

Scripture Reading

A Reading of the Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians (Ephesians 2:4-5)

But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions - it is by grace you have been saved. The Word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

Reflection – God’s Highest Attribute – His Divine Mercy

Jesus’ special intervention to teach us about His divine mercy through St Faustina whom He made His Secretary of Divine Mercy. Jesus said to St Faustina in a vision: *“Your task is to write down everything that I make known to you about My mercy, for the benefit of those who by reading these things will be comforted in their souls and will have the courage to approach Me. I therefore want you to devote all your free moments to writing”* (Diary #1693).

The 7 media of Divine Mercy as revealed by Jesus to St Faustina: (1) The Eucharist (Diary #344, #441), (2) The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) (Diary #1602), (3) The Image of Divine Mercy (Diary #313, #326, #341), (4) The Feast of Divine Mercy – first Sunday after Easter (Diary #699), (5) The Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Diary #1541), (6) The Hour of Divine Mercy (Diary #1320, #1572), (7) The Novena to Divine Mercy (Diary #1209-1229).

The Eucharist emits divine mercy to the whole world. *..I (St Faustina) saw two rays coming out from the Host (Eucharist)... and they passed through the hands of the clergy and from their hands to the people, and then returned to the Host* (Diary #344). **The Sacrament of Confession is the tribunal of God’s mercy (Cf. Diary #975).** *“Daughter when you go to Confession, to this foundation of My mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul and ennobles it. Every time you go to Confession, immerse yourself entirely in My mercy, with great **trust**, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul. When you approach the Confessional, know this, that I myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy. Tell souls that from this fount of mercy, souls draw graces solely with the vessel of **trust**. If their trust is great, there is no limit to My generosity. The torrents of grace inundate **humble** souls. The proud remain always in poverty and misery because My grace turns away from them to humble souls”* (Diary #1602).

The greatness of the image of Divine Mercy lies not in its artwork but in its grace (Cf. Diary 313). *My gaze from this image is like My gaze from the cross* (Diary #326). *My Daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. **I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners.** On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of Mercy (i.e. Confession). (On that day) 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 flood gates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy... The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness...* (Diary #699).

Chaplet of Divine Mercy - In this, Jesus taught St Faustina to offer His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity to the Heavenly Father, begging the Heavenly Father to look graciously upon Jesus’ most sorrowful passion and to have mercy on us because of this. *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 Saviour* (Diary #1541). *At **three o’clock**, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony. This is the hour of great mercy of the world. I will allow you to enter into My mortal sorrow. In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion...* (Diary #1320). *In this hour you can obtain everything for yourself and others for the asking; it was the **hour of grace for the whole world**- mercy triumphed over justice* (Diary #1572).

Prayer

Eternal Father we 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. For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and the whole world. Mary, Our Lady of Mercy, pray for us. Thank You Jesus. Praise You Jesus. www.twohearts.hk