

## MERCY TO EARTH

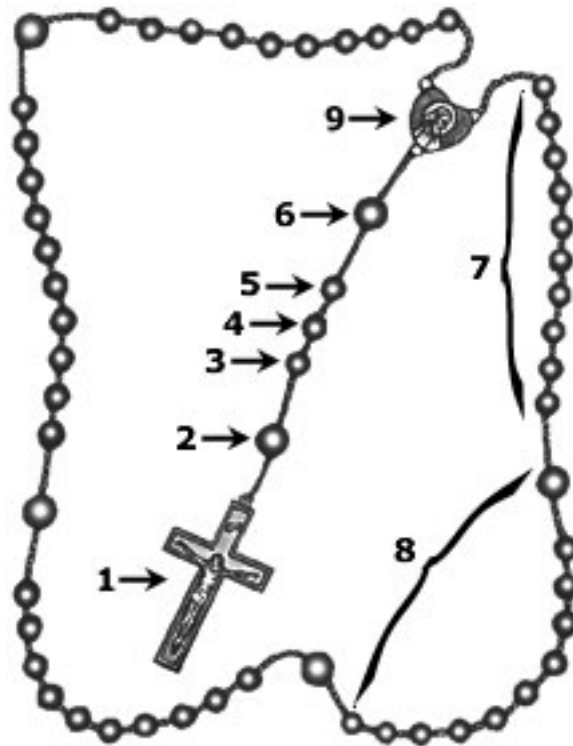
*"My daughter, the words of your heart are very pleasing to me, and by praying the Rosary of Mercy you bring me close to all humanity."*

- Saint Faustyna Kowalska

### **Mercy to Earth Rosary**

1. ***The Sign of the Cross:*** In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen
2. ***Opening prayer:*** Good and merciful God, we come before you today recognizing the ways we fail to care for creation, for the poor, and for future generations. We lift up our prayers to you in thanksgiving for your marvelous creation which you have entrusted to our care. Help us to protect and care for our common home, fully appreciating the world we live in as a place of mutual sharing and communion. Amen
3. ***Our Father:*** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen
4. ***Hail Mary:*** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen
5. ***Apostles Creed:*** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.
6. ***On the large beads, before each decade:*** The whole material universe is a language of God's love, of God's infinite affection for us. The soil, the water, the mountains, everything reveals God's loving touch.
7. ***On the small beads (10 times):*** We have been entrusted with the care of creation. **God's mercy is everlasting.**
8. ***After all five decades, the final doxology (three times):*** God of life, God of the earth, Your love always leads us to discover new paths.
9. ***Final prayer:*** O God of the poor, help us to hear and respond to the cries of the abandoned and forgotten of the earth who are so precious in your sight. God of love, show us our place in this world as instruments of your love for all of creation. God of mercy, grant us your forgiveness and help us to practice mercy throughout our relationships and communion with our common home. We praise your holy name. Amen

## MERCY TO EARTH ROSARY\*



1. Make the Sign of the Cross.
2. Recite the opening prayer: *Good and merciful God...*
3. Pray the Our Father.
4. Pray the Hail Mary.
5. Recite the Apostles Creed.
6. Pray: *The whole material universe is a language ...*
7. Recite ten times "We have been entrusted with the care of creation. **God's mercy is everlasting.**" (once for each of the "Hail Mary" beads.)
8. Repeat this patten for 4 decades, praying the prayer that starts *The whole material universe is a language...* on the larger "Our Father" beads, and repeating "*We have been entrusted with the care of creation. **God's mercy is everlasting***" on the smaller "Hail Mary" beads.
9. Upon completing the five decades, when you arrive at the medallion recite the doxology three times (*God of life...*)
10. Pray the final prayer: "*O God of the poor...*"

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