

Praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet In a Group

1. Begin with the sign of the cross.
2. **Opening Prayer (optional):** **LEADER:** 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.
GROUP RESPONSE: O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You! (repeat three times)
3. **The Our Father:** **LEADER:** Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. **GROUP RESPONSE:** 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.
4. **The Hail Mary:** **LEADER:** Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. **GROUP RESPONSE:** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.
5. **The Apostles' Creed:** **LEADER:** 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.
6. **On the "Our Father" beads before each decade:** **LEADER:** Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, **GROUP RESPONSE:** in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.
7. **On the "Hail Mary" beads of each decade:** **LEADER:** For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, **GROUP RESPONSE:** have mercy on us and on the whole world.
8. **After 5 decades. The concluding doxology:** **ALL PRAY TOGETHER:** Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (*repeat three times*)
9. **Closing Prayer (optional):** **LEADER ONLY:** 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. Amen.