

(Topics and Lead-in Below)

# Let Mercy Shine

TUNE: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (CORONATION)

Matthew 5:7, 43-48; 18:21-35; Luke 23:34;  
Ephesians 4:32; Titus 3:3-7; 1 Peter 4:10

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1. When all with - in was self and sin, A dark and shore - less sea,  
2. My faith and love were small and weak, Far less than they should be,  
3. Sur - round - ed now by all this need, This lost hu - man - i - ty,  
4. Your pa - tience and for - give - ness, Lord, Lived out for all to see,

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When death was all my life de - served, Your mer - cy flowed to me.  
But still Your pa - tience nev - er failed - Your mer - cy flowed to me.  
Make me a source of gen - tle grace - Let mer - cy flow through me!  
Your love that shone through hate and wrong - Lord, let it shine through me!

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TOPICS: God's Love; Relationships; Serving in Christ's Name; All Saints Day

LEAD-IN: *Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.* (Matthew 5:7, NASB)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

## **Blessed Are the Merciful**

Jesus' fifth beatitude is this:

*Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.*" (Matthew 5:7, NASB)

Father, You are merciful.  
You are kind to the undeserving.  
You are generous even with the greedy and selfish.  
You freely forgive those who wrong You.  
You warmly welcome the unworthy.  
You are gracious and patient and always good.

You call us to be the same.  
If we are to be Your children,  
    we are to think and love and act like You.  
We are to be merciful.

What's more, the giving and receiving of mercy are inseparably linked.  
We cannot receive Your forgiveness  
    unless we extend it to others.  
Your forgiveness cannot flow *to* us  
    until it flows *through* us.  
Until we grant forgiveness to those who have wronged us,  
    we remained enslaved by sin,  
    suffering the lovelessness, resentment, anxiety and anger that injustice brings.  
We can only free ourselves by also  
    freeing those who have wronged us.  
If mercy is the solution for sin,  
    it is the solution for every last one of us.

Father, Your Son showed us the way of mercy.  
While being tortured till death, He prayed,  
    "*Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.*" (Luke 23:34, NASB)  
When I suffer because of someone else,  
    give me His Spirit.  
    Give me His love.

When I am asked to share with the undeserving,  
    give me Your generous heart.  
You lavishly pour out an entire world of blessings  
    on both the wicked and the good.

Father, grow in me

Your compassion,  
Your open heart,  
Your open hand,  
Your freedom from selfishness.

May the needy sense in me Your eagerness to  
smile and help and bless.  
Let all who cross my path,  
including the unkind,  
get a glimpse of Your beautiful, life-giving mercy  
through me.

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