

Pray for Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and whoever sees you sees Him.

Show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress Magdalene from seeking happiness in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one, the words you have spoken to the Samaritan woman: "If only you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy:

Let the Church be your visible face in the world, the Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error; let everyone who approaches them feel loved and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with may know your mercy, and your Church with renewed enthusiasm may bring the good news to the poor, the captive and the oppressed.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of Mercy, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. AMEN