

"IN THE OCEAN OF HIS MERCY!"

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Dear Family in the Two Hearts:

In the Magnificat, the Blessed Mother told us: "His Mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation" (Luke 1, 50). Every age, every generation has to respond to God, to his salvific action, they have to be able to embrace redemption, and battle with the evils of its time, in order to respond to the specific needs of their particular historic moment. In every generation, it is man's responsibility to be able to read the signs of the times, to discover God's voice and action, and respond with obedience to the movements of the Holy Spirit, in order to bring forth the gift of His Divine Mercy.

Our generation has had the privilege of receiving so many, many graces. In such a difficult historic time like ours, and in the midst of so much darkness, the Lord has sent rays of mercy and grace to enlighten the path of humanity. For that very reason, precisely, during one of the darkest times of the 20th century (in the middle of the two World Wars), God chose Saint Faustina Kowalka, a Polish religious of the Congregation of Sisters of our Lady of Mercy for a great mission of mercy: "You are the secretary of My Mercy; I have chosen you for this task during this time and for the next life" (Diary 1605).

During the Canonization of Saint Faustina, His Holiness John Paul II, said: "this is not a new message, but it can be considered a special gift of enlightenment.... to be able to offer it as a ray of light to men and women of our times".

The Heart of Jesus has an ardent desire to give His message of Mercy to the entire world! He, Himself told Saint Faustina: "My dear daughter, speak to the whole world about my unfathomable Mercy." (Diary 1142) "Before coming as a Just Judge, I first come as the King of Mercy" (Diary 83).

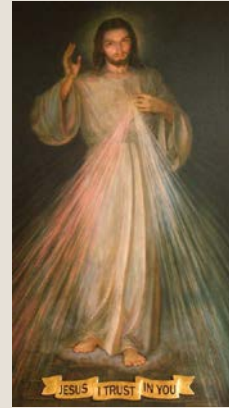
In the state of our current world situation, the Lord has wanted to remind us of his infinite Mercy, which becomes more accessible, the more we need it. "Human misery is not an obstacle to My mercy. My daughter, write that the greater the misery of a soul, the greater its right to My mercy: urge all souls to trust in the unfathomable abyss of My mercy, because I want to save them all. (Diary 1182) God's Mercy can be described as God's loving answer to our misery. God's heart, who comes to seek and to rescue his weak creatures.

Sin is the greatest misery of men. The human heart is capable of misery because it is capable of sin, of breaking his communion of love with the Heart of the Father. God rejects sin, but loves the sinner... loves him to the point of giving his own life to save him from sin and destruction. God loves his children... and sees their miseries. When His loving Heart reaches the misery of men, this particular love becomes Mercy. The love with which God touches the sinner's misery is called Mercy. Saint Francis of Sales, tells us: "Even if God would not have created men, He would have always been the perfect charity, but in reality, He would not have been merciful, because Mercy can only be practiced over misery... Our misery is the throne of God's Mercy".

No one deserves God's Divine Mercy, it is a free gift.... An unfathomable gift, accessible to all mankind. "My daughter, on the cross, the fountain of My mercy was opened wide by the lance for all souls, no one have I excluded! (Diary 1182)

Jesus told Saint Faustina: "Look and see the human race in its present condition" (Diary 445). "I am giving mankind the last hope of salvation; that is, recourse to My mercy" (Diary 998). How do we embrace this grace of Divine Mercy for our times? Jesus revealed 5 different ways we can accomplish this:

1. The veneration of the image of the Merciful Jesus, just the way it was revealed to Saint Faustina: "I promise that the soul who would venerate this image, will never perish. I also promise victory over their enemies here on earth, but especially at the hour of their death". (Diary 48)
2. The Feast of the Divine Mercy: the first Sunday after Easter. "I desire that this Feast be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On this day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fountain of My mercy. The soul who has gone to Holy Confession and worthily received Holy Communion, will obtain total forgiveness of its faults". (Diary 699)
3. The Chaplet and the Novena: "Oh, what greatest graces I will give to the souls who pray this chaplet and the novena; the very depths of My mercy are moved by those who pray it". (Diary 811)
4. The Hour of Mercy: "At three o'clock sharp, implore My mercy, especially for sinners. This is the hour of the greatest mercy for the entire world. I would not refuse anything to a soul who asks me for something, in virtue of My passion." (Diary 1320)



5. Give the Mercy we have received: "My daughter, you should be the first one to distinguish yourself by this confidence in My mercy. I demand from your deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere." (Diary 742)

With total trust, let us enter deeply into the Heart of Jesus, the visible sign of the Father's mercy. Let us throw ourselves with trust into the Ocean of Infinite Mercy: the Pierced Heart of Jesus.

In the love of the Pierced Hearts,

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