

# NOVENA TO SAINT JOHN PAUL II

## DAY 7 – MERCY

Today, when egoism, indifference, and insensitivity of hearts are spreading in a frightening way, how intensely we need a renewal of sensitivity to a person, to his poverty and sufferings. The world cries for mercy.

*Nothing is more necessary for man than the mercy of God - this gentle, sympathetic love, raising man above his weaknesses toward the eternal heights of God's holiness.*

*Man – every man – is that prodigal son: burdened with the temptation to leave the Father, in order to live independently; giving in to temptation; betrayed by this emptiness that fascinated him like a mirage; alone, slandered, taken advantage of, when he tries to build a world just for himself; in the depths of his misery, tortured by his desire to return to his union with his Father.*

*Like the Father in the parable, God looks out for the return of His son, embraces him when he arrives and sets a table to honor the renewed meeting in which reconciliation between the Father and brothers is celebrated.*

John Paul II, Apostolic Exhortation, Reconciliatio et Penitent, Dec. 2, 1984

“Jesus, I trust in You”. This prayer, prized by many devotees of the Mercy of God, aptly expresses the posture that we also wish to assume as we want to entrust ourselves into Your embrace, Lord, our only Saviour. How intensely You want to be loved, and whoever kindles in himself the feelings of Your Heart, learns to be a builder of the new culture of love. A simple act of trust is enough to penetrate the drape of gloom and sadness, doubt and despair. The rays of Your divine mercy restore in a special way the hope of those who feel oppressed by the heavy weight of sin.

**Let us pray:**

**Mary, Mother of Mercy,  
grant that the hope we place  
in your Son, our Redeemer,  
may always remain alive.**

**St. Faustina, also help us  
when with you, we wish to repeat  
(as we gaze boldly into the face of the Divine Redeemer)  
the words,  
“Jesus, I trust in You. Today and forever”.  
Amen.**

**Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory be... Litany....**

