



# JESUS aCROSS the Border

**JESUS aCROSS the Border's: The Reflective Divine Mercy Chaplet**  
*The Chaplet of Mercy is recited using ordinary rosary beads of five decades.*

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## 1. **Make the Sign of the Cross**

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

## 2. **(OPTIONAL) The Memorare**

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

## 3. **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 fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

## 4. **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.

## 5. **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.

## 6. **The Apostle's 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.

## 7. **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.

## 8. **\*\*\*PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE (THE REFLECTIVE DIVINE MERCY: FOCUS) On the Ten Small Beads of Each Decade**

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

## 9. **Repeat for the remaining decades**

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

## 10. **Conclude with Holy God (Repeat three times)**

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

## 11. **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.

## 12. **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 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 known 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 (Diary 1570)."

### **The Reflective Divine Mercy Chaplet: Focus**

#### **Focus of Each Decade:**

- 1) *Passion of Jesus (one word reflection for each bead of the decade – related to Passion)*
  1. *Fear (Jesus is condemned to death)*
  2. *Helplessness (Jesus carries his cross)*
  3. *Heartbreak (Jesus meets his afflicted mother)*
  4. *Desperation (Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry his Cross)*
  5. *Depth of Love (Veronica wipes the face of Jesus)*
  6. *Hopelessness (Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem)*
  7. *Exhaustion (Jesus falls a third time)*
  8. *Shame and Embarrassment (Jesus is stripped of his clothes)*
  9. *Agony (Jesus is nailed to the Cross)*
  10. *Trust (Jesus dies on the Cross)*
  
- 2) *Pray for the World (each bead of the decade pray for whatever comes to mind in the world today)*
  
- 3) *Pray for Family (each bead of the decade pray for a different family member that comes to mind)*
  
- 4) *Pray for Friends (each bead of the decade pray for a different friend that comes to mind)*
  
- 5) *Pray for Own Self (each bead of the decade pray for something for yourself that comes to mind)*