



## **NICCSJ 2025 Novena to the Divine Mercy** **(To be led by our children)**

In preparation for the Feast of Divine Mercy, let us pray together the Novena to the Divine Mercy. Jesus instructed Saint Faustina that praying this Novena would bring souls strength and refreshment and the graces they need in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death. Jesus also promised that the very depths of His Mercy would be opened on the Feast of Divine Mercy, pouring out an ocean of graces upon those who approach the Fount of His Mercy on that day. Resolved to turn away from our sins, let us, then, look with great trust to Jesus, Whose Open-Heart flows with abundant mercies for us in this time of crisis. St. Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000, on the Canonization of Sr, Faustina Kowalska officially designated the Second Sunday of Easter as the Divine Mercy Sunday. St. Pope John Paul II a great devotee to the Divine Mercy, died on April 2nd, 2005, on the Vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday, he was beatified on Divine Mercy Sunday, May 1, 2011, and was canonized on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27, 2014, by Pope Francis. With confidence on the mercy of God that is infinite and definite, let us pray this novena with devotion, attention, and intentions. Amen.

### **Good Friday April 18th to Saturday April 26th, 2025**

**8.00PM Daily-** through Community Zoom- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9206647431>, 1D-9206647431, Passcode- 424258.

#### **Steps:**

1. **Begin-** In the name of the Father, And of the Son, And of the Holy Spirt. Amen
2. Pray the prayer for a particular day (like Day 1 or Day 2...)
3. Mention the intentions:
  - Thanksgiving to God for all our answered prayers
  - For Marital Blessings and Job Opportunities for all our young adults & young professionals
  - For families praying for the blessings of the fruits of the womb
  - For peace, security, and respect for human life in our home country Nigeria, especially in the Igbo Land
  - Peace & Progress for all the Igbo Catholic Communities, especially the Igbo Catholic Communities of the Bay Area
  - For the success of our 360 Project, Devotional App, & 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
  - For God's protection & healing on all of us and for those who are sick, especially Chief Adolph Obilor & Chief Goddy Duru.
  - For the dead, especially all the names in our virtual book of remembrance, for God's consolation on all the bereaved families.
  - For other private intentions
4. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet
5. Pray the Daily Prayer for Priests
6. Pray the Prayer for the Family
7. Pray the Prayer for St. Michael the Archangel
8. Pray the Prayer for the Sick
9. Conclusion

**DAY ONE: Friday (Good Friday) April 18th**

*“Today bring to Me: ALL MANKIND, ESPECIALLY ALL SINNERS*

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....

***Intentions***

**DAY TWO: Saturday (Holy Saturday) April 19th**

*“Today bring to Me THE SOULS OF PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS,*

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. **Intentions....**

**DAY THREE: Sunday (Easter Sunday) April 20th**

*“Today bring to Me ALL DEVOUT AND FAITHFUL SOULS,*

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. ....**Intentions**

**DAY FOUR: Monday April 21st**

*“Today bring to Me THOSE WHO DO NOT BELIEVE IN GOD AND THOSE WHO DO NOT YET KNOW ME.*

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. ...**Intentions**

**DAY FIVE: Tuesday April 22nd**

*“Today bring to Me* **THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE SEPARATED THEMSELVES FROM MY CHURCH,**

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. ...**Intentions**

**DAY SIX: Wednesday April 23rd**

*“Today bring to Me* **THE MEEK AND HUMBLE SOULS AND THE SOULS OF LITTLE CHILDREN,**

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. **Intentions....**

### **DAY SEVEN: Thursday April 24th**

*“Today bring to Me* **THE SOULS WHO ESPECIALLY VENERATE AND GLORIFY MY MERCY,**

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. ...**Intentions**

### **DAY EIGHT: Friday April 25th**

*“Today bring to Me* **THE SOULS WHO ARE DETAINED IN PURGATORY**

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. **Intentions....**

**DAY NINE: Saturday April 26th**

*“Today bring to Me SOULS WHO HAVE BECOME LUKEWARM,*

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. ...**Intentions**

*Novena Prayers adapted from <https://www.ewtn.com/img/catholicism/downloads/divine-mercy-novena-pandemic.pdf>*

**The Daily Prayer for Priests by St. Therese of the Child Jesus (St. Therese of Lisieux)**

O Jesus, we pray for your faithful and fervent priests;  
For your unfaithful and tepid priests;  
For your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields.  
For your tempted priests; for your lonely and desolate priests;  
For your old and young priests; for your dying priests;  
For the souls of your priests in Purgatory.  
But above all, we recommend to you the priests dearest to us:  
the priests who baptized us; the priests who absolved us from our sins;  
the priests at whose Masses we participated and  
who gave us Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion;  
the priests who taught and instructed us;  
all the priests to whom we are indebted in any other way  
O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart,  
and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen.



**Prayer for the Family**

Heavenly Father, most good and gracious God sustain our family in your love. Make it a place where holiness can abound. Help us to learn to be like Jesus in all our actions. Aid our family to imitate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Help us to learn from the good example of others and to give good examples to others. Assist us in learning to bear our pain and suffering as Jesus did. Aid us in overcoming difficulties and carry our crosses. Help our family life to lead only to Jesus, the source of true happiness. Please give wholesome habits to our family. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel.

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen



## Prayer For the Sick



O God of the heavenly virtues, who from the bodies of men and women drives forth all sickness and all infirmities by the power of thy word: draw graciously upon all our brothers and sisters who are sick that with weakness put to flight and health and strength continually renewed, they will continue to bless your holy name. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**O Mary health of the Sick- Pray for us**  
**O Mary help of Christians- Pray for us**  
**O Mary Comforter of the afflicted- Pray for us**

## **Conclusion**

We fly to your patronage, O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

**In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

