

# Works of Mercy

## Visit the Sick and Pray for the living...

Finding mercy and peace  
through prayer

✠ *O Mary, my sweet Mother, I give you my soul, my body, and my poor heart. Be the guardian of my life, especially at the hour of death, in my final strife.*  
[Diary, 161]

**How to pray *The Chaplet of Divine Mercy***  
This prayer will serve to appease My wrath. You will recite it for nine days, on the beads of the rosary, in the following manner: First of all, you will say one OUR FATHER and HAIL MARY and the I BELIEVE IN GOD.

Then on the OUR FATHER beads you will say the following words: *“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 HAIL MARY beads you will say the following words: *“For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.”*

In conclusion, three times you will recite these words. *“Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.”* [Diary, 476]

When we find ourselves at a sick or dying friend’s bedside, we pray for God’s will in their life. God’s will may be a cure and return to health, or His will may be the grace and strength to endure the illness, or His will may be a holy and peaceful hour of death. God’s Will is Love and Mercy. We can participate in God’s Mercy by praying with our friend and thus, perform a corporal work of mercy to *Visit the Sick* and a spiritual work of mercy to *Pray for the Living...*

*The Chaplet of Divine Mercy* is a prayer to pray at the bedside. In Saint Faustina’s Diary, Divine Mercy in My Soul, Jesus told her that “[W]hen 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. ... God’s anger is placated, unfathomable mercy envelops the soul, and the very depths of My tender mercy are moved for the sake of the sorrowful Passion of My Son. ... Whoever will recite [the chaplet] will receive great mercy at the hour of death. [Diary, 1541, 811, 687] Jesus inspires us to pray the chaplet when He said, “Be assured that the grace of eternal salvation for certain souls in their final moment depends on your prayer.” [Diary, 1777]

✠ *Jesus, I plead with You for the souls that are most in need of prayer. I plead for the dying; be merciful to them. ... Oh, dying souls are in such great need of prayer! O Jesus, inspire souls to pray often for the dying.*  
[Diary, 240, 1015]

Jesus continues to insure us of the efficacy of the Chaplet when He said, “The souls that say this chaplet will be embraced by My mercy during their lifetime and especially at the hour of their death.” [Diary, 754]

If God’s loving and merciful Will is to call our friend to eternal life, our works of mercy still continue, with the corporal work of mercy to *Bury the Dead* and the spiritual work of mercy to *Pray for ... the dead.*



✠ *O merciful Jesus, stretched on the cross, be mindful of the hour of our death. O most merciful Heart of Jesus, opened with a lance, shelter me at the last moment of my life. O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of unfathomable mercy for me at the hour of my death, O dying Jesus, Hostage of mercy, avert the Divine Wrath at the hour of my death. [Diary, 815]*

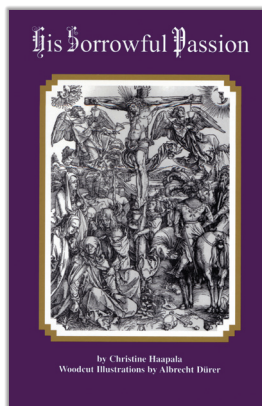
In her Diary, St. Faustina relates this vision: “I was in a misty place full of fire in which there was a great crowd of suffering souls. They were praying fervently, but to no avail, for themselves; only we can come to their aid. ... I asked these souls what their greatest suffering was. They answered me in one voice that their greatest torment was longing for God. I saw Our Lady visiting the souls in Purgatory.” [Diary, 20]

✠ *Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls suffering in Purgatory, who are enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. I beg You, by the sorrowful Passion of Jesus Your Son, and by all the bitterness with which His most sacred Soul was flooded, manifest Your mercy to the souls who are under Your just scrutiny. Look upon them in no other way than through the Wounds of Jesus. [Diary, 1227]*

Let us each day echo Saint Faustina’s words, “Jesus, I trust you! Jesus, I love You with all my heart!” [Diary, 239] And, let us trust in His promise that **“All those souls who will glorify My mercy and spread its worship, encouraging others to trust in My mercy, will not experience terror at the hour of death. My mercy will shield them in that final battle...”** [Diary, 1540]

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✠ *... Oh, how much we should pray for the dying! Let us take advantage of mercy while there is still time for mercy. [Diary, 1035]*



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