

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 know to You alone And we expect to obtain everything promised us by Jesus in spite of all our wretchedness. For Jesus is our hope. Through His merciful Heart as through an open gate we pass through to heaven. Amen.

### **The Holy Family Program @ Home**

The purpose of the Holy Family Program is to encourage everyone in the family or household to pray together for other families in our parish or in the vicariate. Often our prayers are focus on our own needs and our family's needs. During this year of Family and Family, we would to encourage everyone to pray not only for their own family but also for families that you know and families that have special or urgent needs that only God can supply. Praying for other families is a very important daily activity every family members can do.

### **What do you have to do?**

- Each day discuss among your family/ household whom you want to pray for.
- Identify the intentions you think that family need.
- Start your prayer by lighting a candle for the family and for the intentions of that family.
- Each family/household member will take turn to say a short prayer for that family.
- Recite a rosary together for that family.
- Make a simple Family Prayer Card and a

short prayer for the family you have prayed for and give it to them when you see them. Optional: You may want to take a picture of your family and paste it on the front to the Family Prayer Card.

### **HOLY FAMILY PRAYER**

Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

Joseph, foster father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

Holy Family of Nazareth makes our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.



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### THE CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY

*Begin with the Sign of the Cross, 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary and The Apostles Creed.*

#### 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 Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; 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 thence He shall come 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 life everlasting. Amen.

*Then on the Our Father Beads say the following:*

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 Hail Mary Beads say the following:*

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

*(Repeat step 2 and 3 for all five decades).*

*Conclude with (three times):*

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world

### Praises of the Divine Mercy

Divine Mercy, gushing forth from the bosom of the Father, I Trust in You.

Divine Mercy, greatest attribute of God, I Trust in You.

Divine Mercy, incomprehensible mystery, I Trust in You.

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

Divine Mercy, unfathomed by any intellect, human or angelic, I Trust in You.

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

Divine Mercy, better than the heavens, I Trust in You.

Divine Mercy, source of miracles and wonders, I Trust in You.

Divine Mercy, encompassing the whole universe, I Trust in You.

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

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

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

Divine Mercy, unfathomed in the institution of the Sacred Host, I Trust in You.

Divine Mercy, in the founding of Holy Church, I Trust in You.

Divine Mercy, in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, I Trust in You.

Divine Mercy, in our justification through Jesus Christ, I Trust in You.

Divine Mercy, accompanying us through our whole life, I Trust in You.

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

Divine Mercy, endowing us with immortal life, I Trust in You.

Divine Mercy, accompanying us every moment of our life, I Trust in You.

Divine Mercy, shielding us from the fire of hell, I Trust in You.

Divine Mercy, in the conversion of hardened sinners, I Trust in You.

Divine Mercy, astonishment for Angels, incomprehensible to Saints, I Trust in You.

Divine Mercy, unfathomed in all the mysteries of God, I Trust in You.

Divine Mercy, lifting us out of every misery, I Trust in You.

Divine Mercy, source of our happiness and joy, I Trust in You.

Divine Mercy, in calling us forth from nothingness to existence, I Trust in You.

Divine Mercy, embracing all the works of His hands, I Trust in You.

Divine Mercy, crown of all of God's handiwork, I Trust in You.

Divine Mercy, in which we are all immersed, I Trust in You.

Divine Mercy, sweet relief for anguished hearts, I Trust in You.

Divine Mercy, only hope of despairing souls, I Trust in You.

Divine Mercy, repose of hearts, peace amidst fear, I Trust in You.

Divine Mercy, delight and ecstasy of holy souls, I Trust in You.

Divine Mercy, inspiring hope against all hope, I Trust in You.

### A Prayer for Divine Mercy

O greatly Merciful God, Infinite Goodness, today all mankind calls out from the abyss of its misery to Your mercy – to Your 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