

Nine Week Novena For Mercy

Week Nine Let Mercy Reign

There is nothing on earth more powerful or stronger, nor more breathtaking than that of Mercy. Mercy has the power to forgive the greatest offenses; to love under the most extreme circumstances; bring humility to the hardest of hearts; and sow peace where peace seems impossible.

Close your eyes and imagine for a moment that mercy was alive and active in every heart.... Would violence exist? Would families be at odds with one another? Would lawsuits or prisons exist? Would there ever be an unkind word or thought? Is it impossible for mercy to be alive in every heart...No.

The only enemy of mercy is indifference. Indifference is where evil is born, hatred is common and love is in short supply. How often throughout your day are you indifferent? Whether it be in words, thoughts or actions, how often do we breed indifference?

Mercy is not impossible in our world today...it is a choice. Mercy is a choice that we decide to make, or we decide to ignore. When we ignore opportunities for mercy, we sow indifference into the world. Now, one might say: "If I am merciful, it will not change the world." I cannot imagine a more incorrect statement that too many people make.

Mother Teresa said: ***"If you cannot feed a hundred people, then feed just one."*** Many told Mother Teresa that the effects of one Nun could not solve the problems of the poor. Currently there are Missionaries of Charity all over the world ministering to the poorest of the poor and it all started with one person saying "Yes" to God.

What will your "Yes" to God bring about? What will your choice for mercy do? The possibilities are truly endless. One person cannot change the world alone...but one person can start a fire that can set the world on fire. Mercy is possible in every heart, we only need to start with our own hearts.

Father of all mercy, lead me into the depths of my heart.

Show me the indifference of my ways.

Teach me to love freely, without hesitation and without malice or judgement.

May every word, action and thought be only that of mercy.

Let Your peace flow forth from my heart into all whom I encounter.

AMEN