

Nine Week Novena For Mercy

Week Six **Mercy** **Knows No** **Bounds**

In Pope Francis' Bull of Indiction Of The Extraordinary Jubilee Of Mercy (*Misericordiae Vultus*), he talks several times, adding great emphasis to the limitlessness of God's mercy.

"Mercy: the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to a hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness." [MV 1]

"Mercy will always be greater than any sin, and no one can place limits on the love of God who is ever ready to forgive." [MV 3]

"The signs he [*Jesus*] works, especially in the face of sinners, the poor, the marginalized, the sick, and the suffering, are all meant to teach mercy. Everything in him speaks of mercy. Nothing in him is devoid of compassion." [MV 8]

Pope Francis goes on to talk about how we as the Church of Christ are to be merciful like the Father, in bringing His unending mercy to all people, especially those who are marginalized.

"How much I desire that the year to come will be steeped in mercy, so that we can go out to every man and woman, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God! May the balm of mercy reach everyone, both believers and those far away, as a sign that the Kingdom of God is already present in our midst!" [MV 5]

"As the Father loves, so do his children. Just as he is merciful, so we are called to be merciful to each other." [MV 9]

"Mercy overcomes every obstacle, knocks down every wall and brings you to always seek the face of the man, the person. And it is mercy that changes hearts and lives, that can regenerate a person and allow them to reintegrate themselves in society." Pope Francis

"The Church is called above all to be a credible witness to mercy, professing it and living it as the core of the revelation of Jesus Christ." [MV 25]

Let us echo daily our Holy Father's prayer for this Year of Mercy:

"In this Jubilee Year, may the Church echo the word of God that resounds strong and clear as a message and sign of pardon, strength, aid, and love. May she never tire of extending mercy, and be ever patient in offering compassion and comfort. May the Church become the voice of every man and woman, and repeat confidently without end: 'Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have from of old' (Ps 25:6)." AMEN