

Novena to Saint Faustina - For the Grace of Childlike Trust

*In this novena we ask for trust and the virtues constituting childlike abandonment to God.
In honor of Saint Faustina, pray this novena leading up to her Feast Day.
Start the novena on September 26.*

Day I

Happy are those who put their trust in God

Jesus: ***The soul that trusts in My mercy is most fortunate, because I myself take care of it*** (Diary 1273). ***I heap My confidence upon it and give it all it asks*** (Diary 453).

Sr. F.: *I do not understand how it is possible not to trust in Him who can do all things. With Him, everything; without Him, nothing. He is Lord. He will not allow those who have placed all their trust in Him to be put to shame* (Diary 358).

Saint Faustina, obtain for me the grace of childlike trust in the Lord God who can do all things. He is Wisdom itself and loves with an everlasting love.

Day II

Trust as a Response to the Knowledge of the Mystery of God's Mercy

Jesus: ***Everything that exists is enclosed in the bowels of My mercy, more deeply than an infant in its mother's womb. How painfully distrust of My goodness wounds Me! Sins of distrust wound Me most painfully*** (Diary 1076).

Sr. F.: *I know that even souls that are chosen and well-advanced in the religious life or the spiritual life do not have the courage to entrust themselves completely to God. And this is so because few souls know the unfathomable mercy of God and His great goodness* (Diary 731).

Saint Faustina, help me to penetrate more and more deeply into the mystery of God's mercy; help me to come to know the goodness of God so that I may trust in Him ever more and that I may not hurt Him with my distrust.

Day III **Faith**

Jesus: ***What you see in reality, these souls see through faith. Oh, how pleasing to Me is their great faith! For Me to be able to act upon a soul, the soul must have faith*** (Diary 1420).

Sr. F.: *I fervently beg the Lord to strengthen my faith, so that in my drab, everyday life I will not be guided by human dispositions, but by those of the spirit. Oh, how everything drags man towards the earth! But lively faith maintains the soul in the higher regions* (Diary 210).

Saint Faustina, obtain for me a strong and lively faith so that I may come to know the merciful love of God towards creatures, for the better I come to know Him, the more I will trust in Him.

Day IV **Hope**

Jesus: ***Let the greatest sinners place their trust in My mercy. Souls that make an appeal to My mercy delight Me. To such souls I grant even more graces than they ask*** (Diary 1146).

Sr. F.: *Even if I had the sins of the whole world, as well as the sins of all the condemned souls weighing on my conscience, I would not have doubted God's goodness but, without hesitation, would have thrown myself into the abyss of the divine mercy, which is always open to us; and, with a heart crushed to dust, I would have cast myself at His feet, abandoning myself totally to His holy will, which is mercy itself* (Diary 1552).

Saint Faustina, obtain for me unwavering hope so that, on my way to heaven, I may always count on God's forgiveness and the help of His grace in every situation, particularly in difficult moments.

Day V **Love**

Jesus: ***I am Love and Mercy itself. There is no misery that could be a match for My mercy, neither will misery exhaust it, because as it is being granted – it increases*** (Diary 1273). ***Love has brought Me here, and love keeps Me here. My daughter, if you knew what great merit and reward is earned by one act of pure love for Me, you would die of joy. I am saying this that you may constantly unite yourself with Me through love*** (Diary 576).

Sr. F.: *Love, love and once again, love of God – there is nothing greater in heaven or on earth. The greatest greatness is to love God; true greatness is in loving God; real wisdom is to love God. All that is great and beautiful is in God; there is no beauty or greatness outside of Him* (Diary 990).

Saint Faustina, obtain for me an ardent love for God so that I may love Him above all things, and all things in relation to Him.

Day VI Humility

Jesus: *I find pleasure, not in large buildings and magnificent structures, but in a pure and humble heart* (Diary 532). *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).

Sr. F.: *O how beautiful is a humble soul! (...) God refuses nothing to such a soul; she is all-powerful and influences the destiny of the world. God raises such a soul up to His very throne, and the more she humbles herself, the more God stoops down to her, pursuing her with His graces and accompanying her at every moment with His omnipotence. Such a soul is most deeply united with God* (Diary 1306)..

Saint Faustina, obtain for me the grace of true humility so that I may accept the truth about God, about the world and about myself. And may this make me trustful, like a child toward its heavenly Father, acknowledging my dependence on Him as Creator and Saviour.

Day VII Contrition

Jesus: *I am Thrice Holy, and I detest the smallest sin. I cannot love a soul which is stained with sin; but when it repents, there is no limit to My generosity toward it. My mercy embraces and justifies it. With My mercy, I pursue sinners along all their paths, and My Heart rejoices when they return to Me* (Diary 1728).

Sr. F.: *It is when I meet with hypocrisy that I suffer most. Now, I understand You, my Saviour, for rebuking the pharisees so severely for their hypocrisy. You associated more graciously with hardened sinners when they approach You contritely* (Diary 1579).

Saint Faustina, obtain for me the grace of heartfelt contrition for every sin and even for the smallest infidelity, since it was the cause of the terrible passion of Jesus. May the contrition of my heart obtain for me the forgiveness of my guilt and strengthen my trust in God's mercy.

Day VIII Doing God's Will

Jesus: *My daughter, you give Me most glory by patiently submitting to My will, and you win for yourself greater merit than that which any fast or mortification could ever gain for you. Know, My daughter, that if you submit your will to Mine, you draw upon yourself My special delight. This sacrifice is pleasing to Me and full of sweetness. I take great pleasure in it; there is power in it* (Diary 904).

Sr. F.: *The Lord has given me the light to know His will more profoundly and to abandon myself completely to the holy will of God. This light has confirmed me in profound peace, making me understand that I should fear nothing except sin. Whatever God sends me, I accept with complete submission to His holy will. Wherever He puts me, I will try faithfully to do His will, as well as His wishes, to the extent of my power to do so, even if the will of God were hard and difficult for me* (cf. Diary 1394). *For His holy will is for me mercy itself* (cf. Diary 1552).

Saint Faustina, obtain for me the grace of fulfilling God's will faithfully always and everywhere so that in this way I may express my trust toward the Lord God.

Day IX The Vessel of Trust

Jesus: *The graces of My mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is – trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive. Souls that trust boundlessly are a great comfort to Me, because I pour all the treasures of My graces into them* (Diary 1578).

Sr. F.: *O Lord, my Love, I thank You for this day on which You have allowed me to draw a wealth of graces from the fountain of Your unfathomable mercy. O Jesus, not only today, but at every moment, I draw from Your unfathomable mercy everything that the soul and body could want* (Diary 1178).

Saint Faustina, help me to obtain a large vessel of trust so that I may draw with it graces not only for myself, but also for the Church, my homeland, the whole world, and especially for souls who doubt God's mercy.

Happy Feast Day, Saint Faustina

