



Week Leading up to 4.11.21: Divine Mercy

***(Start with reviewing the previous Meetings Challenge or discuss prior to sharing this week's challenge.)**

Let's Begin: Think about how the challenge went for the last session. What went well? What was difficult?

Opening Prayer:

Begin with a brief moment of silence shaking off any and all distractions or difficulties of the day and remembering that God is always with us.

Read: Jn 20:19-31

After the Reading Conclude with this prayer:

Dear Jesus, You continually come to us in our hiding spaces with a great desire to shower Your mercy over us. Open our hearts that we may acknowledge our sinfulness so that we may be showered with your forgiveness and grace. Strengthen our faith that we may always believe even though we do not see. In Your loving name. Amen

Reflection or Discussion Question:

1. In the reading today we hear about Jesus working many signs. Have you experienced a sign from God?

YouTube Video: How we participate in Divine Mercy with Fr. Mark-Mary (8:53)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=tvR5B0KsSHo>

Reflection or Discussion Questions:

2. What do you think/feel mercy from God is? Do you think/feel that only Jesus can extend mercy or can we also?
3. The video and the reading refer to Jesus saying, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you" to the disciples. What do you think/feel Jesus is asking of us in this verse?
4. What do you think/feel it means to forgive as you've been forgiven? Who are the hardest people for you to forgive? (Those closest to you, family, those you work with, or others? How about yourself?)
5. Have you ever considered that your not forgiving someone keeps the Father's family fractured and the kingdom of God in need of repair? What are your feelings or thoughts about this concept?
6. Have you ever experienced a sort of ripple effect (e.g. cascading sins) as a result of an unwillingness to forgive someone?
7. Fr. Mark-Mary indicated that we can insert the name of a person into the Divine Chaplet. Have you ever prayed this way? What change do you believe will come about if you pray like this?

Session Challenges: { Choose one, two or all }

- Read the Catechism of the Catholic Church sections to learn more about mercy: [210-11](#), [270](#), [545](#), [1439](#), [1473](#), [1829](#), [1846](#), [1847](#), [1864](#), [2040](#), [2091](#), [2447](#), [2677](#), [2840](#)
- Consider a person in your life you need to forgive. Ask the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary for help in your forgiveness. Insert the name of this person as you pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at least 3 times this week.
- Fr. Mark-Mary indicates that we are all given the keys to God's mercy. Are there additional specific ways that you can be a missionary of mercy to others? Read [CCC 2447](#) and consider additional possibilities.

Closing Prayer: Pray or sing the Divine Mercy Chaplet together. Instructions can be found here:

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet> or pray together in music

format: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tSVvBQtSqFM>

{Optional additional Readings} Sunday Reading 1: [Acts 4:32-35](#) Sunday Reading 2: [1 Jn 5:1-6](#)

Additional Info about Divine Mercy: <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message>

Additional Info about Mercy and Compassion: <https://uscatholic.org/articles/201705/is-there-a-difference-between-mercy-and-compassion/>