

Jesus To St. Faustina

In *Diary 1320*. Jesus told St. Faustina, “**At three o’clock**, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, *if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion*, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony. **This is the hour of great mercy for the whole world...In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion.**

At That Moment

In *Diary 1572*, Jesus said, “I remind you, My daughter, that as often as you hear the clock strike the third hour, immerse yourself completely in My mercy...for at that moment, mercy was opened wide for every soul...In this hour, you can obtain *everything* for yourself and for others *for the asking*; it was the hour of grace for the whole world—mercy triumphed over justice.

“If you can, try your best to make the Stations Of The Cross in this hour. If you cannot do so, step into the chapel, immerse yourself in prayer, *even for a brief instant, wherever you happen to be.*”

Impatience!

At the Mass said here, the priest talked about the sin of impatience. He did not know it, but he was talking about **my**, perhaps, predominant sin. He gave some remedies, such as, “don’t criticize anyone, don’t nitpick, but most of all...realize that you cannot overcome this sin by yourself. You must ask for God’s help to overcome it, (and probably so, with every persistent and prevalent sin).

Jesus Said, “You Can Obtain Everything For The Asking.”

OK...I have an idea. We can both begin immediately (you and I) to make a nine day novena at three o’clock, to ask for God’s help. A fine short prayer that we might want to say is the one that Jesus, through St. Faustina, recommends (*Diary 1310*):

“You expired Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.”

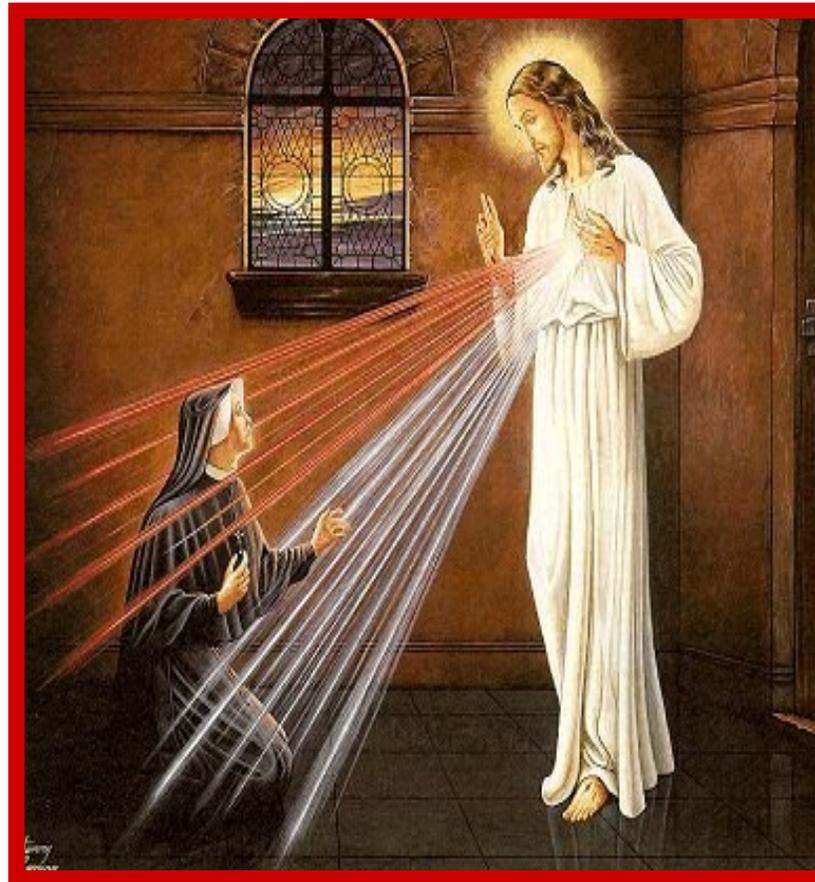
My God, for the sake of His sorrowful passion, help me to overcome my sins of impatience (or whatever).

Try It

Well, are you game? It may seem like an impossible thing, but if we *truly* mean it when we say, “*Jesus, I trust in You,*” and if it is in keeping with God’s holy will, He tells us that it will work. **Let us try it!**



The 3 O’clock Hour



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(Diary 1320)

The Gift

by Rosalie Turton

A great gift was given to us who went on pilgrimage to Ireland in 2008 when we met with visionary Mrs. Nan Higgins, and I feel compelled to share this gift with you.

She told me that we are the only pilgrimage group to whom she will give a talk. In fact, on that particular visit to Ireland, Jesus actually told Nan to call us, and she, her husband, and a priest drove 100 miles to come to us!

Now, by me telling you one particular sentence from her talk (the gift) that deeply affected me, *you are there with us, as well*. If you ponder it well, I feel that you, too, can become enriched by it, as it has so tremendously enriched me.

Pray At Three O'clock

On that visit, Jesus gave her a message that really hit home to me. He said, **“I didn’t die at 2:30. I didn’t die at 3:45. I died at 3 o’clock, and I want you to pray at three o’clock.”**

Well, what is so unusual or important about that? We know it...but I, and many of us, had not realized how *specific* Jesus wants us to be.

We Had Gotten Careless

In my office, we used to stop all activities *somewhere around* three o'clock, to do the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Then we added the Litany of St. Joseph, then the St. Gertrude Prayer, and then later we added the Litany for the Souls in Purgatory, the Akita Prayer, the Lady of All Nations Prayer, etc. It became a 20 to 40 minute prayer exercise in the middle of the day.

All the while, the phone was ringing, the UPS person came for a pickup, people came in the door who needed assistance, etc., and we felt that the work we were doing was interrupted. The Divine Mercy “devotion” often became an interference,” and sometimes, we were even relieved when it was finished!

When one of us was “too busy” or tending to seemingly “more important matters,” one by one, some people stopped joining the group in praying the prayers and, I am ashamed to say that, eventually we totally stopped praying this particular devotion together. Some of us prayed the Chaplet individually at another time, *or not at all*.

This is not to say that we did not pray, because for the most part, all of the individuals at the office are daily communicants, and the Rosary beads are a major part of our life. *The problem in the office was three o'clock!*

Of course that was not the problem at all. The problem was us, our lack of the sense of urgency and importance of this Chaplet, and the organization of our prayer time.

After Ireland

Well then, after pondering that message in Ireland for a few weeks, my eyes were opened (as I hope that yours will be opened now).

I came home and wrote about the Muslims who “stop everything five times a day when the call to prayer is sounded.” Wow, as a Catholic, can’t I even do it once a day? Are they better in their dedication to organized prayer than I am? How embarrassing!

Jesus Asks For Prayer At Three O'clock. I realized that I had better try again, and do something about His request.

Set The Alarm Clocks

I set alarm clocks at home and in the office to ring at three p.m. Now, when they ring, I stop whatever I am doing, and go alone by the Divine Mercy picture to pray the Chaplet. The *only* extra prayers that I say are one day of the Divine Mercy Novena Prayer, and the St. Michael prayer. That is all. Short and it turns out to be very sweet.

Soon one staff member joined me, then another, and *then all of them came*. Two of them set their cell phones to ring at three o'clock so that they could pray the Chaplet wherever they may be.

On pilgrimage, I tell everyone on the bus that, when it is three o'clock, someone should yell out the time...and someone always does, and we pray it, *right then*.

We Need To Be Aware Of The Hour

Just now as I am writing this, the three o'clock alarm sounded on my clock, and a prayer group who was visiting, started to have their coffee break in the kitchen. I left my room to go to where a Divine Mercy picture was hanging, and I told everyone that it is three o'clock, and anyone who wished to join in praying the Chaplet is most welcome to do so. No one came...and this was a prayer group!

I am not criticizing them. Perhaps I was the same way at one time. Perhaps you still are. It simply tells me how much this three o'clock awareness is needed. It is not *my* idea. ***God wants it.***

It Is Not A New Devotion

Even in olden times, God has set the three o'clock hour as a time for people to pray (in honor of the Christ, even without knowing that reason...but God knew it). Read Acts 3, where Peter and John went to Solomon’s Temple *shortly* after Jesus' death, for the three o'clock *daily prayer meeting*, before they healed the man who was lame from birth, and who laid there by the Beautiful Gate.

Read it. It is a great story. But pay attention to the fact that it was the ***three o'clock daily prayer meeting***, and it says that the people all came rushing out to see the wonderful thing that happened. It sounds like there were *many people there*, and Peter immediately began preaching about Jesus!