

FALL 2016

We have been travelling through a Jubilee Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis, as a time to be merciful like the Father, not judging or condemning, but forgiving our neighbor and offering love and forgiveness without measure. Now is a time to search out how we can deepen our experience of sharing in God's mercy. We might ask ourselves:

"What is lost in my spiritual life that I need to seek out? What is it God expects of me?"

Just as the fruit of the harvest comes after good planning, sweating, pruning, weeding, so our spiritual life grows when we do the work of searching praying and depending on God's abundant love and mercy. Seek what is lost!

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PRAYER FOR SEPTEMBER

Remember your mercy, Lord.

When the sun comes up in the morning..... (Response) Remember your mercy, Lord.

When a friend calls with an emergency.....R.

When I need to welcome a stranger.....R

When I am looking for you in darkness.....R.

When a problem seems insurmountable..... R.

When I face an injustice in my life.....R

And at the end of my life....R.

TAKE THE TIME

Take the time to sing a song, for all those people who don't belong:
The woman wasted by defeat; the men condemned to walk the street;
the down and out we'll never meet.

Take the time to say a prayer, for all those people who face despair.
The starving multitudes who pray to make it through another day,
who watch their children slip away.

Take the time to hear the plea of every desperate refugee;
the millions who have had to flee their lands, their loves, their liberty,
who turn in hope to you and me.

Take the time to take a stand, for peace and justice in every land.
Where power causes deep unrest, come take the part of the oppressed,
and then says God, you will be blessed.

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