

The first painting with the image of Merciful Jesus was painted at the request of our Savior, according to the instructions given by Saint Faustina in 1934, in Vilnius (Lithuania). This image is worshipped in the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Vilnius.

Lord Jesus said: "I promise that the soul that will veneratethis image will not perish. I also promise victory over its enemiesalready here on earth, especially at the hour of death" (Diary, 47).

"By means of this Image I shall be granting many graces, so let every soul have access to it" (Diary, 570).

## THE CHAPLET TO THE DIVINE MERCY

The Lord Jesus dictated the Chaplet of Divine Mercy to Saint Faustina in Vilnius on September 13-14, 1935 as words of a pray to God's grace of mercy toward sinners.

"Through the chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will" (Diary, 1731).

"Say unceasingly the chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy" (Diary, 687).

"At the hour of their death, I defend as My own glory every soul that will say this chaplet; or when others say it for a dying person, the indulgence is the same" (Diary, 811).

To be said on the beads of a rosary: "At first:

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.

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.

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 arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall 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.

On the large beads (1 x): 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.

On the small beads (10 x): For the sake of His sorrowful Passion have mercy on us and on the whole world.

At the end (3 x): Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world" (Diary, 476).

(Fragments from the DIARY of Saint Faustina)

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