

# PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH FOR A HAPPY DEATH

*“O Blessed Joseph, you gave your last breath in the loving embrace of Jesus and Mary. When the seal of death shall close my life, come with Jesus and Mary to aid me. Obtain for me this solace for that hour - to die with their holy arms around me. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I commend my soul, living and dying, into your sacred arms. Amen.”*



# A CATHOLIC'S GUIDE: CARING FOR A SEVERELY ILL OR DYING LOVED ONE.



## Why Do You Need This?

Even good people need all the prayers they can get to go to heaven. As Catholics, we know that God wants us to be in heaven, but we have to do our part. Give your loved one the fighting chance to make it there.

If you are caring for an ill loved one and do not know what to do, please use this resource as a starting point. Once you involve your parish priest, he will be able to assist you further.

# PRAY THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Divine Mercy Chaplet

1. Make the Sign of the Cross.
2. Say the optional opening prayer.
3. Say the "Our Father".
4. Say the "Hail Mary".
5. Say the "Apostles' Creed".
6. Say the "Eternal Father".
7. Say 10 "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" on the "Hail Mary" beads.
8. Repeat for four more decades, saying "Eternal Father" on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For the Sake of His sorrowful Passion" on the following "Hail Mary" beads.
9. At the conclusion of the five decades, on the medallion say the "Holy God," the concluding doxology, three times.
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10. Say the optional Closing Prayer

Visit [TheCatholicKid.com](http://TheCatholicKid.com) for a complete list of prayers used in the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

## WHERE SHOULD YOU BEGIN?

From firsthand experience, we understand how heartbreaking this time is. We understand the sadness, the mental and physical exhaustion, the denial, the confusion and simply grasping the reality of what's happening to your loved one.

However, as Catholics, you have a big job for our loved one's soul during this heartbreaking time. This guide gives you the list to give your loved one's soul the fighting chance for their judgement day .

**Pray for God to give you the strength to make the following things happen for your loved one.**

**Step One:** Reach out to your priest. No, you are NOT bothering them. Their job is to help get your loved one to heaven. Ask them to visit your loved one and give them the blessing of **Reconciliation** and **Communion**. **Do this as often. Do NOT wait!**  
**Have the priest come as often as possible!**

**We never know when the hour of death is upon us. Do not think you have time to contact your Priest. Do not wait until the end. You might not have time.**

**Step Two:** Have the priest give them anointing of the sick. Even if they aren't officially "dying," anyone can receive this sacrament multiple times during a sickness, especially when the sick get worse. It is truly the best gift you can give your loved one.

Bringing Jesus through your Priest to your loved one throughout this time is the very best use of your time and energy and the very best gift you can give your loved one and yourself in the future.

*"Where I shall find you,"—that is, the hour of death, with the will to sin or with dissatisfaction of sin or with repentance for sin— "there I shall judge you."*  
(Cf. Eccles. 11:3) - *A passage from Fire of Love by Saint Catherine of Genoa.*

**This isn't just for your parents. This is YOUR DUTY as a Catholic to help other's souls during sickness and death, and this will earn your own grace to for your own soul too!**

Learn the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Say the chaplet daily for your loved one— try to say it enough so that you memorize it, if possible. If not, have it handy on your phone on an app. This is the very best gift you can do for your loved one daily and when the end is near.

If you are not familiar with the Diary of St. Faustina, she explains why saying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy by the bedside of the dying is so important.



As written in the Diary of St. Faustina, Jesus wants The Divine Mercy Chaplet to be offered especially for sinners and the dying.

**From The Diary of St. Faustina:**

As Jesus said to St. Faustina, "My Daughter, encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given to you. It pleases Me to grant everything they ask of Me by saying the chaplet... Write that when they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as a just Judge but as a merciful Savior." (Diary, 1541).

Earlier our Lord said to St. Faustina, "At the hour of their death, I defend as My own glory every soul that will say this chaplet; or when others say it for a dying person, the indulgence is the same." (Diary, 811).

Place the blessed Divine Mercy image on a candle, or an object to be placed by the loved ones bedside to bring them comfort during their suffering.

In times of grief, this image will give you a sense of hope for being reunited with your loved one in Eternity and thanking Jesus for opening the gates of Heaven through His Passion so we may grieve with the hope of the Resurrection.

**May God Bless during this difficult time.**