Covenant Life

- Our next prayer meeting is <u>TODAY</u> at 3pm. We will be praying the Divine Mercy chaplet during our time of praise and worship. Children ministry will meet but the Youth ministry will not meet due to the Ablaze retreat.
- NOTE: We will have prayer meeting next Sunday on May 1^{st} as we change our pattern to meet on 1^{st} and 3^{rd} Sundays to allow everyone to spend more time with their families on Mother's Day.
- The <u>NSC / Pentecost Today USA national leadership conference</u> will be close to us this year in Houston on October 10-12. There is a \$50 discount if you register before May 1st. Learn more <u>here</u>.
- GodsDelight.org has prayer meeting audio, summaries, transcripts, and teachings.
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Reflection

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday, a special opportunity to reflect on God's unfathomable infinite mercy. Regardless of where we are in our relationship to Jesus, He invites us to open our heart to Him and trust His great and unconditional love for us. Today is a special day to welcome an ocean of His mercy to heal all wounds, hurts, past acts of commission or omission. Today is a special day to be bathed in His love and mercy and be washed clean.

For prayer and reflection, I offer a few highlight quotes from Saint Faustina's diary:

- "The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to My mercy." (723)
- "Souls that make an appeal to My mercy delight Me. To such souls I grant even more graces than they ask." (1146)
- "I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy." (687)
- "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." (1320)
- Regarding the Divine Mercy Chaplet "When they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge but as the Merciful Savior." (1541)

- Regarding the Feast of Divine Mercy: "On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy." (699)
- Regarding the Image of Divine Mercy: "I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: 'Jesus, I trust in You.'" (327)

Let us pray, "Jesus, I place my trust in You. You know the pain and hurt I carry. I bring everything I am and my life's journey to You, placing it all at the foot of Your cross. I claim these promises of Your infinite unconditional boundless mercy. I appeal to You to wash me clean. Today I specifically place my trust in Your mercy. Jesus, as I pray and reflect on Your abandonment and passion, I announce to You my intention to follow Your example and totally abandon myself to God the Father as You did. I formally ask to be immersed in the promised ocean of Your mercy. I pause and rest in Your mercy! I allow the rivers of Your love and mercy to flow around and over me. Jesus, I trust in You! Amen."

God Bless, David

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