

(Arranged by Brother Tim Coldwell)

# Mercy

♫ **“The LORD is kind and merciful.”**

Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
And all my being, bless his holy name.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
And forget not all his benefits.

**“The LORD is kind and merciful.”**

He pardons all your iniquities,  
Heals all your ills.  
He redeems your life from destruction,  
Crowns you with kindness and compassion.

**“The LORD is kind and merciful.”**

Merciful and gracious is the LORD,  
Slow to anger and abounding in kindness.  
Not according to our sins does he deal with us,  
Nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

**“The LORD is kind and merciful.”**

As far as the east is from the west,  
So far has he put our transgressions from us.  
As a father has compassion for his children,  
So the LORD on those who fear him.

🕯 **Reading: *Matthew 25***

Reader 1 For I was hungry and you gave me food.

Reader 2 I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink.

Reader 1 I was a stranger and you welcomed me.

Reader 2 I was naked and you gave me clothing.

Reader 1 I was sick and you took care of me.

Reader 2 I was in prison and you visited me.

All But Lord, when was it that we saw you in your need?

Readers Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.

🕯 **Works of Mercy**

There are seven corporal works of mercy and seven spiritual works of mercy. Consider ways you could perform acts of mercy today.

**The Corporal Works of Mercy include:**

Feeding the hungry

Giving drink to the thirsty

Clothing the naked

Sheltering the homeless

Visiting those in prison

Visiting the sick

Burying the dead

**The Spiritual Works of Mercy include:**

Warning the sinner

Instructing the ignorant

Counseling the doubtful

Comforting the sorrowing

Bearing wrongs with patience

Forgiving all injuries

Praying for the living and the dead

🕯 **Reflection Song: “The Cry of the Poor”**

As you listen to this song, reflect on how YOU can reach out to those in need.

✠ **Closing prayer**

Our Father . . .

✠ **Lasallian Litany**