

THE DIVINE MERCY

MERCY IN ACTION

*Mercy seeks to lessen the
misery of others*

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“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.”

(Mt 5:7)



“Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ... ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’”

(Mt 25:31–46)

- “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself’. On these two commandments hang *a//* the law and the prophets.”

(Mt 22:34–40)

Merciful Parables

- The Good Samaritan (Lk 10:25–37)
 - “Which of these three (Priest, Levite, and Samaritan), do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robber?” The lawyer (Scribe) said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”
- The Call of Matthew (Mt 9:9–13)

“Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ...Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’”

- The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

(Mt 18:23–35)

- “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?”
- “Our Father, ... And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who have trespassed against us” (Mt 6:12).

Jesus is *Mercy* Hanging on a Cross

“For God (**Divine**) so loved (**Mercy**) the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life” (Jn 3:16).

“Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing” (Lk 23:34).

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ,...

- Jesus told Sr. Faustina, “I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself from it” (Diary 742).



- Jesus gave St. Faustina three ways of exercising mercy towards her neighbor:
 - 1) By deed,
 - 2) By word,
 - 3) and By prayer (Diary 742).

Jesus told St Faustina, “In these three degrees is contained the fullness of mercy, and it is an unquestionable proof of love for Me. By this means a soul glorifies and pays reverence to My mercy” (Diary 742).

***MATERIAL MEANS ARE NOT NECESSARY TO PRACTICE MERCY. SPIRITUAL MERCY IS MORE MERITORIOUS AND WITHIN THE GRASP OF EVERY SOUL (Diary 1317).**

“The *works of mercy* are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities” (CCC 2447).

Spiritual Works of Mercy (CCC 2447)

- 1) Admonish sinners
- 2) Instruct the uninformed
- 3) Counsel the doubtful
- 4) Comfort the sorrowful
- 5) Bear wrongs patiently
- 6) Forgive offenses
- 7) Pray for the living and the dead

Corporal Works of Mercy (CCC 2447)

- 1) Feed the hungry
- 2) Give drink to the thirsty
- 3) Clothe the naked
- 4) Shelter the homeless
- 5) Comfort the imprisoned
- 6) Visit the sick
- 7) Bury the dead

“Be merciful just as your Father is merciful.”

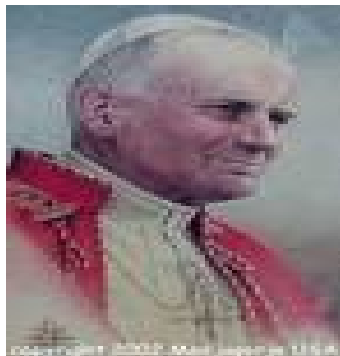
(Lk 6:36)

John Paul II, *The Great Mercy* Pope said,

“God calls us to witness to mercy in today’s world. Once we recognize this truth, we become aware that Christ’s call to love others even as He has loved us calls all of us to that same measure. We feel in some sense impelled to make our lives a daily offering by showing mercy to our brothers and sisters, drawing upon the gift of God’s merciful love. We realize that God, in showing us mercy, calls upon us to become witnesses to mercy in today’s world.”

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Stockbridge, MA: Marian Press.

- “The message of merciful love needs to resound forcefully anew. The world needs this love. The hour has come to bring Christ’s message to everyone...The hour has come when the message of Divine Mercy is able to fill hearts with hope and to become the spark of a new civilization: the civilization of love.”



Pope John Paul II

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- “If a soul does not exercise mercy somehow or other, it will not obtain My mercy on the day of judgment” (Diary 1317).

~Jesus~

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Conclusion

The fruit of Silence is Prayer
The fruit of Prayer is Faith
The fruit of Faith is Love
The fruit of Love is Service
The fruit of Service is Peace

Mother Teresa



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