

Agents of Mercy

Faith on Fire

The Divine Mercy Chaplet

Opening Prayer - recognizes that at the moment of Jesus' death, the whole world was gifted with the possibility of new life and mercy through Him. Jesus is the "Fount of Life" and gives us mercy from God. This mercy is so great that we cannot even understand it (unfathomable). We ask that Jesus would wrap the whole world in himself and his mercy.

"O Blood and Water which gushed forth from the heart of Jesus" (refer to image and the rays)

"as a fountain of mercy for us" (a fountain is a never-ending source - mercy is always flowing)

"I trust in You" (Jesus asks us to always trust in him) It's the 'C' of our A-B-C *completely trust*

"Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity" (we are offering Jesus' body and blood in union with the same offering at every Mass, "Soul and Divinity" refer to Jesus being both God and man)

"in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world." (in reparation/repayment of our sins)

There is nothing we can offer God to make up for our sins except to offer Jesus. When we say the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, we are saying that we trust in Jesus and offer him and his suffering to the Father.

"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" (because Jesus suffered and died for us)

"Have mercy on us and on the whole world" (we ask God to see Jesus' suffering as a payment for all our sins, we are begging for mercy not only for us but for everyone - especially for the greatest sinners)

"Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One" (We address the Trinity 3 times with titles of respect)

"Jesus, I trust in you." (said 3 times to remind us to place our total trust in Jesus)