**The A,B, C’s of the Divine Mercy**

**As little children we all learned our A,B, C’s which became the building blocks and foundation for our education. Today in order to deepen our appreciation for the Divine Mercy Chaplet and our dear Lord’s Message of Mercy, I would like to share with you the A,B, C’s of Mercy so we can better live its meaning in our daily lives and let it flow out to others.**

**A— ASK, never hesitate to ASK for His Mercy. You must first fully grasp that God IS merciful. Doesn’t it please you when someone asks for your help? Our Lord is there waiting for you to ask for His mercy, not only for yourself, but for your family, friends, our nation, especially now and for the whole world!**

**B--- BE merciful to others. He wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow to others you encounter. He wants us to extend our love and forgiveness to others as he does to us. Remember the beatitude, “Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy.” We set the limits of how much we want God to forgive us when we pray as Jesus taught us “Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.” Christ calls us to BE merciful to others.**

**And finally C—Confidence, completely trust in God. The Divine Mercy image which Jesus revealed to St. Faustina had the words “ Jesus , I trust in You” proclaimed beneath. So be as a little child who completely trusts in their loving Father. Surrender yourself to His Holy will in whatever you do, and everything you do each day.**

**Now let us pray together the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.**

**How appropriate that one week after Holy Week with the image of his Passion and death still fresh in our minds we contemplate His great Mercy**