

Prayer

for the Year of Mercy



God of mercy

As part of the Church in Australia, we acknowledge that we stand in need of forgiveness and mercy for the times when we have created harm and failed those in need of our care and protection

Thank you for the moments in our lives where we have known mercy

May we continue to receive a deeper understanding of what it means

So that from our experience, acceptance and compassion will flow to others

May our social service agencies be communities dedicated to mercy

Give us courage to go where few else dare

Draw us to the vulnerable and excluded

Keep us from indifference and move our hearts to act

Give us eyes to truly see the person in front of us and ears to hear their story

May our response be one that acknowledges our shared humanity

Make mercy a reality in all our interactions, in our work and in our everyday lives

That we would be witnesses of compassion and hope

And part of your work of grace in our world

“A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just.” Pope Francis