

PRAYER OF POPE FRANCIS FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY

Lord Jesus Christ,

You taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,

and you told us that whoever sees you sees Him....

You are the visible face of the invisible Father....

Let the Church be your visible face in the world....

You willed that your ministers would be clothed in weakness

so they could feel compassion for those in ignorance and error;

Let everyone who approaches us feel sought after, loved and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing,

so the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church.

With renewed enthusiasm, may we bring good news to the poor,

proclaim liberty to the captives and the oppressed,

and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy,

Of you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit

For ever and ever. Amen