

Good Friday 2023

Trusting in God's Mercy

From the Divine Mercy Diary of St. Faustina concerning this very hour of Mercy at 3 pm on Good Friday when Jesus gave up His life for our salvation:

At three o'clock, I prayed prostrate, in the form of a cross, for the whole world. Jesus' mortal life was coming to an end. I heard His seven last words from the Cross; then He looked at me and said, “Beloved daughter of My Heart, you are My solace amidst terrible torments”. (1058)

Jesus is commanding me to make a novena before the Feast of Mercy, and today I am to begin it for the conversion of the whole world and for the recognition of The Divine Mercy... “so that every soul will praise My goodness. I desire trust from My creatures. Encourage souls to place great trust in My fathomless mercy. Let the weak, sinful soul have no fear to approach Me, for even if it had more sins than there are grains of sand in the world, all would be drowned in the unmeasurable depths of My mercy” - esp. in the Sacrament of Confession. (1059)

As we begin the Divine Mercy novena after the Celebration of the Passion today remember the Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins, doing penance (for our unique sins and character flaws), and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that all the graces of His mercy can only be received by our trust. The more we open the door of our hearts and lives to Him with trust, the more we can receive.

May God bless all of us on this Good Friday as we entrust ourselves to Jesus's unfathomable Divine mercy for the good of our souls and those of the whole world. As we pray in the Chaplet of Divine Mercy: ***Eternal Father, I offer thee the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son our Lord Jesus Christ in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. And for the sake of His sorrowful passion have mercy on us and on the whole world.*** Amen.