

PRAXIS BINDER INSERT: ABLAZE PF/8 4-17/20

PRAYER: DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET (ON ORDINARY ROSARY BEADS)

1. Sign of the Cross
2. The Our Father
3. The Hail Mary
4. The Apostles' Creed
5. On the Large Bead before Each Decade:

"Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world."

6. On the Ten Small Beads of Each Decade:

"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

7. Concluding Doxology (At the conclusion, three times):
"Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One,
have mercy on us and on the whole world."

PRAXIS: MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH MILITANT AS WOUNDED WARRIORS

- I. Church Militant: The Victory of the Cross—"If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me" (Luke 9: 23).
 - A. The Sword of Truth and Cross of Love Defend and Establish Life and Love:
 1. **WITHIN** each member of Christ's Body
 2. **OUTSIDE** each member through martyrdom, either "red" or "white"
 - B. Warfare—Truth and Love require warfare and wounding, self-sacrifice and defense:
 1. Mary: A "sword will pierce your soul" (Luke 2:35).
 2. Christ: "one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear" (John 19:34).
 - C. Particular "woundings in the Word" for each of us: "For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12).
 1. "Wounds" of ordinary life and the actions of the Holy Spirit (example of my vocation):
 - a. Knowledge
 - b. Fear of the Lord
 - c. Piety
 - d. Understanding
 - e. Wisdom
 - f. Counsel
 - g. Fortitude
 2. By Christ's wounds, we are healed, and come to perfection as a priest, a prophet, and a king—in, with, and through Christ crucified and risen.
- II. Examples: Priests (and Victim)/Prophet (witness and word)/King (and Servant)
 - A. Saint Stephen the Martyr: Stoned
 - B. Saul (St. Paul): Blinded/Decapitated
 - C. Maria Goretti: Stabbed to death