremur cernui; Et antiqum documentum Novo cedat ritui; Praestet fides supplementum Sensuum defectui.

Down in adoration falling, Lo! The Sacred Host we hail! Lo! O'er ancient forms departing, Newer rites of grace prevail; Faith for all defects supplying Where the feeble senses fail.

Genitori, Genitoque

Laus et jubilation;

Salus, honor, virtus quoque

Sit et benediction;

Procedenti ab utroque

Compar sit laudation. Amen.

To the everlasting Father; And the Son Who reigns on high, With the Holy Ghost proceeding Forth from each eternally, Be salvation, honor, blessing, Might, and endless majesty. Amen.

V. You have given them Bread from heaven.

R. Having within it all sweetness.

Priest:

Let Us Pray

Lord our God, in this great sacrament we come into the presence of Jesus Christ, Your Son, born of the Virgin Mary and crucified for our salvation. May we who decelare our faith in this fountain of love and mercy drink from it the water of everlasting life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

R. Amen

#### The Divine Praises

Blessed be God.
Blessed be His Holy Name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.
Blessed be the name of Jesus.
Blessed be His most Sacred Heart.
Blessed be His most Precious Blood.
Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.
Blessed be her glorious Assumption.
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chase spouse.
Blessed be God in His angels and in Hi Saints.

#### Stand:

#### Hymn of Thanksgiving

Holy God, we praise Thy Name! Lord of all, we bow before Thee! All on earth Thy scepter claim, All in heaven above adore Thee. Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign! Hark! The loud celestial hymn. Angel choirs above are raising; Cherubim and Seraphim' In unceasing chorus praising, Fill the heavens with sweet accord: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord! Holy Father, Holy Son Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee, While in essence only One, Undivided God we claim Thee. And adoring bend the knee, While we own the mystery.

All:

#### The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

(for private recitation on ordinary rosary beads)

Melody: Eternal Father– Irregular with Trisagion conclusion in trad. Byzantine chant. Music: Maria Smetkiewicz Adapted bt: Archb. G.H. Pearce, S.M. Text: Diary of St. Faustina-1, 197. Translator: S. Michaelson, M.L.C.

Begin with: Our Father...Hail Mary...I believe in God...On the single beads, in place of the Our Father, use the first part below, on the ten beads, in place of the Hail Mary, use the second part below, and after the five decades, say the last part three times.

