

Nine Week Novena For Mercy

Week Two **Agents of Mercy**

“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.” Luke 6:36

Mercy never remains stationary, it is ever on the move seeking ways to grow, and expand into the far reaches of the world and that of our hearts.

Mother Teresa said that: **“If we have no love it is because we have forgotten that we belong to one another.”** If we have no mercy, if we never witness mercy or never experience mercy, it is because we have forgotten that we are called to be merciful. God is first merciful to us, but we cannot keep this mercy to ourselves, we must share it and let it flow freely from our presence into all those whom we encounter. Mercy is a grace given by God freely to us, and through this mercy God will reach out to others. Mercy from God is not just given, but given to be sent forth. We are called to be agents of mercy. We are given mercy and sent out into the world to express mercy with every encounter and in every opportunity given to us. An agent of mercy is one who lives mercy, responds with mercy and cultivates mercy.

“Christ has no body but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes with which he sees compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world...Christ has no body now on earth but yours.” St. Teresa of Avila

In our day to day lives it is easy to ignore or reject people who displease us. We merely over-look that which we don't like in this world and claim that there is nothing that I can do about it. How often have we looked the other way, rather than to get involved. We are one in the mystical Body of Christ, we are united to God through His mercy. Jesus died to save us, He forgives our sins, our offenses, our lack of understanding, our selfishness, our weaknesses. And we...are called to do the same.

As agents of mercy we look into the eyes of every person with mercy, with love. We are to never look down upon anyone or view anyone as less than ourselves. If there is no mercy in this world, it is because we failed to authentically live as the Body of Christ.

Designer of all life, create in me a sense of urgency to allow mercy to flow freely from the depths of my soul and hidden recesses of my heart. Let my every word, become one of mercy. Let every look that I give, every thought that I process, every action of my body, be that of mercy. Teach me O Lord, the boundless ways of Your Divine Mercy. Help me to become a true agent of mercy. Help me to change my heart from longing for what belongs to this world to that which is eternal and does not belong to time. Open my eyes that I may see the suffering in this world, soften my heart to beyond sympathy, so that I may be compelled without limitation to do whatever I can to assist those who are in need of mercy. May I never be afraid to express mercy wherever it is needed. May my life become fully and richly an everlasting echo of Your Divine Mercy. AMEN