

# Prayer for the Year of Mercy

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**O Lord**, as the rains fall from heaven, bringing life, shower us with the Father's infinite mercy so that at home and throughout the world we may foster forgiveness, justice, and peace.

Help us, Lord, to feed the hungry; especially those who suffer from poverty and drought.

To give drink to the thirsty; especially those who lack clean, abundant water.

To clothe the naked; especially those exposed to the cold of winter and the sting of indifference.

To give shelter to the homeless; especially victims of war, storms, and rising seas.

To care for the sick; especially those who have been poisoned by the wastes of our industries.

To ransom the captive; especially those oppressed by cruel economic and political systems, or from addictions to the pleasures of the world.

To protect the dignity of the human person, especially in reverently burying the dead.

Lord, strengthen us, so that we may teach those who do not see how their lifestyles harm others.

So that we may offer hope to those who despair for the future of loved ones or the future of the world.

So that we may admonish those who sin against neighbor, the natural order, or the laws of nature.

So that we may patiently bear the sufferings inflicted by gluttony and greed.

So that we may willingly forgive offences committed against humanity and the goodness of creation.

So that we may comfort those afflicted by corruption, by changes to our climate, and by unwholesome desires.

So that we may then desire always to pray for the living and the dead.

Heavenly Father, through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son, you have opened the floodgates of mercy so that the Spirit may restore what you have created. Help us, your servants, to assist your work here in the remnant of the garden we are called to steward, and among all people, who we are called to embrace, console, and love.

**Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.**



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