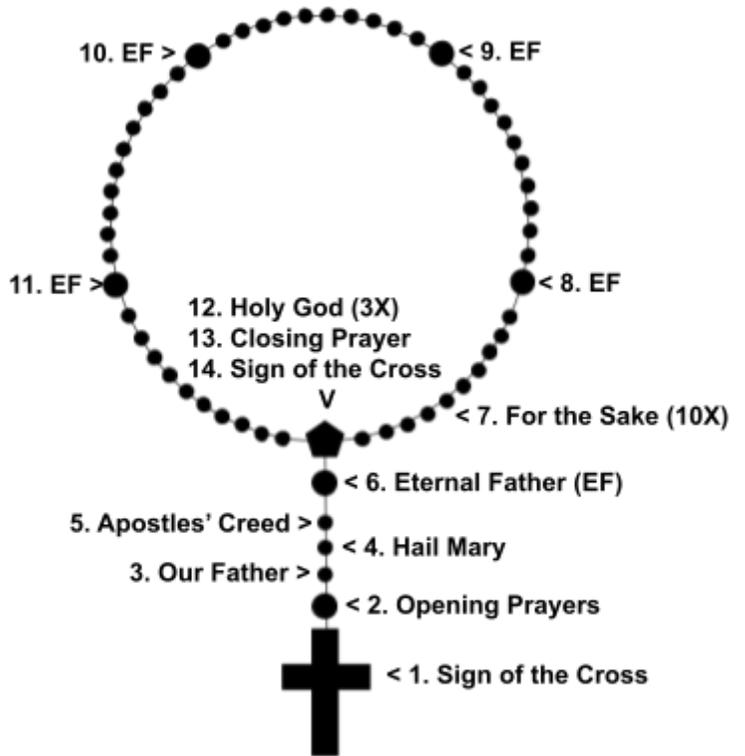


How to Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet

1. Make and say the *Sign of the Cross* holding the Crucifix.
2. Say the *Opening Prayers* on the first bead (optional).
On the next three beads...
3. Say the *Our Father*.
4. Say the *Hail Mary*.
5. Say the *Apostles' Creed*.
6. Say the *Eternal Father* on the next bead, before the medallion.
Skip over the medallion to the first set of 10 beads.
7. Say the *For the Sake* 10 times, one on each bead.
8. thru 11. Repeat 6 and 7 for the next four decades.
12. Say the *Holy God* three times on the medallion.
13. Say the *Closing Prayer* (optional).
14. Make and say the *Sign of the Cross*.



What is a Chaplet?

A chaplet is a string of beads that helps us keep track of our prayers. The beads are a physical and tactile reminder that we are in the presence of God. There are many chaplets, each focused on a different prayer intention. The most common chaplets are The Rosary and The Divine Mercy Chaplet which have five sets of 10 beads.

Brief History of the Divine Mercy Chaplet

Sister Faustina Kowalska was born in Poland in 1905, entered the convent at the age of 20, and died when she was 33. During her time in the convent, Jesus spoke to her many times and asked her to spread his message of Divine Mercy; no matter what we have done, if we turn to God, he will forgive us. Faustina wrote these revelations in her diary which included *The Divine Mercy Chaplet* in 1935.

Sign of the Cross

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

Our Father

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

R. 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.

Hail Mary

V. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

R. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

V. 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, and 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.

R. 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.

Eternal Father

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.

For the Sake

V. For the sake of his sorrowful Passion,

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

Holy God

All (3x) Holy God, holy mighty One, holy immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Opening Prayers (optional)

V. 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.

R. (3x) O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in you!

Closing Prayer (optional)

V. 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,

R. but with great confidence submit ourselves to your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.