Mercy Rising (on trembling legs...)

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 22

> I know that the grain of wheat must be ground between millstones in order to become food. In the same way, I must be crushed in order to be useful to the Church and to souls. (641)

> The Church is founded on forgiveness. Peter is a personal embodiment of this truth, for he is permitted to be the bearer of the keys, after having stumbled, confessed, and received the grace of pardon. Behind the talk of authority, God's power appears as Mercy and thus is the foundation stone of the Church. Pope Benedict, *Called to Communion*

> Simon Peter, Satan has asked to sift you like wheat. But I have prayed for you, Peter, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers. (Lk.22: 31, 32)

Jesus, we agree with You that sin crushes us. Thank You for not crushing us as a penalty for our sin; thank You for granting us Mercy. Only in Mercy can we repent and come to a full knowledge of the Truth. You are that Truth, Jesus. In the words of Peter, where else will we go? You are the key to our lives, the antidote to our sin and the secret of a future lived in union with You. Make us Merciful, as You were merciful to Peter and to us. Like Peter, may we represent well the truth that 'Mercy is the foundation stone of the Church.'

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