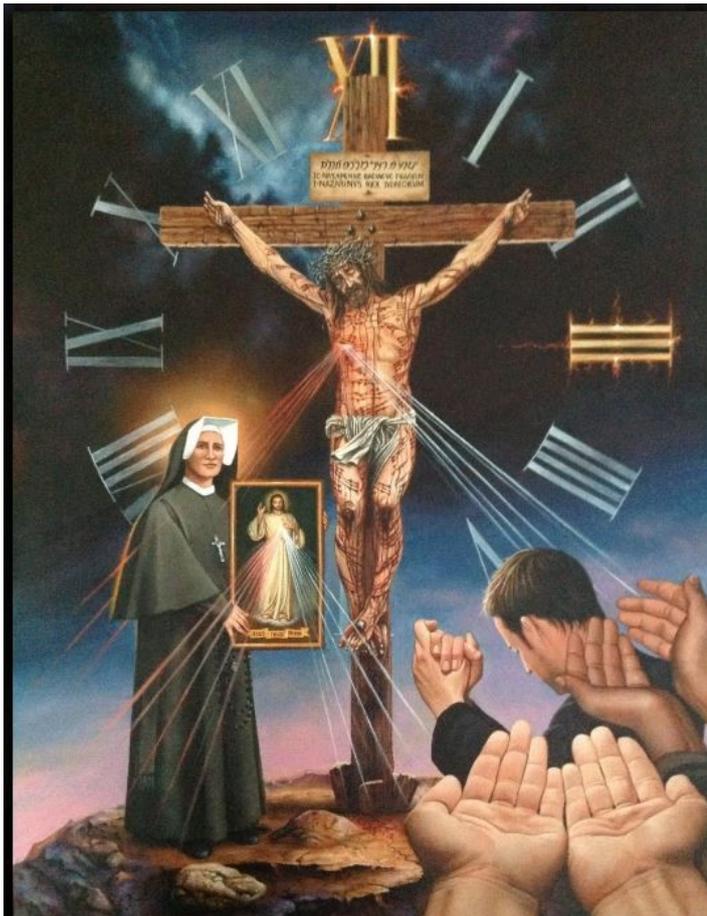


# THE HOUR OF GREAT MERCY

***"In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion..."***

(Diary, 1320).

## WEEK NINE



### THE THREE O'CLOCK HABIT

When one of our loved ones is hospitalized, what do we do? At the first free moment we run to the hospital, if we do not leave everything immediately to go there right away.... The more important the person is for us, the more ready we are to leave everything, and run to the bedside of our loved one, right?

It is natural, you say, this is how it must be done ... .. it is in our DNA ...

Well, here we have a certain Jesus, who at 3 pm is about to die on the cross on Mount Golgotha ... .. do we not leave everything immediately, to be with him from 3 pm to 4 pm? He asked us in a specific and explicit way... .. he seeks our consolation, our support.... Do you remember how Jesus tried, begged Peter, James and John to be with him, when he was sweating drops of blood in the garden of Gethsemane, for the atrocious pain, he was feeling before being arrested? Do we want to be like the three apostles, who instead to wake up, and standing next to Jesus to console him, turned around and went on sleeping? And this 3 times in a row? Come on, we don't want to be like them ... .. Jesus, as then, asked us, begged us, revealing that to Saint Faustina, to be with him at the moment of His death, from 3 to 4 pm on that blessed day of 2000 years ago. Even for a single moment ... .. how much he would like that ... ..

It is an act of mercy on our part towards the suffering Jesus, and we do it out of love ..... and this is what Jesus wants, to feel, that he is loved, to see his divine love reciprocated with our love human.

Jesus told Saint Faustina, that this was the hour of great Mercy. Since Jesus died on the cross for us at 3pm, every day the time between 3-4pm is known as the Hour of the Great Mercy.

Specifically, what must we do to console our beloved Jesus at this hour?

During this hour, Jesus asked Saint Faustina to pray the Stations of the Cross, provided that her duties permitted. And he went on to say:

**If you are unable to create the Stations of the Cross, at least enter the chapel for a moment and adore, in the Blessed Sacrament, my heart, which is full of mercy; and if you fail to enter the chapel, immerse yourself in prayer, where you happen to be ... and if only for a short moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, especially in My abandonment in the moment of agony. (1572, 1320)**

What Jesus wants above all, through this devotion, is that we have mercy on him! In other words, he wants us to remember his sacrifice of love for us. He wants us to think about, what he did for us on the Cross. He just wants our love. So let's get into the "three o'clock habit" and remember Jesus' sacrifice of love for us, even if only for a moment.

Oh, and one more thing about the three o'clock hour: Jesus promised it is an enormous moment of grace: **"This is the hour of great mercy for the whole world ... I will refuse nothing for the soul who makes a request of me by virtue of my passion"** (1320). So, we can consider this hour as a kind of mini-Sunday of mercy that we have every day. Hence, it is also an excellent time to pray for our loved ones, especially for the conversion of unrepentant sinners, and to recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

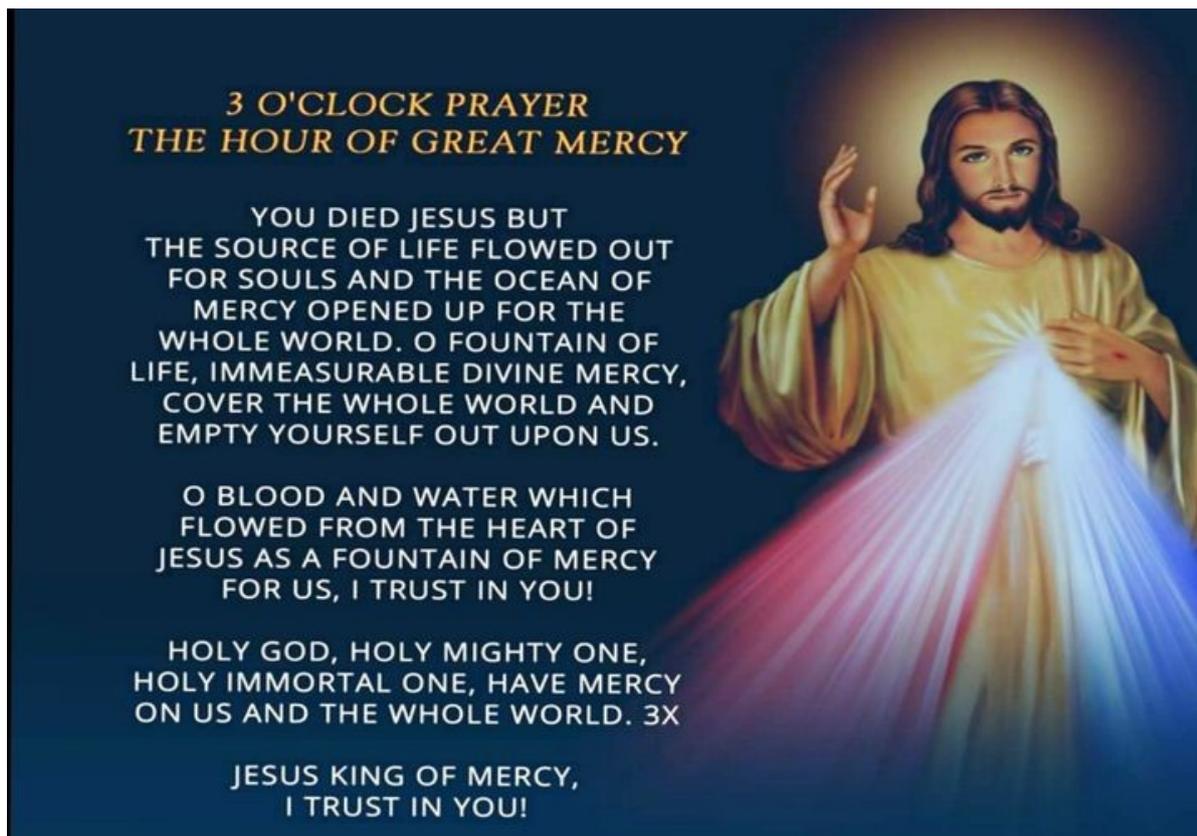
The Hour of Mercy, so Jesus himself spoke of the hour of his death, when in October 1937 in Krakow he presented the present form of worship to Divine Mercy to Sister Faustina. He repeated the order to venerate the hour of His death a few months later, in February 1938, defining the purpose, the way to celebrate it and renewing the promises linked to it. My daughter, - he said to Sister Faustina - **every time you hear the clock strike three, remember to immerse yourself completely in My Mercy, adoring and exalting it; invoke his omnipotence for the whole world and especially for poor sinners, since it was in that hour, that it was opened wide for every soul (...) in that hour, grace was given to the whole world, Mercy won justice** (D. 1572 ). At that hour, the work of man's salvation was accomplished. Jesus paid God for our sins through his Passion and obedience to the cross, and in that way he reconciled us with the Father, opened the doors of heaven closed by Adam. On the cross, Mercy overcame justice, it did not cancel it out, but by fulfilling it, it exceeded his measure.

Furthermore, the Lord Jesus gave Sister Faustina concrete indications regarding how to celebrate the Hour of Mercy.

First, it must be celebrated at three in the afternoon (not at night), because here it is a question of praising the moment of Jesus' agony on the Cross. Secondly, the prayer, it is not the Chaplet of the Divine mercy but any other prayer, must be addressed directly to the Lord Jesus and therefore not to God the Father, the Blessed Virgin or Saint Faustina. The Lord Jesus said: At that hour I will not refuse anything to the soul that prays to Me ... (Diary 1320). This prayer, long or short that we will make, and for those who have time to make the Via Crucis, is what Jesus explicitly asks of us.

Obviously, to this prayer, which is addressed to Jesus himself, we can add the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, which as we know is addressed to God the Father ... ..

In our ninth week program of repentance, let us respond with a generous "yes" to Jesus' call .... taking an example from the Virgin Mary, from the beloved disciple, John, and from those other pious women who, as the Holy Gospel recalls, consoled the dying Jesus with their presence, beneath the cross, at the hour of great Mercy.



**3 O'CLOCK PRAYER  
THE HOUR OF GREAT MERCY**

**YOU DIED JESUS BUT  
THE SOURCE OF LIFE FLOWED OUT  
FOR SOULS AND THE OCEAN OF  
MERCY OPENED UP FOR THE  
WHOLE WORLD. O FOUNTAIN OF  
LIFE, IMMEASURABLE DIVINE MERCY,  
COVER THE WHOLE WORLD AND  
EMPTY YOURSELF OUT UPON US.**

**O BLOOD AND WATER WHICH  
FLOWED FROM THE HEART OF  
JESUS AS A FOUNTAIN OF MERCY  
FOR US, I TRUST IN YOU!**

**HOLY GOD, HOLY MIGHTY ONE,  
HOLY IMMORTAL ONE, HAVE MERCY  
ON US AND THE WHOLE WORLD. 3X**

**JESUS KING OF MERCY,  
I TRUST IN YOU!**