

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The Covid-19 pandemic is affecting our so many of our brothers and sisters in our communities, our country and around the world. Many people feel anxious and helpless. The pandemic does, however, provide us with an opportunity to turn all that is negative into something positive; we are given a favourable time to renew our trust in God's tender care for us and to make our own the prayer: "Jesus, I trust in you." So many of our parishioners are already praying for those suffering from Covid-19, their families, healthcare workers and those who are struggling in so many ways as a result of the pandemic. One devotion which is already being widely used is to unite in prayer at 3:00pm each day, or whenever we can, to recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for the above intentions, together with the prayer below, which St John Paul II offered on the occasion of the Dedication of the Shrine of Divine Mercy on 17th August 2002. I warmly commend this devotion to you and to the faithful.

*God, merciful Father,
in your Son, Jesus Christ, you have revealed your love
and poured it out upon us in the Holy Spirit, the Comforter,
We entrust to you today the destiny of the world and of every man and woman.
Bend down to us sinners,
heal our weakness,
conquer all evil,
and grant that all the peoples of the earth
may experience your mercy.
In You, the Triune God,
may they ever find the source of hope.
Eternal Father,
by the Passion and Resurrection of your Son,
have mercy on us and upon the whole world!
Amen.*