

Pause for Prayer

THE DIVINE MERCY

PART 4 OF A PRAYER 'HOW-TO'

UNPACKING DIVINE MERCY

You may recall from Part 1 that Sister Faustina – a simple uneducated nun in the 1930s – received extraordinary revelations – or messages – from our Lord Jesus. Jesus appeared to her and spoke with her many times. He asked Sister Faustina to record these experiences, which she compiled into notebooks totalling about 600 pages.

These notebooks are known today as the ***Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska***, and the words contained within are God's loving message of Divine Mercy.

There are 5 points to the Divine Mercy devotion and we will look at the third one – the novena of the Divine Mercy.

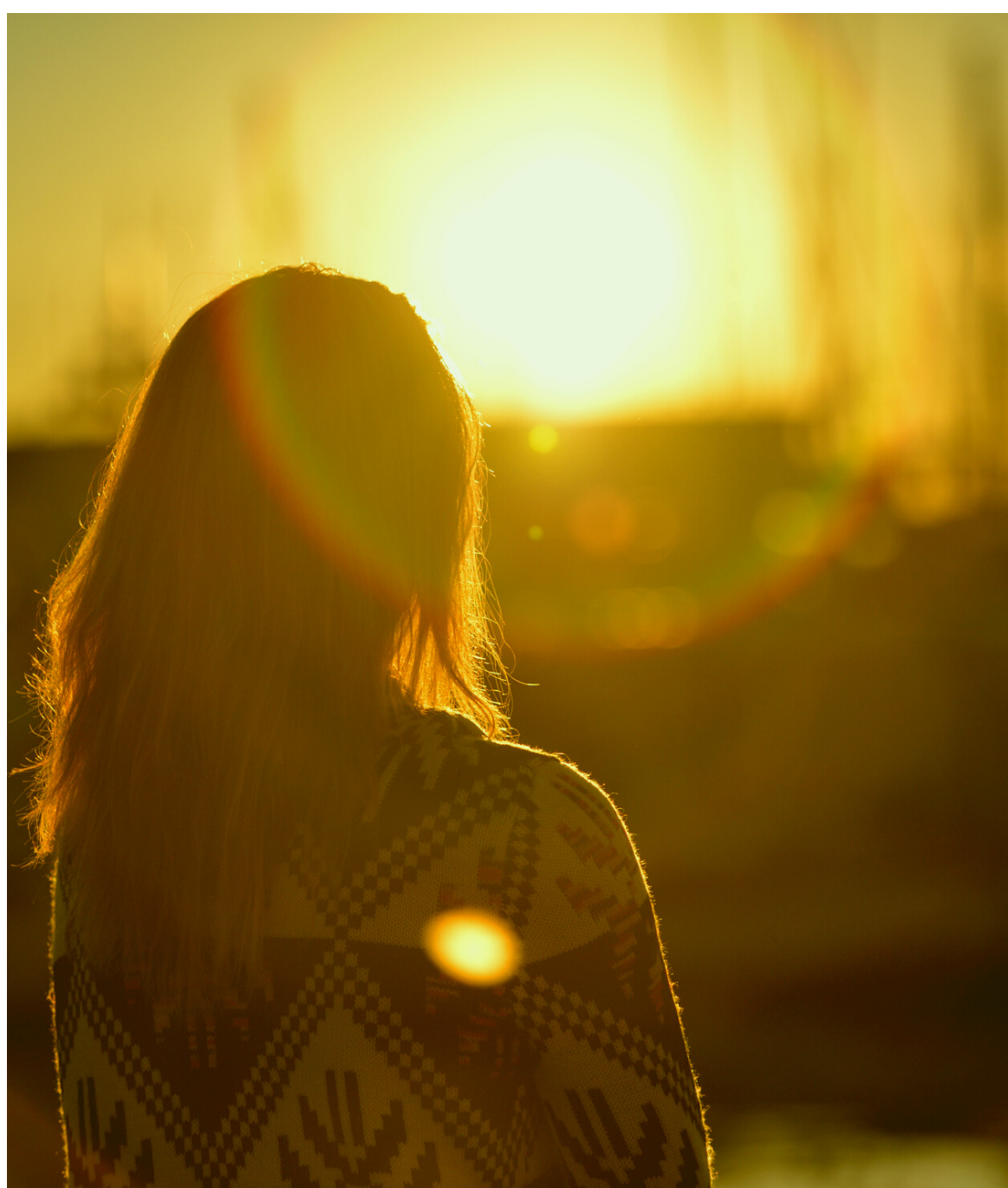


SO WHAT'S A NOVENA?

A novena is 9 days of prayer in a row asking God's help.

Jesu told Sister Faustina that he wanted 9 days of prayer leading up to the feast of Divine Mercy Sunday. This means that the novena would always begin on Good Friday, the day he was crucified.

Jesus wanted a specific group of people to be prayed for each day of the novena.



NOVENA INTENTIONS

Jesus told Sister Faustina,

"On each day of the novena you will bring to My heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy...on each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces for these souls."

The different souls prayed for on each day of the novena are:

- DAY 1 (Good Friday) - All mankind, especially sinners
- DAY 2 (Holy Saturday) - The souls of priests and religious sisters and brothers



DAY 3 (Easter Sunday) - All devout and faithful souls

DAY 4 (Easter Monday) - Those who do not believe in Jesus and those who do not yet know Him

DAY 5 (Easter Tuesday) - The souls of those separated from the Church

DAY 6 (Easter Wednesday) - The meek and humble souls and the souls of children

DAY 7 (Easter Thursday) - The souls who especially venerate and glorify Jesus' mercy

DAY 8 (Easter Friday) - The souls who are still in purgatory

DAY 9 (Easter Saturday) - The souls who have become lukewarm

