The Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is a relatively recent but very popular devotional revealed by Our Lord to St Maria Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun. On Good Friday 1937, Christ appeared to Saint Faustina and asked her to recite this chaplet for nine days, starting on Good Friday and ending on the Octave of Easter (the Sunday after Easter Sunday), now know as Divine Mercy Sunday.

The chaplet is most often recited during those nine days, but it can be prayed at anytime of the year, and Saint Faustina recited it almost unceasingly.

**Here’s How:**

1. **Make the Sign of the Cross**
2. **Pray the Opening Prayers**

The second prayer is repeated three times:

“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.”

“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)

1. **Pray the Our Father**
2. **Pray the Hail mary**
3. **Say the Apostles’ Creed**
4. **Pray the Prayer “Eternal Father”**

On the Our Father bead before each decade, pray the following prayer:

“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. Amen.”

1. **Pray the Prayer “For the Sake of His Sorrowful Passion” ten times**

On each of the Hail Mary beads in each decade, pray the following prayer:

“For the sake of His sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.”

1. **Repeat steps 6 and 7**

On each of the next four decades of the Chaplet, repeat steps 6 and 7 (pray the “Eternal Father”, followed by ten “For the Sake of His Sorrowful Passion”.)

1. **Pray the Concluding Doxology three times**

After you have prayed all five decades of the Chaplet, pray the following prayer, which is repeated three times:

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

1. **Pray the Closing Prayer**

After the doxology, pray the following final prayer:

“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. Amen.”

1. **End with the Sign of the Cross**