

Reflective Stations of the Cross 2015

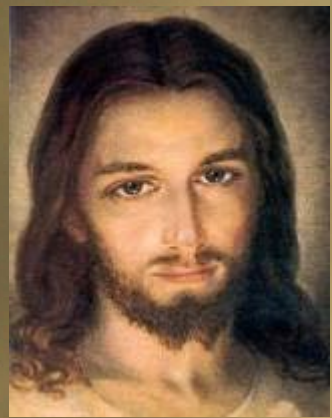
*Based upon the
Diary of St. Faustina*

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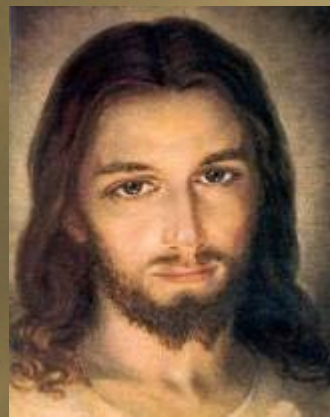
Opening Prayer

Leader: Loving Jesus, You went up to Golgotha without hesitation, in utter love, and let Yourself be crucified without complaint. Lowly Son of Mary, You shouldered the burden of our night to show us the immense light with which You wanted to fill our hearts.

In your suffering is our redemption; in your tears we see “the hour” when God’s gracious love is revealed.

In Your final breath, as a man
among men, You lead us back,
seven times forgiven,
to the heart of the Father,
and You show us, in Your last
words, the path to the
redemption of all our sorrows.



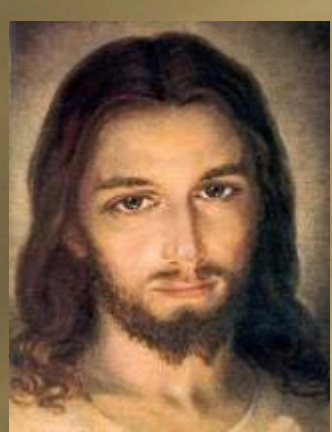


Opening Prayer

Leader: You, the Incarnate All, empty yourself on the cross, understood only by her, Your Mother, who stood faithfully beneath that gibbet. Your thirst is a wellspring of hope, a hand extended even to the repentant thief, who this day, thanks to You, enters paradise.

To all of us, crucified Lord
Jesus, grant Your infinite
mercy, a fragrance of Bethany
upon the world,
a cry of life for all humanity.
And at last, as we commend
ourselves into the hands of
Your Father, open unto us the
doors of undying Life! Amen.



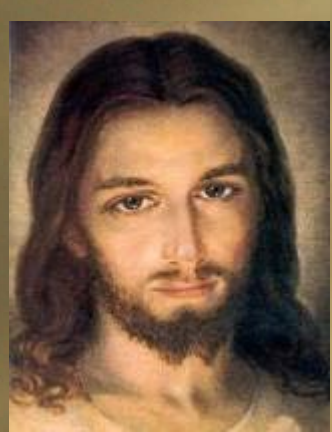


Opening Prayer

Faithful: Merciful Jesus, my Master, I desire to follow you in fidelity and imitate you each day with more perfection. For this reason I beg you, that through the meditation of your Passion, I may receive the grace of understanding each day with more perfection, the mysteries of the spiritual life.

Mary, Mother of Mercy,
always faithful to Christ,
guide me through the steps of
the sorrowful passion of your
Son and grant me the
necessary graces so that this
Way of the Cross may be
fruitful in my heart. Amen.





Sung:

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

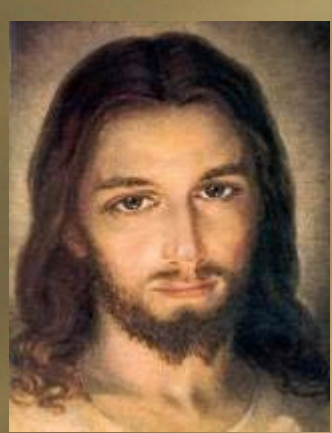
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh! Sometimes, it causes me to
tremble, tremble, tremble.

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Prayer together:

Jesus, we are sensitive to words and quickly want to answer back, without taking any regard as to whether it's God's will that we should speak.

A silent soul is strong: no adversities will harm it if it perseveres in silence.

The silent soul is capable of attaining the closest union with God. (*Diary*, 477)

*Merciful Jesus,
help me accept
each human judgment;
do not ever allow me
to judge you
when judging my neighbor.
Amen.*





Sung:

Were you there when they sentenced Him to death?

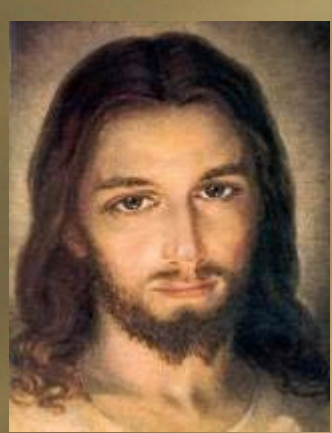
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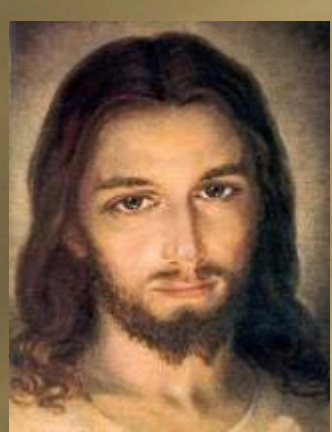
Prayer together:

Oh Jesus, I thank You for the little daily crosses,
for opposition to my endeavors, for the hardships of
communal life, for the misinterpretation of my
intentions, for humiliations at the hands of others,
for the harsh way in which we are treated,
for false suspicions, for poor health and loss of strength,
for self-denial, for dying to myself, for lack of
recognition in everything, for the upsetting of all my
plans.

(Diary 343)

*Merciful Jesus,
teach me to appreciate the
difficulties of life: sickness,
each suffering,
and with love, take up my
daily cross. Amen.*





Sung:

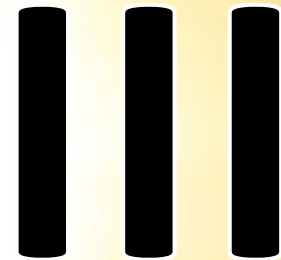
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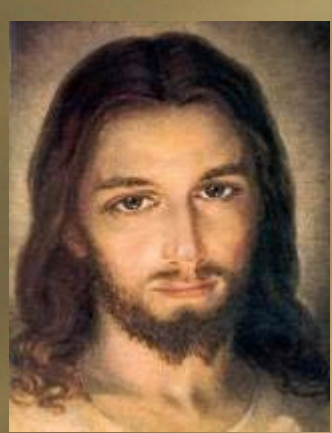
Were you there when He bore the heavy cross?

Oh! Sometimes, it causes me
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Prayer together:

Oh my Jesus, how prone I am to evil,
and this forces me to be constantly vigilant.

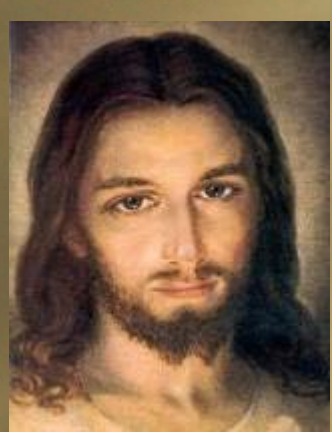
But I do not lose heart.

I trust God's grace,
which abounds in the worst misery.

(Diary 606)

*Merciful Lord,
preserve me from every,
even the tiniest,
but voluntary and
conscious, infidelity.
Amen.*





Sung:

Were you there when He fell beneath its weight?

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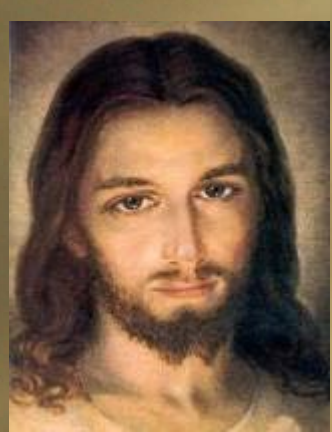
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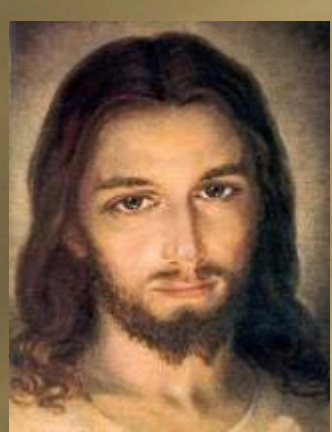
Prayer together:

I saw the Blessed Mother [...] she came close to me [...] and said these words:
“Be courageous. Do not fear apparent obstacles,
but fix your gaze upon the Passion of My Son,
and in this way you will be victorious.”

(Diary, 449)

*Mary, Mother of Mercy,
be always with me,
especially in suffering,
in the same way that you
were present in your
Son's way of the Cross.
Amen.*





Sung:

Were you there when He met His Mother?

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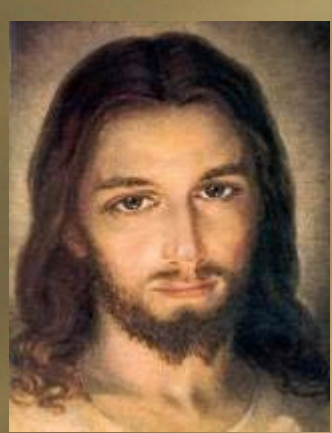
Oh! Sometimes, it causes me
to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when He met His Mother?



V





Prayer together:

Oh, my Jesus, You do not give a reward for the successful performance of a work, but for the good will and the labor undertaken. Therefore, I am completely at peace, even if all my undertakings and efforts should be thwarted or should come to naught.

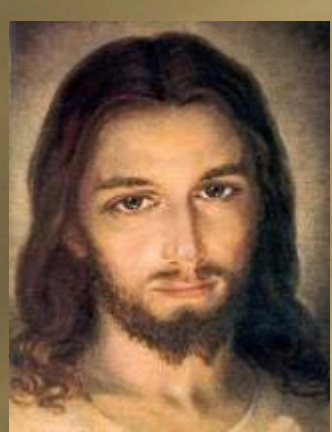
If I do all that is in my power, the rest is not my business. (*Diary*, 952)

*Jesus, may each thought,
each word, each activity be
done only for love of You.*

Purify my intentions.

Amen.





Sung:

Were you there when they called for Simon's help?

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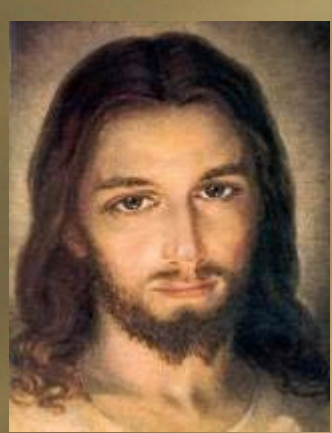
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Were you there when they called for Simon's help?



VI





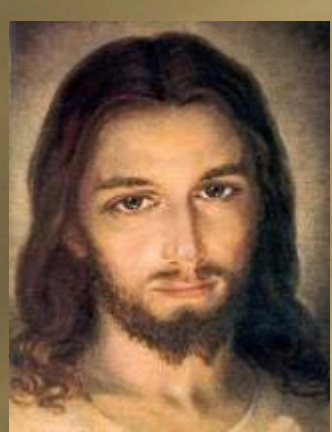
Prayer together:

I am learning how to be good from Jesus,
from Him who is goodness itself,
so that I might be called a daughter
of the Heavenly Father (*Diary*, 669).

Great love can change small things into great ones,
and it is only love which lends value to our actions.
(*Diary*, 303)

*Lord Jesus, My Master,
make my eyes, my hands,
my mouth, my heart,
merciful. Transform me
into your Mercy.
Amen.*





Sung:

Were you there when she wiped His wounded face?

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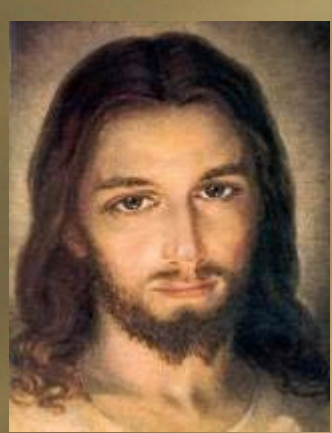
Oh! Sometimes, it causes me
to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when she wiped His wounded face?



VII





Prayer together:

Jesus, do not leave me alone [...]

You know, Lord, how weak I am.

I am an abyss of wretchedness;

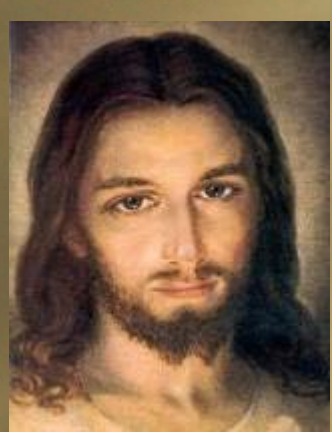
I am nothingness itself; so what will be so strange
if You leave me alone and I fall (*Diary*, 1489).

So You, Jesus, must stand by me constantly like a
mother by a helpless child – and even more so.

(*Diary*, 264)

*May I lean on your grace,
Lord, so that I may not fall
continuously on the same
errors; and if I fall, help me
rise and glorify your Mercy.
Amen.*





Sung:

Were you there when He fell a second time?

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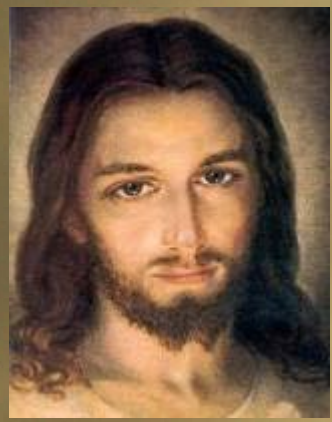
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Were you there when He fell a second time?



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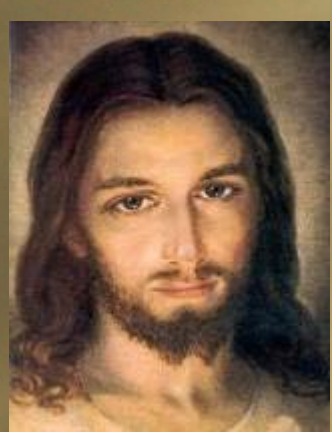
Prayer together:

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 highest
regions and assigns self-love its proper place,
that is to say, the lowest one.

(Diary, 210)

*Merciful Lord,
thank You for Holy Baptism
and the grace of faith.
I call You again:
Lord, I believe,
increase my faith! Amen.*





Sung:

Were you there when the women wept for Him?

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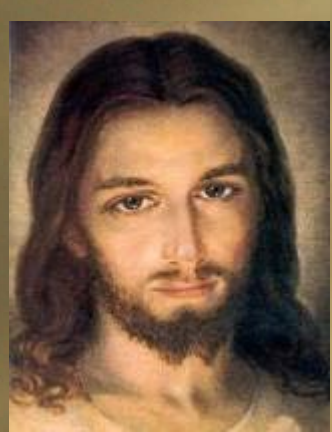
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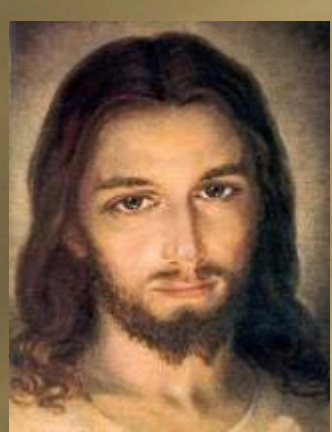
Prayer together:

Oh My Jesus, in spite of Your graces,
I see and feel all my misery.

I begin my day with a battle and end it with a battle.
As soon as I conquer one obstacle, ten more appear
to take its place. But I am not worried,
because I know that this is the time of struggle,
not peace. (*Diary*, 606)

*Merciful Lord, I give You
everything that is my
exclusive property, that is,
sin and human frailty.
I beg You, that my misery
may be drowned in Your
unfathomable Mercy.
Amen.*





Sung:

Were you there when He fell yet once again?

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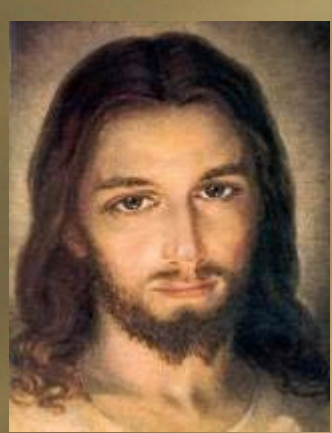
Oh! Sometimes, it causes me
to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when He fell yet once again?



X





Prayer together:

I understood these words to the very depth.

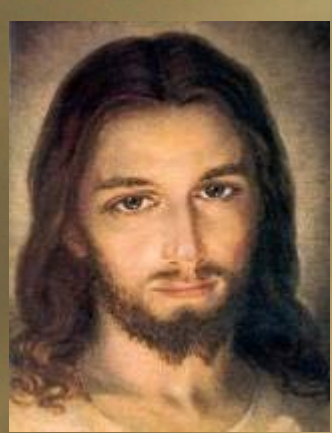
There's no room for doubt here.

My likeness to Jesus must be through
suffering and humility.

(Diary, 268)

*Jesus,
meek and humble of Heart,
transform my heart
according to Your Heart.
Amen.*





Sung:

Were you there when they stripped Him of His clothes?

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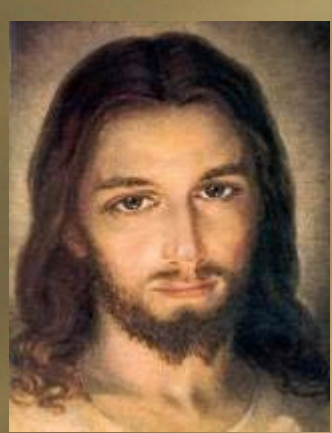
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Were you there when they stripped Him of His clothes?



XI





Prayer together:

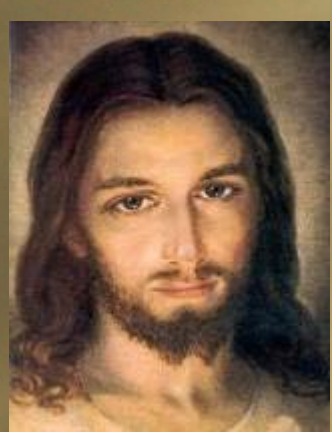
Oh my Jesus, You know what efforts are needed to live sincerely and unaffectedly with those from whom our nature flees, or with those who, deliberately or not, have made us suffer. Humanly speaking, this is impossible. At such times more than others, I try to discover the Lord Jesus in such a person and for this same Jesus, I do everything for such a person.

(Diary, 766)

*Oh purest Love, reign in all
Your plenitude in my heart
and allow me to love more
than what human measure
allows me to. Amen.*

(Diary, 328)





Sung:

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

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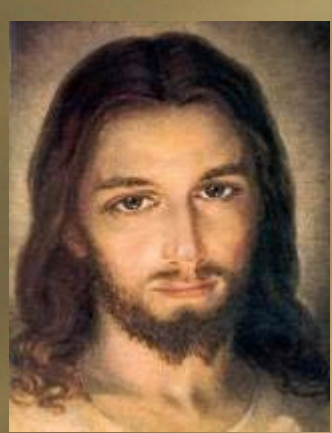
Oh! Sometimes, it causes me
to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?



XII





Prayer together:

Then I saw the Lord Jesus nailed to the cross.

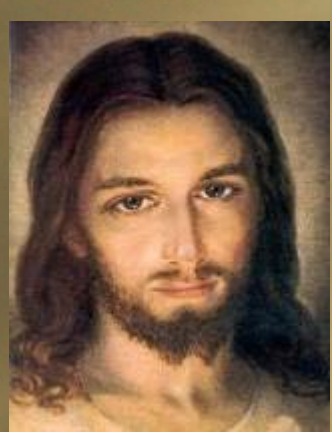
When He had hung on it for a while,

I saw a multitude of souls crucified like Him.

The second multitude was not nailed to their crosses,
but they were holding them firmly in their hands.

The third were neither nailed to their crosses
nor holding them firmly in their hands,
but were dragging their crosses behind them and
were discontent.





Prayer together:

Jesus then said to me:

“Do you see these souls? Those who are like Me in the pain and contempt they suffer will be like Me also in glory.

And those who resemble Me less in pain and contempt will also bear less resemblance to Me in glory.”

(Diary, 446)

Jesus, my Savior, hide me in the depths of Your Heart so that nourished by Your grace, I may be able to be like You in the love for the cross and in the participation of Your glory. Amen.



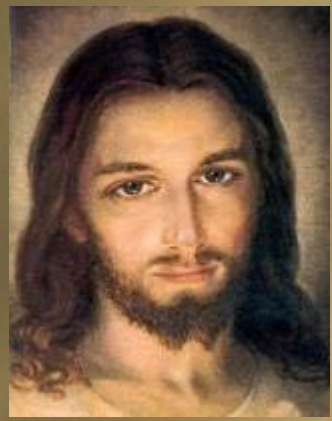


Silence after this Station



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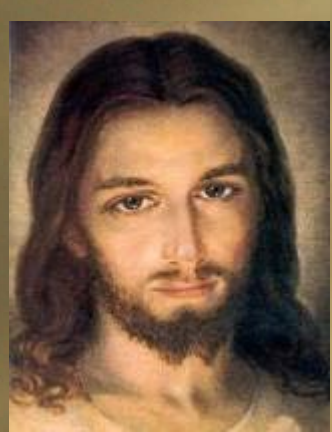


Prayer together:

I come to Your Mercy, compassionate God;
only You are goodness itself. Although my misery is
great, and my offenses are many, I trust in Your mercy,
because You are the God of mercy;
and from time immemorial, it has never been heard of,
nor do heaven or earth remember, that a soul trusting
in Your mercy has been disappointed. (*Diary*, 1730)

*Jesus, multiply in me each
day the trust in Your Mercy,
so that always and
everywhere I may be a
witness of Your goodness
and infinite love.
Amen.*





Sung:

Were you there when they took His Body down?

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Oh! Sometimes, it causes me
to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they took His Body down?



XIV





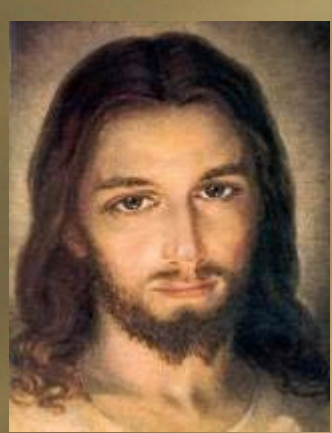
Prayer together:

Every soul You have entrusted to me, Jesus,
I will try to aid with prayer and sacrifice,
so that Your grace can work in them.

Oh great Lover of souls, my Jesus,
I thank You for this immense confidence with which
You have deigned to place souls in our care.

(Diary, 245)



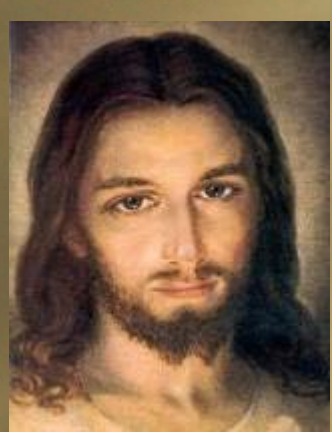


Prayer together:

My Jesus, my only hope, I am grateful for this great book You have opened before the eyes of my soul. This great book is Your Passion You have confronted out of love for me. From this book I have learned how to love God and souls. Inexhaustible treasures are stored in it [...] Oh Jesus, how few souls understand You in Your martyrdom of love [...] Happy the soul that has understood the love from the Heart of Jesus. Amen.

(Diary, 304).





Sung:

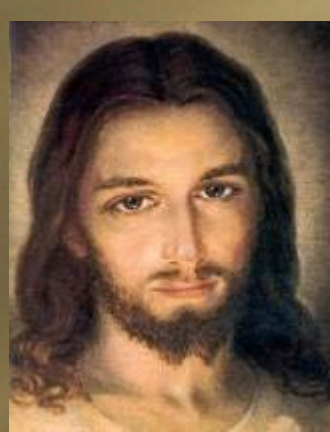
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

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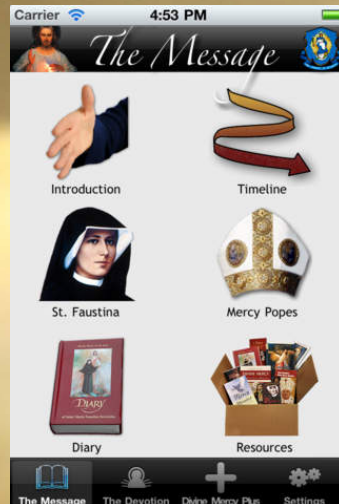
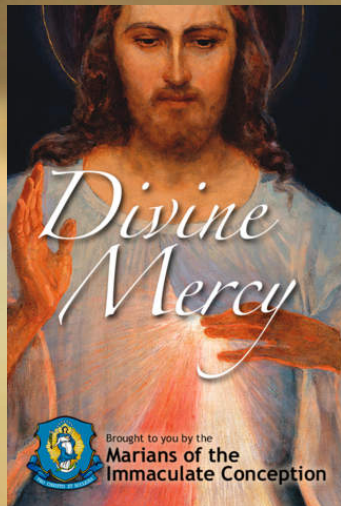
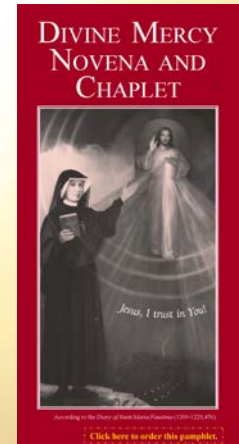


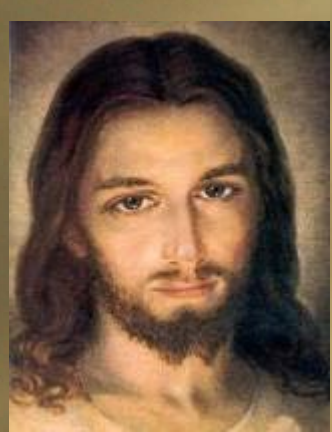
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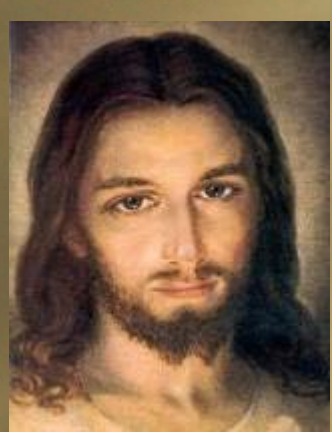
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Day 1

Most Merciful Jesus, whose very nature it is to have compassion on us and to forgive us, do not look upon our sins but upon our trust which we place in Your infinite goodness.

Receive us all into the
abode of Your Most
Compassionate Heart, and
never let us escape from It.
We beg this of You by Your
love which unites You to
the Father and the
Holy Spirit.





Novena to the Divine Mercy

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon all mankind and especially upon poor sinners, all enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus.

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, show us Your mercy, that we may praise the omnipotence of Your mercy for ever and ever.
Amen.



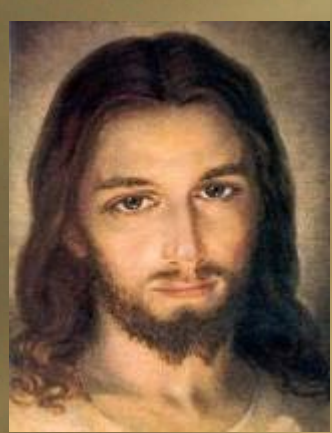
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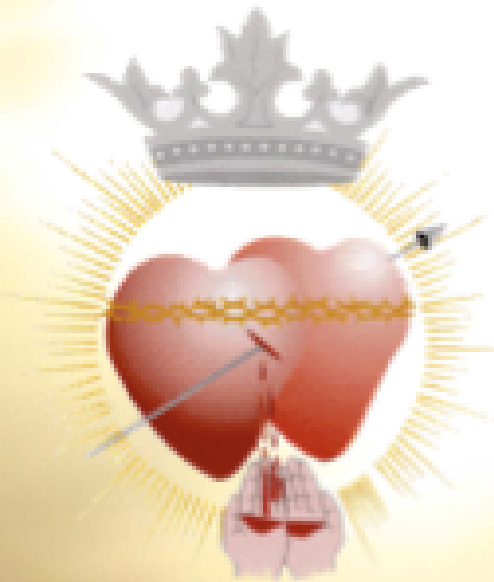
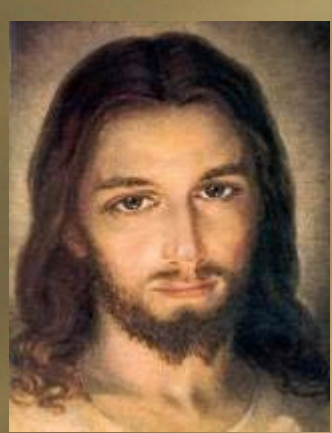
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