

Mercy for Beloved Enemies

Join us today at 3pm (CST) as we intercede for loved ones in need of God's mercy.

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40 Days of Mercy Devotional – Lent 2012 – Day 28

Be always merciful, as I am merciful. Love everyone out of love for Me, even your greatest enemies, so that My Mercy may be fully reflected in Your heart. (1695)

Merciful surrender to Jesus in the face of beloved enemies accomplishes holy ends. 'The greater the suffering, the purer the love. (57)

At my first defense, no-one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed... (2 Tim. 4: 16, 17)

When they hurled insults at Jesus, He did not retaliate; when He suffered, He made no threats. Instead, He entrusted Himself to the One who judges justly. (1P 2: 23)

Jesus, show us our wounds, that we might discover Yours afresh. Do not spare us the truth of betrayal. We surrender to You in it. United with You and Your divine purposes, let Mercy prevail. Console us as we ache and forgive, over and over. Strengthen us to rise and to bear with beloved enemies. We do so for Your name's sake, and for the unity and integrity of Your body, the Church.

O Blood and Water, that gushes forth from the Heart of the Savior as a Fount of Mercy for us, we trust in You!

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