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How merciful is God? The mercy of God is beyond our imagination.

Today we are celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday. For those who revere this day, we know we are to go to confession and receive Holy Communion. But in this time of crisis, are we still able to receive the graces promised by Jesus on this extraordinary day?

If we follow one of the most important passages in St. Faustina's diary, it says (699) "On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who shall approach the fount of My mercy."

And here is the extraordinary promise: "The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day, all the Divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet."

So, what is the promise? Jesus promises that the soul that's been to confession and receives Holy Communion will be completely wiped away of the two stains that are on our wedding garment, our soul. Those stains are sin and the punishment due to sin.

The power of mercy in this time comes even more powerfully when we are not able physically to go for confession and receive Communion in the normal way.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that if one is unable to go to confession, paragraph 1351 reads: If you make an Act of Contrition, simply detesting your sins and having the resolution to sin no more, with the intention to go back to the sacrament as soon as possible, you will be completely forgiven of all sins, even mortal.

Then it also reads: If you are not able to receive Communion, you can make a spiritual Communion just by asking God to come into your heart, and you will receive the grace as if you did receive Holy Communion sacramentally; again, having the intention to go back to Holy Communion as soon as possible when the churches open up.

So, everyone wants this grace, to be cleansed completely clean of anything we've ever done in our life. You can get it. And the only two conditions our Lord gives are confession (again, through an Act of Contrition), and Communion (again, through a spiritual Communion). And your soul will never be cleaner other than it was at the moment of your original Baptism than it is on Divine Mercy Sunday.

This extraordinary promise is for everyone. So, tell even your non-Catholic friends to please receive this grace. Why? Because everybody wants to wipe their slate clean. Now you can. Everyone can ask Jesus to forgive their sins. Now is the time.

**Everyone can receive this extraordinary promise on this one day, this Sunday after Easter.**

So, on April 19, make a prayer like this:

“Lord, Jesus Christ, you promised St. Faustina that the soul that has been to Confession (I am unable, but I made an Act of Contrition), and the soul that receives Holy Communion (I’m unable, but I made a spiritual Communion), will receive the complete forgiveness of all sins and punishment. And please, Lord Jesus Christ, give me this grace, and let me receive it.

So, this Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19th, do this. I promise you, it will be the most important thing you ever do in your entire life. In fact, it could mean the difference in your salvation, and as Jesus told St. Faustina, Divine Mercy is mankind’s last hope of salvation.

Please, don’t let this grace pass you by.

Many of us often pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Jesus also told St. Faustina, “Say unceasingly this Chaplet that I have taught you. Anyone who says it will receive great Mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as the last hope. Even the most hardened sinner, if he recites this Chaplet even once, will receive grace from My Infinite Mercy. I want the whole world to know My Infinite Mercy. I want to give unimaginable graces to those who trust in My Mercy... and when they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person not as the just judge but as the Merciful Savior.”

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The chaplet is said on rosary beads. Begin by saying one ‘Our Father’, one ‘Hail Mary’ and the Apostles’ Creed.

**On the large beads say:**

*Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved, Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.*

**On the small beads say:**

*For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

**Conclude saying three times:**

*Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

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For further information about the Divine Mercy, the chaplet or St. Faustina, please visit the website at [www.thedivinemercy.org](http://www.thedivinemercy.org)

God bless you.

*Fr. Slawek*

