

# God's Mercy

Dearest sisters and brothers in Christ,

Our Lord is with us always, watching over us, sharing our devotions, our intentions for good, our fragile fears and our insistent worries. During times of friable struggle, may we create space within us to nurture deep faith, linger in devotional prayer, and let our hearts transcend the worries of this world in God's loving embrace.

It is God's mercy that saves us; it is not our own work or force of will. May we write upon our hearts that we are forever restored by God's divine grace and mercy. The more we grow in our Christian life, the more we understand the magnificent blessings of mercy and grace.

Grace resides in the heartbeat of hope and mercy. As our hearts beat, so does the grace of God pulsate through our spirit. All will need to do is *let God* immerse us in His mercy and do for us what we cannot yet imagine. God's divine mercy and grace bring us to a place of peace within. Grace and mercy gives us courage, strength, and the will to go on without the burdens of our human limitations.

Mercy is a disposition to be kind and forgiving. It is the feeling that motivates compassion. In Christian belief, grace is the free and unmerited favor of God, as manifested in the bestowal of blessings. We need not earn the blessings of grace or mercy. God gives us these divine gifts when we need them most.

How can we grow in Christian life? We can allow the light of God to shine through us. We can practice active kindness, generosity, compassion, and love while developing our capacity of courage, in God's holy name. We can remember that the least among us are our sisters and brothers too. May our fervent prayers for peace settle within all our hearts.

God heals us, forgives us, loves us and knows exactly what we need even before our needs arise. We are not separated by God's love. Rather, we are connected by His mercy on delicate fibers of our shared humanity. Christ knows, by way of His own human suffering, what grace and mercy can do to dissolve our pain.

How are we then to believe that we will receive mercy? By our faith: simple and pure.

***“You believe in me Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord;  
Blessed our those who have not seen me, but still believe.”***

Let your life, your intentions and your action be *a prayer in motion* to God. Use your life to make someone else’s life more peaceful. Employ heartfelt kindness to reveal God’s goodness. Praise the Lord in all that you think, do and say. Grace is the path of peace and divine mercy navigates our journey. Hold a sacred place in your heart to be the grace someone else needs, today, and always. In God’s holy name, we pray. ***Amen.***

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