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THE CONVERSION OF PAUL THE APOSTLE - ACTS 9: 1-19

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# Introduction



**“THE WHOLE WORLD NEEDS TO HEAR TWO THINGS WITH STRENGTH AND POWER: ‘GOD LOVES YOU’ AND ‘I LOVE YOU.’ YOU MUST SAY IT OFTEN TO YOUR FRIENDS.”**

**-MOTHER ANGELICA**

How the heart of the Father longs to have His children with Him!

After encountering the goodness and love of God the Father, one cannot help but desire for their loved ones to come to know Him as well; and when a loved one chooses not to have a relationship with Christ or has strayed from their relationship with Him, it can be very difficult for us. Feelings of sadness, anger, or even despair could arise, leading us to believe the lie that they are a lost cause. In these moments it is important to remember the truth that the Lord, in His infinite mercy, can transform even the hardest of hearts and can perform miracles in the lives of our loved ones. Our task is to humbly and lovingly be the face of Christ in their lives and to fervently pray for them.

This eBook offers powerful resources to aid you in the intercession of the conversion of loved ones who may be far from the Lord.

In this spiritual aid, you will learn about ways to grow in prayer for this special intention, teachings on our Lord’s Divine Mercy, as well as guides to ask for the intercession of our friends, the saints. These prayers, together with fasting (Mark 9:28) offered as a sacrifice to our Lord, will bear much fruit in the intentions you offer them for.

God the Father longs for the conversion of your loved one more than you do. We hope that through this guide of powerful tools, the Lord gives you hope and strength in your journey of intercession. Know of our prayers here at EWTN for you and your loved ones.



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## The Holy Rosary

Given to us by the Blessed Mother herself, the Holy Rosary is one of the most cherished and powerful prayers of the Catholic Church. We see the prayers and structure of the Holy Rosary come together in Sacred Tradition, from the practice of repetitive prayer, such as the Jesus Prayer, and praying the Psalms (the Psalter), to the more familiar form of the Rosary we know today - said to have been given to Saint Dominic by the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In his book, *The Secret of the Rosary*, St. Louis de Montfort described the moment when Our Lady gave the rosary to Dominic. He writes,

At this point, the Blessed Virgin appeared to him, accompanied by three Angels of heaven, and she said: "My dear Dominic, do you know which weapon the Blessed Trinity has used to reform the world?" "My Lady," replied St. Dominic, "you know better than I because next to your Son Jesus Christ you were the chief instrument of our salvation." Our Lady added: "I want you to know that the principal means has been the Angelic Psalter, which is the foundation of the New Testament. That is why, if you want to win these hardened hearts for God, preach my Psalter."

Saint Dominic is known to be the first person to preach on and spread the devotion of the Holy Rosary. Time and time again in her apparitions, our Blessed Mother has also asked us to pray the Rosary for the conversion of souls, and for the conversion of the world.

In reciting the Holy Rosary, we contemplate on the sacred lives of Jesus and Mary, gain merits for our own salvation, and have a valuable means to request favors from our Blessed Mother, who hears us and tends to our needs as only a loving mother could.

Sister Lucia, to whom the Blessed Mother appeared during her apparitions in Fatima, Portugal, said this of the Rosary,

The Most Holy Virgin in these last times in which we live has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the Rosary to such an extent that there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families that cannot be solved by the Rosary. There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary.

The Holy Rosary offers us hope and a tangible sign that all things are possible with Christ and through Mary.

To learn how to pray the Rosary see: [ewtn.com/rosary](http://ewtn.com/rosary)



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## The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

### Praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is a powerful instrument of prayer for ourselves and for others.

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross on the Crucifix, then on the three small beads, an Our Father, a Hail Mary, and the Apostles' Creed.

2. Then on the Our Father Bead of each decade, pray:

*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.*

3. On the ten Hail Mary Beads of each decade, pray:

*For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.*  
(Repeat steps two and three for all five decades). Repeat for all five decades.

4. Conclude the Chaplet by praying three times:

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

### History of the Chaplet

In 1933, Our Lord gave St. Faustina Kowalska a striking vision of His Mercy.

"I saw a great light, with God the Father in the midst of it. Between this light and the earth I saw Jesus nailed to the Cross and in such a way that God, wanting to look upon the earth, had to look through Our Lord's wounds and I understood that God blessed the earth for the sake of Jesus."

Of another vision, on Sept. 13, 1935, she writes:

"I saw an Angel, the executor of God's wrath... about to strike the earth...I began to beg God earnestly for the world with words which I heard interiorly. As I prayed in this way, I saw the Angel's helplessness, and he could not carry out the just punishment..."

The following day an inner voice taught her to say the Divine Mercy Chaplet on ordinary rosary beads. Jesus would later say to her of this devotion...



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“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 ... 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”

## The Divine Mercy Novena

Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy which would begin on Good Friday. He gave St. Faustina an intention for which to pray on each day of the Novena, saving for the last day the most difficult intention of all, the lukewarm and indifferent, of whom He said:

These souls cause Me more suffering than any others; it was from such souls that My soul felt the most revulsion in the Garden of Olives. It was on their account that I said: “My Father if it is possible, let this cup pass Me by.” The last hope of salvation for them is to flee to My Mercy.

In her diary, St. Faustina wrote that Jesus told her:

“On each day of the novena you will bring to My heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy ... On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces for these souls.”

You can find the prayers for the Divine Mercy Novena here: [Divine Mercy Novena](#)

Or download a booklet here: [The Novena to Divine Mercy](#)



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## **Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart (St. Margaret Mary Alacoque)**

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, to Thee I consecrate and offer up my person and my life, my actions, trials, and sufferings, that my entire being may henceforth only be employed in loving, honoring and glorifying Thee. This is my irrevocable will, to belong entirely to Thee, and to do all for Thy love, renouncing with my whole heart all that can displease Thee.

I take Thee, O Sacred Heart, for the sole object of my love, the protection of my life, the pledge of my salvation, the remedy of my frailty and inconstancy, the reparation for all the defects of my life, and my secure refuge at the hour of my death. Be Thou, O Most Merciful Heart, my justification before God Thy Father, and screen me from His anger which I have so justly merited. I fear all from my own weakness and malice, but placing my entire confidence in Thee, O Heart of Love, I hope all from Thine infinite Goodness. Annihilate in me all that can displease or resist Thee. Imprint Thy pure love so deeply in my heart that I may never forget Thee or be separated from Thee.

I beseech Thee, through Thine infinite Goodness, grant that my name be engraved upon Thy Heart, for in this I place all my happiness and all my glory, to live and to die as one of Thy devoted servants.

Amen.

Taken from: [Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart](#)



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## Mother Angelica on Bringing Children Back to the Faith

Discovered in the monastery archive and included in Mother Angelica's *Little Book of Life Lessons and Everyday Spirituality* (2007), the following instruction demonstrates Mother Angelica's concern for the laity, even those who have left the fold.

The first of my three concrete steps for bringing our children and grandchildren back to Christ is as follows:

1. Pray for them unceasingly and confidently. Your prayers will never go unheard, your tears will never go unheeded. If it seems like your sacrifices have no effect, then know for certain that God is using them in His own way to bring back someone, somewhere.
2. Be a visible example of what Christ asks from the Church. Your constant good example is the best encouragement you can give. Practice your faith and develop the virtues of perseverance and charity. These will give you Christ's peace in the midst of this turbulent world.
3. Be open in discussing your faith. Explain as honestly as you can - with examples from your own life - how your faith got you through some pretty difficult situations in the past and why we need it today.

Remember that God loves your children and grandchildren even more than you do, and He will pursue them to their last breath.



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## Prayer from our Lord to Saint Faustina for the Grace of Conversion

The following is an excerpt from the Diary of St. Faustina, where she reflects on a prayer that was given to her by our Lord, who promised the grace of conversion to whoever said it with faith:

Today Jesus said to me, "I desire that you know more profoundly the love that burns in My Heart for souls, and you will understand this when you meditate upon My Passion. Call upon My mercy on behalf of sinners; I desire their salvation. When you say this prayer, with a contrite heart and with faith on behalf of some sinner, I will give him the grace of conversion. This is the prayer: O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of Mercy for us, I trust in You." (Diary, 186-187)

Taken from: [Divine Mercy Daily: Reflections from the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska](#)



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## **Novena to St. Jude** **(Patron of Desperate Situations and Hopeless Causes)**

Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron of difficult cases, of things almost despaired of, pray for me, I am so helpless and alone.

Intercede with God for me that He bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly - *(make your request here)* - and that I may praise God with you and all the saints forever. I promise, O Blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor granted me by God and to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you.

Amen.

### **PRAYER**

May the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored and loved in all the tabernacles until the end of time. Amen.

May the most Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised and glorified now and forever. Amen.  
St. Jude pray for us and hear our prayers. Amen.

Blessed be the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Blessed be the Immaculate Heart of Mary  
Blessed be St. Jude Thaddeus, in all the world and for all Eternity.  
(say this prayer, followed by the Our Father and the Hail Mary)

Dear Apostle and Martyr for Christ, you left us an Epistle in the New Testament. With good reason many invoke you when illness is at a desperate stage. We now recommend to your kindness (name of patient) who is in a critical condition. May the cure of this patient increase his/her faith and love for the Lord of Life, for the glory of our merciful God. Amen.

Taken from: [Novena to Saint Jude - Desperate Situations and Hopeless Causes](#)



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## The Litany of the Saints

The Litany of the Saints is one of the most ancient prayers of the Church in which those Christians who are still here on earth battling evil, ask for help from those in heaven who have overcome evil. When we recite this prayer, we can rest assured that we have an army of saints aiding us in the spiritual battle and walking alongside us as we intercede for our loved ones.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of Heaven,

have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,

have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God,

have mercy on us.

Holy Mary,

pray for us.

Holy Mother of God,

pray for us.

Holy Virgin of Virgins,

pray for us.

St. Michael,

pray for us.

St. Gabriel,

pray for us.

St. Raphael,

pray for us.

All you Holy Angels and Archangels

pray for us.

St. John the Baptist,

pray for us.

St. Joseph,

pray for us.



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All you Holy Patriarchs and Prophets, pray for us.

St. Peter, pray for us.

St. Paul, pray for us.

St. Andrew, pray for us.

St. James, pray for us.

St. John, pray for us.

St. Thomas, pray for us.

St. James, pray for us.

St. Philip, pray for us.

St. Bartholomew, pray for us.

St. Matthew, pray for us.

St. Simon, pray for us.

St. Jude, pray for us.

St. Matthias, pray for us.

St. Barnabas, pray for us.

St. Luke, pray for us.

St. Mark, pray for us.

All you Holy Apostles and Evangelists, pray for us.

All you Holy Disciples of the Lord, pray for us.

All you Holy Innocents, pray for us.

St. Stephen, pray for us.



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St. Lawrence, pray for us.

St. Vincent, pray for us.

St. Fabian and Sebastian, pray for us.

St. John and Paul, pray for us.

St. Cosmas and Damian, pray for us.

All you Holy Martyrs, pray for us.

St. Sylvester, pray for us.

St. Gregory, pray for us.

St. Ambrose, pray for us.

St. Augustine, pray for us.

St. Jerome, pray for us.

St. Martin, pray for us.

St. Nicholas, pray for us.

All you Holy Bishops and Confessors, pray for us.

All you Holy Doctors, pray for us.

St. Anthony, pray for us.

St. Benedict, pray for us.

St. Bernard, pray for us.

St. Dominic, pray for us.

St. Francis, pray for us.

All you Holy Priests and Levites, pray for us.



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All you Holy Monks and Hermits,	pray for us.
St. Mary Magdalene,	pray for us.
St. Agatha,	pray for us.
St. Lucy,	pray for us.
St. Agnes,	pray for us.
St. Cecilia,	pray for us.
St. Anastasia,	pray for us.
St. Catherine,	pray for us.
St. Clare,	pray for us.
All you Holy Virgins and Widows,	pray for us.
All you Holy Saints of God,	pray for us.
Lord, be merciful,	Lord, save your people.
From all evil,	Lord, save your people.
From all sin,	Lord, save your people.
From your wrath,	Lord, save your people.
From a sudden and unprovided death,	Lord, save your people.
From the snares of the devil,	Lord, save your people.
From anger, hatred and all ill-will,	Lord, save your people.
From the spirit of uncleanness,	Lord, save your people.
From lightning and tempest,	Lord, save your people.
From the scourge of earthquake,	Lord, save your people.



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From plague, famine, and war,	Lord, save your people.
From everlasting death,	Lord, save your people.
By the mystery of your Holy Incarnation,	Lord, save your people.
By Your Coming,	Lord, save your people.
By Your Birth,	Lord, save your people.
By Your Baptism and Holy Fasting,	Lord, save your people.
By Your Cross and Passion,	Lord, save your people.
By Your Death and Burial,	Lord, save your people.
By Your Holy Resurrection,	Lord, save your people.
By Your wonderful Ascension,	Lord, save your people.
By the coming of the Holy Spirit,	Lord, save your people.
On the Day of Judgment,	Lord, save your people.
Be merciful to us sinners,	Lord, hear our prayer.
That you will spare us,	Lord, hear our prayer.
That you will pardon us,	Lord, hear our prayer.
That it may please you to bring us to true penance,	Lord, hear our prayer.
Guide and protect your holy Church,	Lord, hear our prayer.
Preserve in holy religion the Pope, and all those in holy Orders,	Lord, hear our prayer.
Humble the enemies of holy Church,	Lord, hear our prayer.
Give peace and unity to the whole Christian people,	Lord, hear our prayer.



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Bring back to the unity of the Church all those who are straying, and bring all unbelievers to the light of the Gospel,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Strengthen and preserve us in your holy service,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Raise our minds to desire the things of heaven,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Reward all our benefactors with eternal blessings,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Deliver our souls from eternal damnation, and the souls of our brethren, relatives, and benefactors,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Give and preserve the fruits of the earth,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant eternal rest to all the faithful departed,

Lord, hear our prayer.

That it may please You to hear and heed us, Jesus, Son of the Living God,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

spare us, O Lord!

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

graciously hear us, O Lord!

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

Have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us,

Christ, graciously hear us.

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer

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Lord, have mercy on us

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Christ, have mercy on us

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Taken from: [Litany of the Saints](#)



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