

JUNE CONTEMPLATION

Blood of Christ, relief of the burdened, have mercy on us.

Opening Hymn

Eucharistic Exposition

Leader:

May this time of prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament be a precious opportunity to grow in awareness of the incomparable treasure which Christ has entrusted to his Church.

Silent Reflection

We pray that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord.

Prayer for the Year of Mercy

All:

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy. May your church, with renewed enthusiasm, bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

Scripture Reading:

(Romans 12: 11b-21)

Serve the Lord with a heart full of devotion. Let your hope keep you joyful, be patient in your troubles, and pray at all times. Share your belongings with your needy fellow Christians, and open your homes to strangers. Ask God to bless those who persecute you—yes, ask him to bless, not to curse. Be happy with those who are happy, weep with those who weep. Have the same concern for everyone. Do not be proud, but accept humble duties. Do not think of yourselves as wise. If someone has done you wrong, do not repay him with a wrong. Try to do what everyone considers to be good. Do everything possible on your part to live in peace with everybody. Never take revenge, my friends, but instead let God's anger do it. For the scripture says, "I will take revenge, I will pay back, says the Lord." Instead, as the scripture says: "If your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them a drink; for by doing this you will make them burn with shame." Do not let evil defeat you; instead, conquer evil with good.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

(Psalm 119: 1-3, 9-10, 13-14, 16)

Response: How blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord.

How blessed are those whose way is blameless, Who walk in the law of the LORD.
How blessed are those who observe His testimonies, Who seek Him with all their heart.
They also do no unrighteousness; They walk in His ways. *R/.*

How can a young man keep his way pure?

By keeping it according to Your word.

With all my heart I have sought You; Do not let me wander from Your commandments. *R/.*

With my lips I have told of all the ordinances of Your mouth.

I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, as much as in all riches. *R/.*

I shall delight in Your statutes; I shall not forget Your word. *R/.*

Glory Be...

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Reflection

(Catechism, #1428)

Christ's call to conversion continues to resound in the lives of Christians... This endeavor of conversion is not just a human work. It is the movement of a "contrite heart," drawn and moved by grace to respond to the merciful love of God who loved us first. (*1 Jn 4:10*)

Prayer to be Merciful to Others

St. Maria Faustina Kowalska (Diary, 163)

All: O Lord, I want to be completely transformed into Your mercy and to be Your living reflection. May the greatest of all divine attributes, that of Your unfathomable mercy, pass through my heart and soul to my neighbor.

Help me, O Lord, that my heart may be merciful so that I myself may feel all the sufferings of my neighbor. May Your mercy, O Lord, rest upon me. Amen.

Silent Reflection

Let us keep silence before God – silent within ourselves – that our hearts and ears may be open.

Gospel

(*Matt. 9: 35-38*)

Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.

Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Meditation

John Paul II, *Dives in Misericordia*, 13

THE MERCY OF GOD IN THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

The Church Professes the Mercy of God and Proclaims It

The Church must profess and proclaim God's mercy in all its truth, as it has been handed down to us by revelation.

"He who has seen me has seen the Father." (*John 14:9*) The Church professes the mercy of God, the Church lives by it in her wide experience of faith and also in her teaching, constantly contemplating Christ, concentrating on Him, on His life and on His Gospel, on His cross and resurrection, on His whole mystery. Everything that forms the "vision" of Christ in the Church's living faith and teaching brings us nearer to the "vision of the Father" in the holiness of His mercy. The Church seems is a particular way to profess the mercy of God and to venerate it when she directs herself to the Heart of Christ. In fact, it is precisely this drawing close to Christ in the mystery of His Heart which enables us to dwell on this point—a point in a sense central and also most accessible on the human level—of the revelation of the merciful love of the Father, a revelation which constituted the central content of the messianic mission of the Son of Man.

Intentions

Leader:

Let us pray together the Daily Offering with the intentions of the Holy Father and our personal intentions:

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

All:

Eternal Father, we offer you in union with Mary, Mother of the Redeemer of humankind, the Blood Jesus shed with love in his passion and every day is offered on the altar. In union with the Victim offered for the salvation of the world, we offer today's actions in expiation for our sins, for the conversion of sinners, for the souls in purgatory, for the needs of the holy Church, and especially:

For the Holy Father's **Universal Intention:** That the aged, marginalized, and those who have no one may find—even within the huge cities of the world—opportunities for encounter and solidarity, we pray. *R/.*

For the Holy Father's **Intention for Evangelization:** That seminarians and men and women entering religious life may have mentors who live the joy of the Gospel and prepare them wisely for their mission, we pray. *R/.*

That our country more fully embrace the culture of life, recognizing in each person the image of God Himself, we pray. *R/.*

Lord, You have promised to be with your Church always. May the Holy Spirit inspire many more vocations to the priesthood and religious life, we pray. *R/.*

For all those entrusted with fatherhood, that your Holy Spirit may constantly inspire them with justice and mercy, wisdom and strength, fidelity and self-giving love, we pray. *R/.*

For those who've asked the help of our prayers, for those who have no one to pray for them, and for the intentions we hold in the silence of our hearts, we pray. *R/.*

Our Father...

Silent Reflection

Closing Prayer

All:

Eternal God, in Whom mercy is endless, and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us, and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments, we might not despair, nor become despondent, but with great confidence, submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy Itself. Amen.

Benediction and Reposition

Closing Hymn