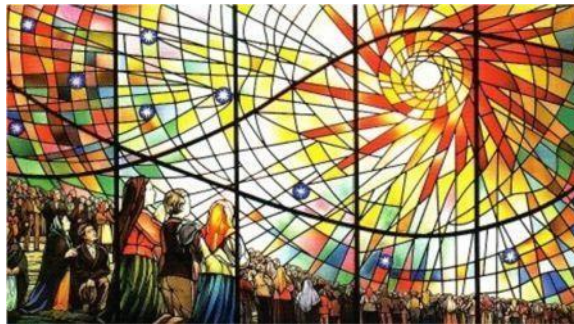


How to Pray

The Rosary



***“I want a chapel built here in my honor. I want you to continue saying the Rosary every day.
The war will end soon, and the soldiers will return to their homes.”***

On October 13, 1917, Our Lady of Fatima, appeared to three children (Lúcia dos Santos, Jacinta Marto and Francisco Marto) asking them to pray the Rosary every day.

This event is celebrated as The Miracle of the Sun.



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Rosary Prayers

The Sign of the Cross: In the name of the Father of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

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; on 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 there he will 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.

The Our Father: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name: Thy kingdom come: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. 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. Amen.

The Hail Mary: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen

Glory Be to the Father: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Fatima Prayer: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Your Mercy". (Our Lady at Fatima, 13th July 1917)

The Hail, Holy Queen: Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy! our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley, of tears. Turn, then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus; O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Rosary Closing Prayer: O God, whose only-begotten Son, by his life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech you, that we who meditate upon these mysteries of the most holy rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glorious Mysteries

Sunday & Wednesday

1. The Resurrection

- **Event:** "But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as he said.'" (Matthew 28:5)
- **Meditation:** Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" (John 20:19)
- **Fruit:** Faith

2. The Ascension

- **Event:** "So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God." (Mark 16:19)
- **Meditation:** "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." (Matthew 28:18-19)
- **Fruit:** Hope

3. Pentecost

- **Event:** "And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:2-4)
- **Meditation:** "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth." (John 16:13)
- **Fruit:** Wisdom

4. The Assumption

- **Event:** "Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple." (Revelations 11:19)
- **Meditation:** "Arise, O Lord, and go to thy resting place, thou and the ark of thy might." (Psalms 132:8)
- **Fruit:** Devotion to Mary

5. The Coronation

- **Event:** "And a great portent appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars." (Revelations 12:1)
- **Meditation:** "All generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me." (Luke 1:48)
- **Fruit:** Eternal Happiness

Joyful Mysteries

Monday & Saturday

1. The Annunciation

- **Event:** "In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary." (Luke 1:26-28)
- **Meditation:** "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." (Luke 1:38)
- **Fruit:** Humility

2. The Visitation

- **Event:** "In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!'" (Luke 1:39-42)
- **Meditation:** "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." (Luke 1:46)
- **Fruit:** Charity

3. The Birth of the Lord

- **Event:** "When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.' And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger." (Luke 2:15-16)
- **Meditation:** "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11)
- **Fruit:** Poverty

4. The Presentation

- **Event:** "And when the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord." (Luke 2:22)
- **Meditation:** "Behold, this child is set for the fall and the rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed." (Luke 2:34-35)
- **Fruit:** Moral Purity

5. The Finding in the Temple

- **Event:** "After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions; and all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers." (Luke 2:46-47)
- **Meditation:** "How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" (Luke 2:49)
- **Fruit:** Divine Wisdom

Sorrowful Mysteries

Tuesday & Friday

1. The Agony in the Garden

- **Event:** "And they went to a place which was called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here, while I pray.' And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. And he said to them, 'My soul is very sorrowful, even to death.'" (Mark 14:32-34)
- **Meditation:** "Father, if thou art willing, remove this cup from me; nevertheless, not my will, but thine, be done." (Luke 22:42)
- **Fruit:** Remorse for Sins

2. The Scourging at the Pillar

- **Event:** "So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas; and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified." (Mark 15:15)
- **Meditation:** "With his stripes, we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5)
- **Fruit:** Shame

3. The Crowning with Thorns

- **Event:** "And the soldiers plaited a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and arrayed him in a purple robe; they came up to him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' and struck him with their hands." (John 19:2-3)
- **Meditation:** "Here is the man!" (John 19:5)
- **Fruit:** Disdain for the World

4. The Carrying of the Cross

- **Event:** "And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus." (Luke 23:26)
- **Meditation:** "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." (Luke 9:23)
- **Fruit:** Patience

5. The Crucifixion

- **Event:** "And when they came to the place which is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on the right, and one on the left. And Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.' And they cast lots to divide his garments." (Luke 23:33-34)
- **Meditation:** "'Woman, behold, your son!' Then he said to the disciple, 'Behold, your mother!'" (John 19:26-27)
- **Fruit:** Forgiveness of Sins, Forgiveness of Enemies

Luminous Mysteries

Thursday

1. The Baptism of the Lord

- **Event:** "And when Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water, and behold the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on him; and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'" (Matthew 3:16-17)
- **Meditation:** "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:17)
- **Fruit:** Openness to Holy Spirit

2. The Wedding at Cana

- **Event:** "On the third day there was a marriage at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; Jesus also was invited to the marriage, with his disciples. When the wine failed, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.'" (John 2:1-3)
- **Meditation:** "His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'" (John 2:5)
- **Fruit:** To Jesus through Mary

3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God

- **Event:** "Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel.'" (Mark 1:14-15)
- **Meditation:** "And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'My son, your sins are forgiven.'" (Mark 2:5)
- **Fruit:** Trust in God

4. The Transfiguration

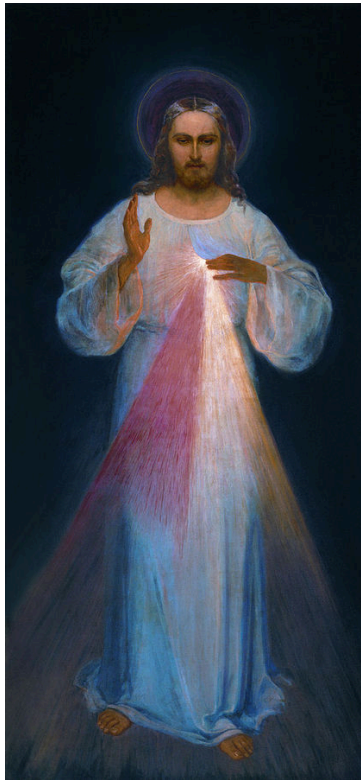
- **Event:** "He took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his countenance was altered, and his raiment became dazzling white. And behold, two men talked with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem." (Luke 9: 28-31)
- **Meditation:** "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him." (Luke 9:35)
- **Fruit:** Desire for Holiness

5. The Institution of the Eucharist

- **Event:** "And he took bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'" (Luke 22:19)
- **Meditation:** "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13)
- **Fruit:** Eucharistic Adoration, Active Participation in Mass

The Divine Mercy

Novena



Divine Mercy, Eugeniusz Kazimirowski, 1934
Painting in Divine Mercy Sanctuary in Vilnius

Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy which would begin on Good Friday. He gave St. Faustina an intention to pray for on each day of the Novena, saving for the last day the most difficult intention of all, the lukewarm and indifferent of whom He said:

"These souls cause Me more suffering than any others; it was from such souls that My soul felt the most revulsion in the Garden of Olives. It was on their account that I said: 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass Me by.' The last hope of salvation for them is to flee to My Mercy."

In His revelations to St. Faustina, Our Lord asked for a special prayer and meditation on His Passion each afternoon at the three o'clock hour, the hour that recalls His death on the cross.

"At three o'clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony. This is the hour of great mercy. In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion (Diary, 1320)."

"As often as you hear the clock strike the third hour, immerse yourself completely in My mercy, adoring and glorifying it; invoke its omnipotence for the whole world, and particularly for poor sinners; for at that moment mercy was opened wide for every soul. In this hour you can obtain everything for yourself and for others for the asking; it was the hour of grace for the whole world — mercy triumphed over justice. (Diary, 1572)"

"My daughter, try your best to make the Stations of the Cross in this hour, provided that your duties permit it; and if you are not able to make the Stations of the Cross, then at least step into the chapel for a moment and adore, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, My Heart, which is full of mercy; and should you be unable to step into the chapel, immerse yourself in prayer there where you happen to be, if only for a very brief instant. (Diary, 1572)"

From these detailed instructions, it's clear that Our Lord wants us to turn our attention to His Passion at the three o'clock hour to whatever degree our duties allow, and He wants us to ask for His mercy.

In Genesis 18:16-32, Abraham begged God to reduce the conditions necessary for Him to be merciful to the people of Sodom and Gomorrah. Here, Christ Himself offers a reduction of conditions because of the varied demands of our life's duties, and He begs us to ask, even in the smallest way, for His mercy, so that He will be able to pour His mercy upon us all.

We may not all be able to make the Stations or adore Him in the Blessed Sacrament, but we can all mentally pause for a "brief instant," think of His total abandonment at the hour of agony, and say a short prayer such as "Jesus, Mercy," or "Jesus, for the sake of Your Sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

This meditation, however brief, on Christ's Passion brings us face-to-face with the cross, and, as Pope John Paul II writes in *Rich in Mercy*, "It is in the cross that the revelation of merciful love attains its culmination" (8). God invites us, the Holy Father continues, "to have 'mercy' on His only Son, the crucified one" (8). Thus, our reflection on the Passion should lead to a type of love for Our Lord which is "not only an act of solidarity with the suffering Son of man, but also a kind of 'mercy' shown by each one of us to the Son of the Eternal Father."

In her diary, St. Faustina wrote that Jesus told her:

"On each day of the novena you will bring to My heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy ... On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces for these souls."

The different souls prayed for on each day of the novena are:

Good Friday:

All mankind, especially sinners

Holy Saturday:

The souls of priests and religious

Easter Sunday:

All devout and faithful souls

Easter Monday:

Those who do not believe in Jesus and those who do not yet know Him

Easter Tuesday:

The souls of separated brethren

Easter Wednesday:

The meek and humble souls and the souls of children

Easter Thursday:

The souls who especially venerate and glorify Jesus' mercy

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The souls who are detained in purgatory

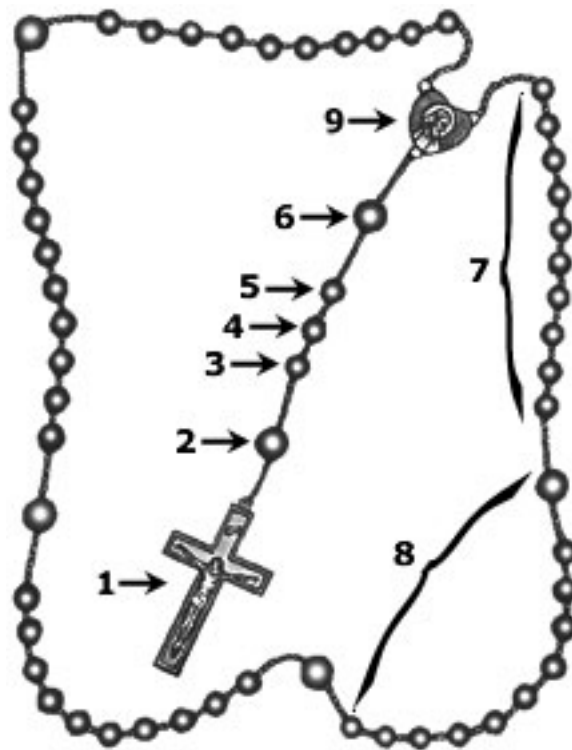
Easter Saturday:

The souls who have become lukewarm

During the Solemn Novena leading to Divine Mercy Sunday, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy should be offered each day for the day's intentions. A detail of how to say the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will precede the detail of the daily intentions of the novena.

How to say

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy



1. Make the Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

2. Opening Prayers

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.

(Repeat three times)

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!

3. Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. 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, Amen

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4. Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

5. 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; on 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 there He will 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.

6. The Eternal Father

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.

7. On the 10 Small Beads of Each Decade

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

8. Repeat for the remaining decades

*Saying the "**Eternal Father - Prayer**" (6) on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "**For the sake of His sorrowful Passion - Prayer**" (7) on the following "Hail Mary" beads.*

9. Conclude with Holy God (Repeat three times)

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

10. Closing 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.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is televised daily at 3:00pm on EWTN. A video of the chaplet can also be found on YouTube.com. This is one of the links to the YouTube video:

<https://youtu.be/p5TGfisOKMM>

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First Day, Good Friday:

All mankind, especially sinners



The Garden of Earthly Delights, Hieronymus Bosch, 1490-1510
Painting located in Museo del Prado, Madrid

"Today bring to Me all mankind, especially all sinners, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy. In this way you will console Me in the bitter grief into which the loss of souls plunges Me."

Most Merciful Jesus, whose very nature it is to have compassion on us and to forgive us, do not look upon our sins but upon our trust which we place in Your infinite goodness. Receive us all into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart, and never let us escape from It. We beg this of You by Your love which unites You to the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon all mankind and especially upon poor sinners, all enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion show us Your mercy, that we may praise the omnipotence of Your mercy for ever and ever. Amen.

Say the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Second Day, Holy Saturday:

The souls of priests and religious



Disputation of the Sacrament, Raphael (*Raffaello Sanzio da Urbino*), 1509-1510
Fresco located in the Apostolic Palace, Vatican City

"Today bring to Me the Souls of Priests and Religious, and immerse them in My unfathomable mercy. It was they who gave me strength to endure My bitter Passion. Through them as through channels My mercy flows out upon mankind."

Most Merciful Jesus, from whom comes all that is good, increase Your grace in men and women consecrated to Your service,* that they may perform worthy works of mercy; and that all who see them may glorify the Father of Mercy who is in heaven.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the company of chosen ones in Your vineyard -- upon the souls of priests and religious; and endow them with the strength of Your blessing. For the love of the Heart of Your Son in which they are enfolded, impart to them Your power and light, that they may be able to guide others in the way of salvation and with one voice sing praise to Your boundless mercy for ages without end. Amen.

Say the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Third Day, Easter Sunday:

All devout and faithful souls



The Forerunners of Christ with Saints and Martyrs, Fra Angelico, 1420s
Painting located in The National Gallery, London

"Today bring to Me all Devout and Faithful Souls, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy. These souls brought me consolation on the Way of the Cross. They were a drop of consolation in the midst of an ocean of bitterness."

Most Merciful Jesus, from the treasury of Your mercy, You impart Your graces in great abundance to each and all. Receive us into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart and never let us escape from It. We beg this grace of You by that most wondrous love for the heavenly Father with which Your Heart burns so fiercely.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon faithful souls, as upon the inheritance of Your Son. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, grant them Your blessing and surround them with Your constant protection. Thus may they never fail in love or lose the treasure of the holy faith, but rather, with all the hosts of Angels and Saints, may they glorify Your boundless mercy for endless ages. Amen.

Say the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Fourth Day, Easter Monday:

Those who do not believe in Jesus and those who do not yet know Him



The Taking of Arkona in 1169 by King Valdemar and Bishop Absalon, Laurits Tuxen, before 1890
Painting located in The Museum of National History, Copenhagen

"Today bring to Me those who do not believe in God and those who do not know Me, I was thinking also of them during My bitter Passion, and their future zeal comforted My Heart. Immerse them in the ocean of My mercy."

Most compassionate Jesus, You are the Light of the whole world. Receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of those who do not believe in God and of those who as yet do not know You. Let the rays of Your grace enlighten them that they, too, together with us, may extol Your wonderful mercy; and do not let them escape from the abode which is Your Most Compassionate Heart.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls of those who do not believe in You, and of those who as yet do not know You, but who are enclosed in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. Draw them to the light of the Gospel. These souls do not know what great happiness it is to love You. Grant that they, too, may extol the generosity of Your mercy for endless ages. Amen.

Say the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Fifth Day, Easter Tuesday:

The souls of separated brethren



The Outcast, Richard Redgrave, 1851
Painting is located at The Royal Academy of Arts, London

"Today bring to Me the Souls of those who have separated themselves from My Church and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy. During My bitter Passion they tore at My Body and Heart, that is, My Church. As they return to unity with the Church My wounds heal and in this way they alleviate My Passion."

Most Merciful Jesus, Goodness Itself, You do not refuse light to those who seek it of You. Receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of those who have separated themselves from Your Church. Draw them by Your light into the unity of the Church, and do not let them escape from the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart; but bring it about that they, too, come to glorify the generosity of Your mercy.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls of those who have separated themselves from Your Son's Church, who have squandered Your blessings and misused Your graces by obstinately persisting in their errors. Do not look upon their errors, but upon the love of Your own Son and upon His bitter Passion, which He underwent for their sake, since they, too, are enclosed in His Most Compassionate Heart. Bring it about that they also may glorify Your great mercy for endless ages. Amen.

Say the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Sixth Day Easter Wednesday:

The meek and humble souls and the souls of children



Christ blessing Little Children, Benjamin West PRA, 1781
Painting is located at The Royal Academy of Arts, London

Today bring to Me the Meek and Humble Souls and the Souls of Little Children, and immerse them in My mercy. These souls most closely resemble My Heart. They strengthened Me during My bitter agony. I saw them as earthly Angels, who will keep vigil at My altars. I pour out upon them whole torrents of grace. I favor humble souls with My confidence.

Most Merciful Jesus, You yourself have said, "Learn from Me for I am meek and humble of heart." Receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart all meek and humble souls and the souls of little children. These souls send all heaven into ecstasy and they are the heavenly Father's favorites. They are a sweet-smelling bouquet before the throne of God; God Himself takes delight in their fragrance. These souls have a permanent abode in Your Most Compassionate Heart, O Jesus, and they unceasingly sing out a hymn of love and mercy.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon meek souls, upon humble souls, and upon little children who are enfolded in the abode which is the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. These souls bear the closest resemblance to Your Son. Their fragrance rises from the earth and reaches Your very throne. Father of mercy and of all goodness, I beg You by the love You bear these souls and by the delight You take in them: Bless the whole world, that all souls together may sing out the praises of Your mercy for endless ages. Amen.

Say the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Seventh Day, Easter Thursday:

The souls who especially venerate and glorify Jesus' mercy



*La donna adultera, Guercino (Giovanni Francesco Barbieri), 1621
Painting is located at the Dulwich Picture Gallery, London*

Today bring to Me the Souls who especially venerate and glorify My Mercy and immerse them in My mercy. These souls sorrowed most over my Passion and entered most deeply into My spirit. They are living images of My Compassionate Heart. These souls will shine with a special brightness in the next life. Not one of them will go into the fire of hell. I shall particularly defend each one of them at the hour of death.

Most Merciful Jesus, whose Heart is Love Itself, receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of those who particularly extol and venerate the greatness of Your mercy. These souls are mighty with the very power of God Himself. In the midst of all afflictions and adversities they go forward, confident of Your mercy; and united to You, O Jesus, they carry all mankind on their shoulders. These souls will not be judged severely, but Your mercy will embrace them as they depart from this life.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls who glorify and venerate Your greatest attribute, that of Your fathomless mercy, and who are enclosed in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. These souls are a living Gospel; their hands are full of deeds of mercy, and their hearts, overflowing with joy, sing a canticle of mercy to You, O Most High! I beg You O God:

Show them Your mercy according to the hope and trust they have placed in You. Let there be accomplished in them the promise of Jesus, who said to them that during their life, but especially at the hour of death, the souls who will venerate this fathomless mercy of His, He, Himself, will defend as His glory. Amen.

Say the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Eighth Day, Easter Friday:

The souls who are detained in purgatory



Mankind's Eternal Dilemma – The Choice Between Virtue and Vice, Frans Francken the Younger, 1633
Painting located at The Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, Massachusetts

"Today bring to Me the Souls who are in the prison of Purgatory, and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy. Let the torrents of My Blood cool down their scorching flames. All these souls are greatly loved by Me. They are making retribution to My justice. It is in your power to bring them relief. Draw all the indulgences from the treasury of My Church and offer them on their behalf. Oh, if you only knew the torments they suffer, you would continually offer for them the alms of the spirit and pay off their debt to My justice."

Most Merciful Jesus, You Yourself have said that You desire mercy; so I bring into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls in Purgatory, souls who are very dear to You, and yet, who must make retribution to Your justice. May the streams of Blood and Water which gushed forth from Your Heart put out the flames of Purgatory, that there, too, the power of Your mercy may be celebrated.

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 but only through the Wounds of Jesus, Your dearly beloved Son; for we firmly believe that there is no limit to Your goodness and compassion. Amen.

Say the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Ninth Day, Easter Saturday:

The souls who have become lukewarm



Christ Driving the Money Changers from the Temple, El Greco (*Doménikos Theotokópoulos*), 1568
Painting is located in the National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.

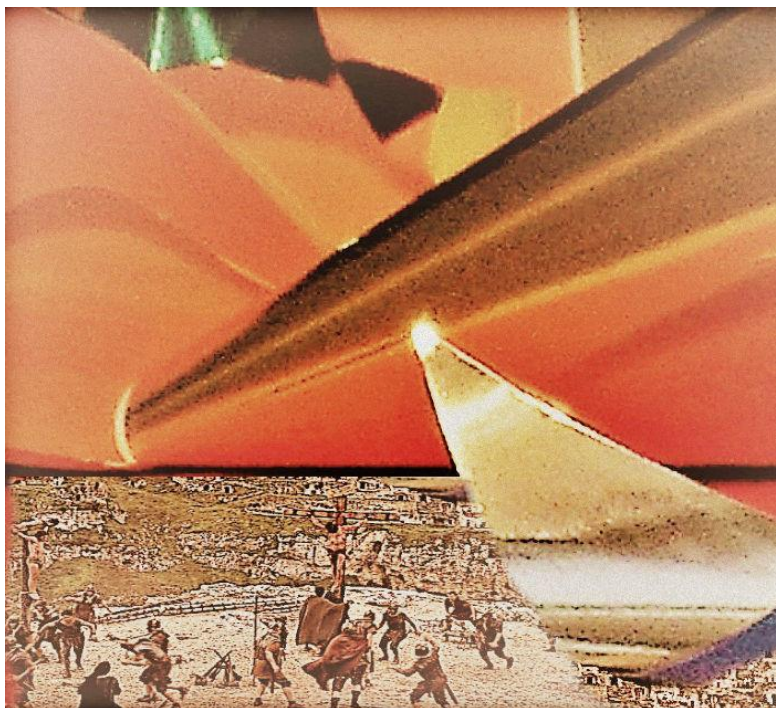
"Today bring to Me the Souls who have become Lukewarm and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy. These souls wound My Heart most painfully. My soul suffered the most dreadful loathing in the Garden of Olives because of lukewarm souls. They were the reason I cried out: 'Father, take this cup away from Me, if it be Your will.' For them, the last hope of salvation is to run to My mercy."

Most compassionate Jesus, You are Compassion Itself. I bring lukewarm souls into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart. In this fire of Your pure love, let these tepid souls who, like corpses, filled You with such deep loathing, be once again set aflame. O Most Compassionate Jesus, exercise the omnipotence of Your mercy and draw them into the very ardor of Your love, and bestow upon them the gift of holy love, for nothing is beyond Your power.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon lukewarm souls who are nonetheless enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. Father of Mercy, I beg You by the bitter Passion of Your Son and by His three-hour agony on the Cross: Let them, too, glorify the abyss of Your mercy. Amen.

Say the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS



The Stations of the Cross are a traditional Catholic prayer said every Friday during the season of Lent. The intention of the prayer is to reflect on the Passion of Christ while preparing to celebrate Easter. Historical illustrations such as icons or even relief sculptures depicting the stations of the cross are located along the perimeter of the interior of the church to provide a muse while praying. Each station is visited while in prayer.

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The Stations of the Cross

OPENING PRAYER

Jesus came with his disciples to a country place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit down here, while I go over yonder and pray." Then he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and he began to be saddened and exceedingly troubled. He said to them, 'My soul is sad, even unto death. Wait here and watch with me.'" He went forward a little, and falling prostrate he prayed, saying, "Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass away from me; yet not as I will but as you will." (Mt. 26, 36 to 39)

Almighty and eternal Father, accept our prayer of thanksgiving for your Beloved Son, our Savior and Lord. As we recall his Sacred Passion send the Spirit of Christ into our hearts, we beg You, so that whether we pray or work we might do all /In union with Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

At the start of each station:

V. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

R. Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

At the end of each station:

Our Father... Hail Mary...

V. Have mercy on us, O Lord

R. Have mercy on us.



I. JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH

V. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

R. Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

It is after ten in the morning. The trial is moving to its close. There has been no conclusive evidence. The judge knows that his enemies have handed Jesus over to him out of envy, and he tries an absurd move: a choice between Barabbas, a criminal accused of robbery and murder, and Jesus, who says he is Christ. The people choose Barabbas. Pilate is frightened by the growing uproar. So he sends for water, and washes his hands in the sight of the people, saying as he does so: "I am innocent of the blood of this just man; it is your affair." And having had Jesus scourged, he hands him over to them to be crucified. Their frenzied and possessed throats fall silent. As if God had already been vanquished... If only you and I had recognized the day of the Lord!

Our Father... Hail Mary...

V. Have mercy on us, O Lord

R. Have mercy on us.



II. JESUS TAKES UP HIS CROSS

V. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

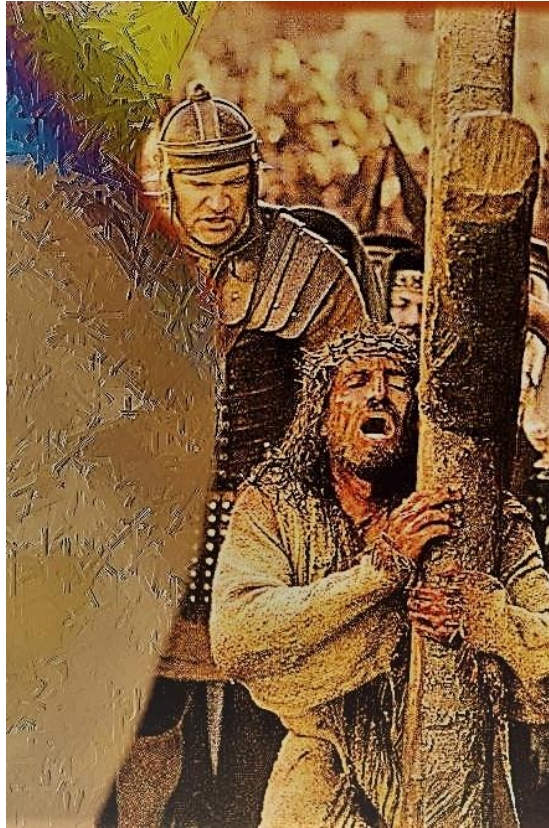
R. Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

Offering no resistance, Jesus gives himself up to the execution of the sentence. He is to be spared nothing, and upon his shoulders falls the weight of the ignominious cross. But, through love, the Cross is to become the throne from which he reigns.

Our Father... Hail Mary...

V. Have mercy on us, O Lord

R. Have mercy on us.



III . JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME

V. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

R. Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

The worn out body of Jesus staggers now beneath the huge Cross... Our Lord falls to the ground exhausted. Is it not true that as soon as you cease to be afraid of the Cross, of what people call the cross, when you set your will to accept the Will of God, then you find happiness, and all your worries, all your sufferings, physical or moral, pass away? Truly the Cross of Jesus is gentle and lovable. There, sorrows cease to count; there is only the joy of knowing that we are co-redeemers with Him.

Our Father... Hail Mary...

V. Have mercy on us, O Lord

R. Have mercy on us.



IV. JESUS IS MET BY HIS BLESSED MOTHER

V. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

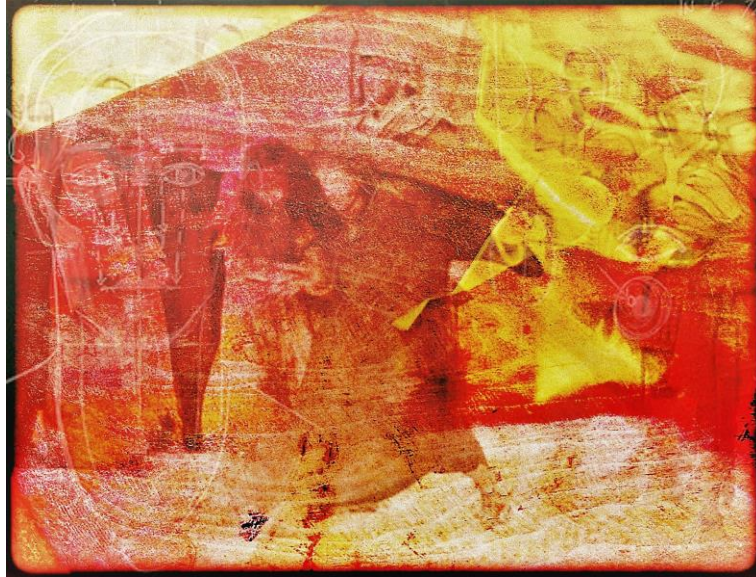
R. Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

Hand in hand with Mary, you and I also want to console Jesus, by accepting always and in everything the Will of his Father, of our Father.

Our Father... Hail Mary...

V. Have mercy on us, O Lord

R. Have mercy on us.



V. SIMON HELPS JESUS

V. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

R. Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

In the whole context of the Passion, this help does not add up to very much. But for Jesus, a smile, a word, a gesture, a little bit of love is enough for him to pour out his grace bountifully on the soul of his friend... At times the Cross appears without our looking for it: it is Christ who is seeking us out. And if by chance, before this unexpected Cross which, perhaps, is therefore more difficult to understand, if your heart were to show repugnance... don't give it consolations. And, filled with a noble compassion, when it asks for them, say to it slowly, as one speaking in confidence: 'Heart: heart on the Cross! Heart on the Cross!'

Our Father... Hail Mary...

V. Have mercy on us, O Lord

R. Have mercy on us.



VI. JESUS' FACE IS WIPED BY VERONICA

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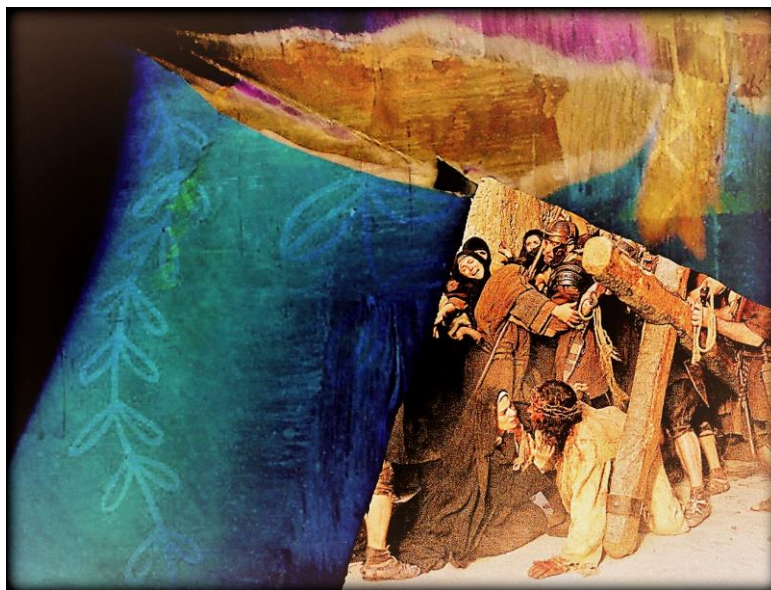
R. Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

The beloved face of Jesus, that smiled upon children and was transfigured with glory on Mount Tabor, is now, as it were, concealed by suffering. But this suffering is our purification; the sweat and the blood, which disfigure and tarnish his features, serve to cleanse us.

Our Father... Hail Mary...

V. Have mercy on us, O Lord

R. Have mercy on us.



VII. JESUS FALLS THE SECOND TIME

V. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

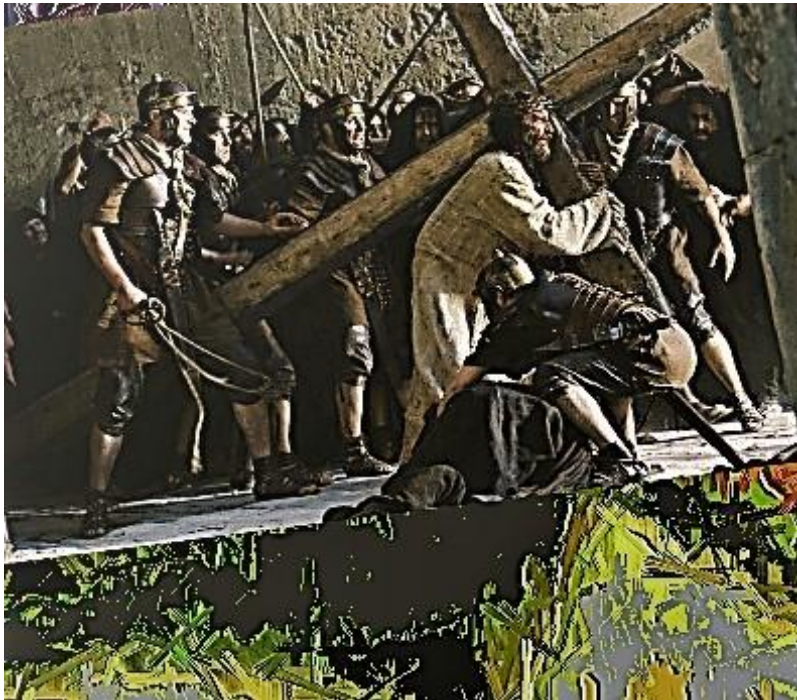
R. Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

To our falling again and again into evil, Jesus responds with his determination to redeem us, with an abundance of forgiveness. And, so that no one may despair, again he wearily raises himself, embracing the Cross.

Our Father... Hail Mary...

V. Have mercy on us, O Lord

R. Have mercy on us.



VIII . JESUS CONSOLES THE WOMEN

V. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

R. Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

A number of women are unable to restrain their compassion and break into tears... But Our Lord wishes to channel their weeping towards a more supernatural motive, and he invites them to weep for sins... Your sins, my sins, the sins of all men, rise up. All the evil we have done and the good that we have neglected to do.

Our Father... Hail Mary...

V. Have mercy on us, O Lord

R. Have mercy on us.



IX. JESUS FALLS THE THIRD TIME

V. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

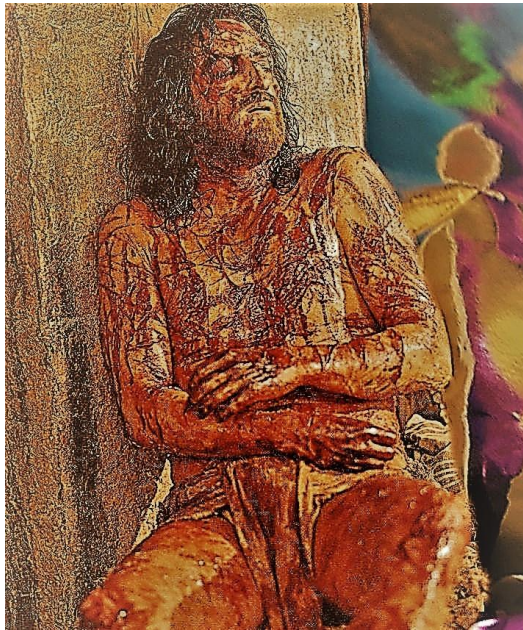
R. Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

My God! may I hate sin, and unite myself to You, embracing the Holy Cross, so that I too may fulfil your most lovable Will. Stripped of every earthly attachment, with no other goal but your glory.... generously, offering myself with you in a perfect holocaust.

Our Father... Hail Mary...

V. Have mercy on us, O Lord

R. Have mercy on us.



X. JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS

V. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

R. Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

The executioners take his garments and divide them into four parts. But the cloak is without seam, so they say: 'It would be better not to tear it, but let us cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.' So, Scripture is again fulfilled: 'They divided my garments among them, for my vesture they cast lots.' Despoiled, left in the most absolute poverty: our Lord is left with nothing save the wooden Cross. To reach God, Christ is the way; but Christ is on the Cross, and to climb up to the Cross we must have our hearts free.

Our Father... Hail Mary...

V. Have mercy on us, O Lord

R. Have mercy on us.



XI. JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS

V. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

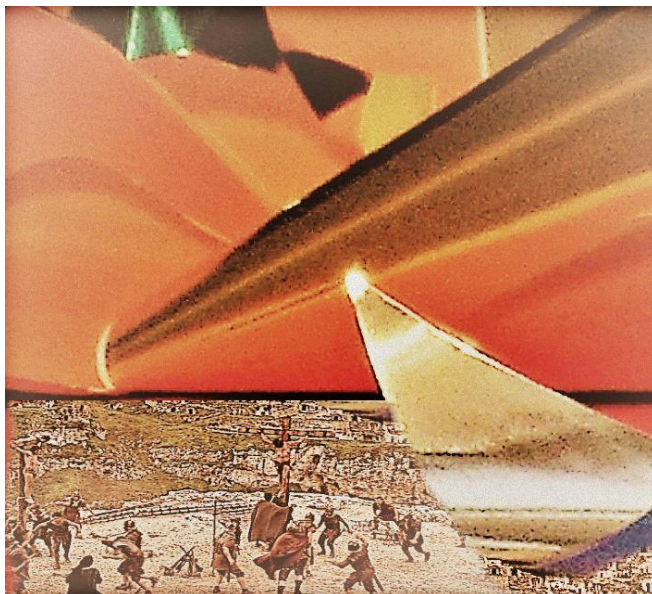
R. Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

Now they are crucifying Our Lord, and with him two thieves, one on his right and one on his left. Meanwhile, Jesus says: 'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.' It is Love that has brought Jesus to Calvary. And once on the Cross, all his gestures and all his words are of love, a love both calm and strong. With a gesture befitting an Eternal Priest, he opens his arms to the whole human race... And we, our souls rent with sorrow, say to Jesus sincerely: 'I am yours, and I give my whole self to You; gladly do I nail myself to your Cross, ready to be in the cross-roads of this world a soul dedicated to You, to your glory, to the work of Redemption, the co-redemption of all mankind.'

Our Father... Hail Mary...

V. Have mercy on us, O Lord

R. Have mercy on us.



XII. JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

V. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

R. Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

At the foot of the Cross stands his Mother, Mary, with other holy women. Jesus looks at her; then he looks at the disciple whom he loves, and he says to his Mother: 'Woman, behold thy son.' Then he says to the disciple: 'Behold thy mother.' ... It is close on three o'clock, when Jesus cries out: 'My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?' ... 'Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.' And he expires. Love sacrifice; it is a fountain of interior life. Love the Cross, which is an altar of sacrifice. Love pain, until you drink, as Christ did, the very dregs of the chalice.

Our Father... Hail Mary...

V. Have mercy on us, O Lord

R. Have mercy on us.



XIII. JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS

V. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

R. Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus were not known publicly as disciples of the Master... But now, when things have turned bad, when the others have fled, they are not afraid to stand up for their Lord. Between the two of them they take down the body of Jesus and place it in the arms of his most holy Mother. Mary's grief is renewed... The Blessed Virgin is our Mother, and we do not wish to, we cannot, leave her alone.

Our Father... Hail Mary...

V. Have mercy on us, O Lord

R. Have mercy on us.



XIV. JESUS' BODY IS BURIED

V. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

R. Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

Now it is all over. The work of our Redemption has been accomplished. We are now children of God, because Jesus has died for us and his death has ransomed us. *Empti enim estis pretio magno!* You and I have been bought at a great price. We must make our own the life and death of Christ. We must die through mortification and penance, so that Christ may live in us through Love. And then follow in the footsteps of Christ, with zeal to co-redeem all mankind.

Our Father... Hail Mary...

V. Have mercy on us, O Lord

R. Have mercy on us.

THE CHAPLET OF SAINT MICHAEL



Francesco Botticini, The Assumption of the Virgin, 1475-1476, National Gallery, London.

This is an illustration of the three hierarchies and nine orders of angels, distinguishing each order with different characteristics. The painting also centers around the assumptions of Mary's body.

Saint Michael, appearing one day to Antonia d'Astonac, a most devout Servant of God, told her that he wished to be honored by nine salutations corresponding to the nine Choirs of Angels, which should consist of one Our Father and three Hail Marys in honor of each of the Angelic Choirs.

PROMISES OF SAINT MICHAEL

Whoever would practice this devotion in his honor would have, when approaching the Holy Table, an escort of nine angels chosen from each of the Choirs. In addition, for the daily recital of these nine salutations, he promised his continual assistance and that of all the holy angels during life, and after death deliverance from Purgatory for themselves and all their relations.

HOW TO SAY THIS CHAPLET

The chaplet begins with the invocation on the medal. Then say one Our Father and three Hail Marys after each of the nine salutations in honor of the nine Choir of Angels as follows:

(How to say the Our Father and Hail Mary is located on the last page of this document.)

INVOCATION ON THE MEDAL

O God, come to my assistance! O Lord, make haste to help me! Glory be to the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen



FIRST SALUTATION

By the intercession of St. Michael and the heavenly Choir of Seraphim, may it please God to make us worthy to receive into our hearts the fire of his perfect charity. Amen.

(say one Our Father and three Hail Marys)

Giotto di Bondone, Stigmatization of St Francis, 1295-1300, Louvre, Paris.

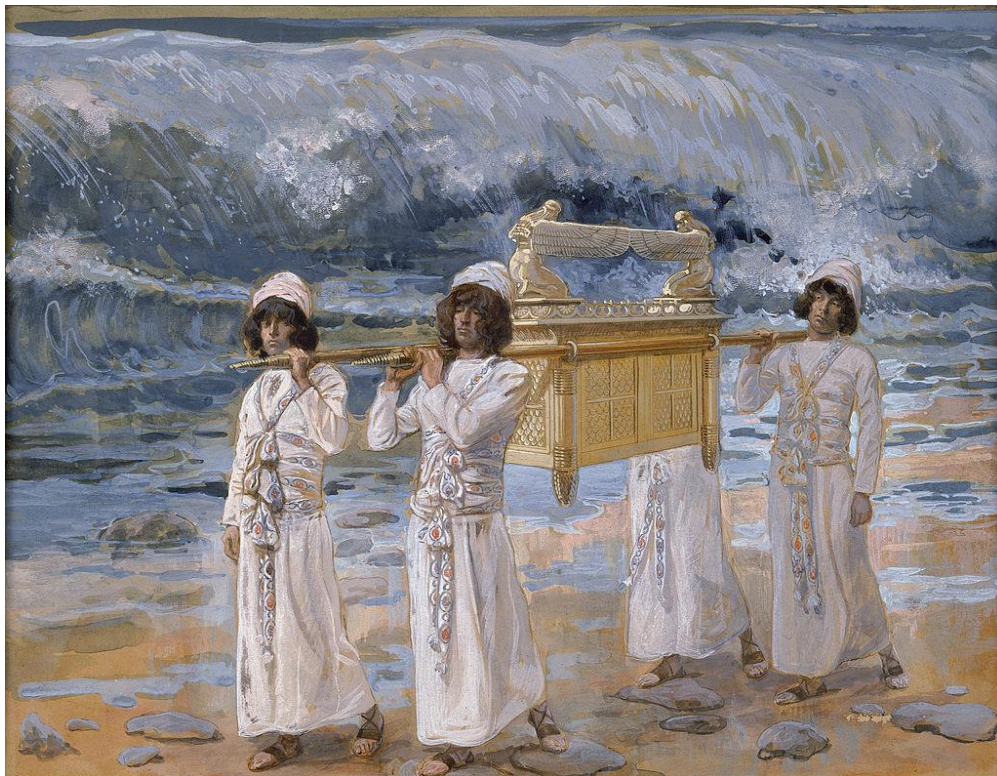
This is an illustration of Saint Francis receiving the stigmata during his prayer on Mount Averno from a flying Christ who appears to Him as a seraph. The Christ like seraphim's wounds emit light rays which strike Francis' body marking the stigmata.

Seraphim mentioned in the bible: "In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory." Isaiah 6:1-3

SECOND SALUTATION

By the intercession of St. Michael and the heavenly Choir of Cherubim, may God in his good pleasure, grant us grace to abandon the ways of sin, and follow the path of Christian perfection. Amen.

(say one Our Father and three Hail Marys)



James Jacques Joseph Tissot, The Ark Passes Over the Jordan, 1896-1902, The Jewish Museum, New York.

This image illustrates the Ark of the Covenant which is adorned with Cherubim. Chapter 3 of The Book of Joshua, describes the Jordan River parting similarly to the parting of the Red Sea for the Israelites to cross over. Priests carried the Ark of the Covenant which contained The Ten Commandments, Aaron's rod, and a pot of manna.

Cherubim mentioned in the bible: "Each of the cherubim had four faces: One face was that of a cherub, the second the face of a human being, the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle." Ezekiel 10:14



THIRD SALUTATION

By the intercession of St. Michael and the sacred Choir of Thrones, may it please God to infuse into our hearts the spirit of true and sincere humility. Amen.

(say one Our Father and three Hail Marys)

The Vision of the Prophet Ezekiel on the River Chebar, early 16th century Russian icon

Ophanim is the Hebrew word for wheels and is used to describe “Thrones” in the context of Christian angelology. Galgalim and Gilgul are also Hebrew words meaning “wheel” used on Tree of Life (Kabbalah) to explain reincarnation. Traditionally, Thrones are said to be the placement of God; about where God physically sits in the universe.

Ezekiel’s Vision -- Ezekiel 1:15-20

“As I looked at the living creatures, I saw a wheel on the ground beside each creature with its four faces. This was the appearance and structure of the wheels: They sparkled like topaz, and all four appeared alike. Each appeared to be made like a wheel intersecting a wheel. As they moved, they would go in any one of the four directions the creatures faced; the wheels did not change direction as the creatures went. Their rims were high and awesome, and all four rims were full of eyes all around. When the living creatures moved, the wheels beside them moved; and when the living creatures rose from the ground, the wheels also rose. Wherever the spirit would go, they would go, and the wheels would rise along with them, because the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels.”

These “wheels” are also found mentioned in Daniel 7:9

“As I looked, thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze.”

By the intercession of St.
Michael and the heavenly
Choir of the Dominations,
may it please God to grant
us grace to have dominion
over our senses, and to
correct our depraved
passions. Amen.

This circular diagram illustrates the hierarchy of angels, organized into concentric rings. The center features a white circle, likely representing God, surrounded by a blue ring with golden sun-like motifs. The next ring is filled with red, human-like figures, possibly representing the highest order of angels. This is followed by a wide ring of white, faceless figures, and the outermost ring consists of green, winged figures. The entire diagram is enclosed in a square frame with a decorative border.

Vision 6:7, Hildegard of Bingen writes, "Those in the fourth army had the faces of people and the feet of people. They had helmets on their heads, and they were clothed with tunics that were the same as those with the white marble. These are the dominations. They show that kind of lord of all things lifted from earth to heaven the rationality of humans which had lain polluted in human dust, when God sent the Word to earth to trample the ancient seducer under foot with righteousness. The faithful on earth should imitate the one who is head of them by placing their hope in heavenly things and by strengthening themselves with a strong desire to do good works."

Not placing desires on Earth is also mentioned in the gospel of Matthew: "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal." (Matthew 6:18-20)

FIFTH SALUTATION

By the intercession of St. Michael and the heavenly Choir of the Powers, may God vouchsafe to keep our souls from the wiles and temptations of the devil. Amen.

(say one Our Father and three Hail Marys)



Potestates, attributed to Andrea Tafi and Apollonio, and Fra Jacopo. Baptistry of San Giovanni.

Photo Sailko

Potestates, Powers, or Authorities:

The primary duty of the "Powers" is to supervise the movements of the heavenly bodies to ensure that the cosmos remains in order. Being warrior angels, they also oppose evil spirits, especially those that make use of the matter in the universe, and often cast evil spirits to detention places. These angels are usually represented as soldiers wearing full armor and helmet, and having defensive and offensive weapons such as shields and spears or chains respectively.

The Powers are the bearers of conscience and the keepers of history. They are also the warrior angels created to be completely loyal to God. Some believe that no Power has ever fallen from grace, but another theory states that Satan was the Chief of the Powers before he fell. Their duty is to oversee the distribution of power among mankind, hence their name.

(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian_angelology)

SIXTH SALUTATION

By the intercession of St. Michael and the admirable heavenly Choir of the Virtues, may it please God to keep us from falling into temptation, and may He deliver us from evil. Amen.

(say one Our Father and three Hail Marys)



Virtues, attributed to Andrea Tafi and Apollonio, and Fra Jacopo. Baptistry of San Giovanni.

Photo Marie-Lan Nguyen

Acts 27:23-25, St. Paul tells the men on his ship: "Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me and said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.' So, keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me."

The Virtues angels are those through which signs and miracles are made in the world. Virtue angels encourage people to strengthen their faith by trusting God in deeper ways. Virtues try to inspire people in ways that help them grow in holiness.

The main method virtues use to do so is by sending positive thoughts of peace and hope into people's minds. When people are awake, they may perceive such encouraging messages especially during times of stress. When people are asleep, they may receive encouragement from virtue angels in their dreams. (<https://www.thoughtco.com/what-are-virtue-angels-123922>)

SEVENTH SALUTATION

By the intercession of St. Michael and the heavenly Choir of Principalities, may it please God to fill our souls with the spirit of true and sincere obedience. Amen.

(say one Our Father and three Hail Marys)

Seated Angels with Orbs by Guariento tempera on panel Padova Musei Civici Eremitani.



The "Principalities" are the angels that guide and protect nations, or groups of peoples, and institutions such as the Church. The Principalities preside over the bands of angels and charge them with fulfilling the divine ministry. There are some who administer and some who assist.

The Principalities are shown wearing a crown and carrying a sceptre. Their duty also is said to be to carry out the orders given to them by the upper sphere angels and bequeath blessings to the material world. Their task is to oversee groups of people. They are the educators and guardians of the realm of earth. Like beings related to the world of the germinal ideas, they are said to inspire living things to many things such as art or science.

Paul used the term rule and authority in Ephesians 1:21, and rulers and authorities in Ephesians 3:10. (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian_angelology)



EIGHTH SALUTATION

By the intercession of St. Michael and the heavenly Choir of Archangels, may it please God to grant us the gift of perseverance in the faith, and in all good works, that we may be thereby enabled to attain the glory of paradise. Amen.

(say one Our Father and three Hail Marys)

Angelic Council, Orthodox icon of the seven archangels

Michael in the Hebrew language means "Who is like God?" or "Who is equal to God?" Michael has been depicted from earliest Christian times as a commander, who holds in his right hand a spear with which he attacks Lucifer/Satan, and in his left hand a green palm branch. At the top of the spear there is a linen ribbon with a red cross. The Archangel Michael is especially considered to be the Guardian of the Orthodox Faith and a fighter against heresies.

Gabriel means "God is my strength" or "Might of God." He is the herald of the mysteries of God, especially the Incarnation of God and all other mysteries related to it. He is depicted as follows: In his right hand, he holds a lantern with a lighted taper inside, and in his left hand, a mirror of green jasper. The mirror signifies the wisdom of God as a hidden mystery.

Raphael means "It is God who heals" or "God Heals" (Tobit 3:17, 12:15). Raphael is depicted leading Tobit (who is carrying a fish caught in the Tigris) with his right hand, and holding a physician's alabaster jar in his left hand.

Uriel means "God is my light," or "Light of God" (II Esdras 4:1, 5:20). He is depicted holding a sword against the Persians in his right hand, and a flame in his left.

Sealtiel means "Intercessor of God." He is depicted with his face and eyes lowered, holding his hands on his bosom in prayer.

Jegudiel means "Glorifier of God." He is depicted bearing a golden wreath in his right hand and a triple-thonged whip in his left hand.

Barachiel means "Blessed by God." He is depicted holding a white rose in his hand against his breast.

Jerahmeel means "God's exaltation." He is venerated as an inspirer and awakener of exalted thoughts that raise a person toward God (II Esdras 4:36). As an *eighth*, he is sometimes included as archangel. (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Archangel>)



The angelic choirs circling the abode of God, from Dante's Paradiso, illustrated by Gustave Doré.

NINTH SALUTATION

By the intercession of St. Michael and the heavenly Choir of all the Angels, may God vouchsafe to grant us their guardianship through this mortal life, and after death a happy entrance into the everlasting glory of heaven. Amen

(say one Our Father and three Hail Marys)



Three Archangels. 1st half of the 17th c. Georgios Kortezas. The Antivouniotissa museum, Corfu, Greece.

Say an Our Father on each of the four large concluding beads:

The first one in honor of [St. Michael](#),

The second in honor of [St. Gabriel](#),

The third in honor of [St. Raphael](#),

The fourth in honor of our own [Guardian Angel](#).

(A description of the guardian angels is provided on the next page.)

Guardian Angels

On Friday, October 2, 2015, Pope Francis gave a homily regarding listening to our guardian angel.

Here is part of the message:

Pope Francis says God has given everybody a Guardian Angel to accompany us and offer advice and protection, an Angel to whom we should listen with meekness and respect.

The Pope's homily reflected on this divine presence in our lives, describing the Angel as God's ambassador who accompanies each one of us. He noted how the proof of this was illustrated when God chased Adam out of Paradise: He didn't leave Adam on his own or say to him: "fend for yourself as best as you can." The Pope stressed that every person has been given a Guardian Angel by God who stays by our side.

"He is always with us! And this is a reality. It's like having God's ambassador with us. And the Lord advises us: 'Respect his presence!' And when we, for example, commit a sin and believe that we're on our own: No, he is there. Show respect for his presence. Listen to his voice because he gives us advice. When we hear that inspiration: 'But do this ... this is better ... we should not do that.' Listen! Do not go against him."

Pope Francis explained how the Guardian Angel always protects us, especially from evil. Sometimes, he noted, "we believe that we can hide so many things," "bad things" that in the end will always come to light. The Angel, he continued, is there to advise us and "cover for us" just a friend would do. "A friend who we don't see but we hear." "A friend who one day will be with us in the everlasting joy of Heaven." (From Vatican Radio:

http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2015/10/02/pope_francis_respect_and_listen_to_your_guardian_angel/1176291)

Guardian angel, German postcard, 1900



End this Chaplet with the following Anthem and prayer.

ANTHEM

Michael, glorious prince, chief and champion of the heavenly Host, guardian of the souls of men, conqueror of the rebel angels, steward of the palace of God under Jesus Christ, our worthy leader, endowed with superhuman excellence and virtues: vouchsafe to free us all from every ill, who with full confidence have recourse to thee; and by thy incomparable protection enable us to make progress every day in the faithful service of our God. V. Pray for us, most blessed Michael, Prince of the Church of Jesus Christ. R. That we may be made worthy of his promises.

PRAYER

Almighty and Eternal God, who is thine own marvelous goodness and pity didst, for the common salvation of man, choose the glorious Archangel Michael to be the prince of the Church: make us worthy, we pray Thee, to be delivered by his beneficent protection from all our enemies, that, at the hour of our death, none of them may approach to harm us; rather do Thou vouchsafe unto us that by the same Archangel Michael, we may be introduced into the presence of thy most high and divine majesty. Through the merits of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OUR FATHER PRAYER

Traditional version:

Our Father, Who art in heaven
Hallowed be Thy Name;
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
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. Amen.

Newer version:

Our Father, who is in heaven,
Holy is Your Name;
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

HAIL MARY PRAYER

Traditional version:

Hail Mary, full of grace.
Our Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,
Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

Newer version:

Hail Mary, full of grace.
Our Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb,
Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
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Amen.