



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY – AUGUST 2016  
DISCOVERING WAYS TO LIVE THE YEAR OF MERCY

THE MOST PERFECT EXAMPLE OF MERCY – MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD

Mary is the mercy of God. Mary the Mother of God is a perfect model of God's mercy!

Our Blessed Mother is the perfect example of mercy. Jesus Christ is the revelation of that same mercy — He is the Merciful One. But Mary is what mercy received looks like. In her, God's merciful love is most deeply rooted; she is the one who is filled with His merciful grace. She was closest, in every sense, to the Cross, where the mystery of God's mercy triumphed. She is the one who submitted most perfectly to His holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

Mary is the perfect vessel of Mercy! Mary “obtained mercy”, said Saint John Paul II, “in a particular and exceptional way, as no other person has.” She received the fullness of God's mercy by her Immaculate Conception. She was, from the first moment of her existence, protected and preserved from original sin. Her Immaculate Conception doesn't mean she didn't need God's mercy, it means that she has received God's mercy completely. No part of her life, no moment of her existence was apart from the loving mercy of her Redeemer-God. Mary wasn't just the vessel of mercy, but the channel of mercy to the world. She is the one through whom the Mercy of God flows to the otherwise-parched world. Mary is the co-mediatrix of God's mercy in the world. She gave her free yes to God's will through her whole life, but particularly at the Incarnation and at the foot of the Cross. She was the means by which Mercy, the Love of God towards sinners in Jesus Christ, entered the world. If mercy is God's love for His creatures, then Mary is what mercy looks like at its fullest. Mary is the creature to whom grace and mercy has been given most completely. In that sense, Mary looks like mercy because she has been completely transformed by Mercy. She is the daughter of Mercy who has become the Mother of Mercy – Mother of God.

**Our Prayer:** “Today heaven indeed opens its bosom to receive the Mother of the One Whom the universe cannot contain. The earth gives back the Source of life and receives the blessing of the Lord. The choir of angels and apostles look with awe as they see the One who gave birth to the Prince of life now herself pass from life to life.”  
Our activities: We all are called to imitate Mary, Mother of God. We all are called to sainthood. We all have the same potential to achieve the heavenly glory. We all been saved by Christ passion, cross, and resurrection. But, do we believe in these words? We too need to place our gaze on the Lord, we too must fix our eyes on our Savior, and then we will be able to walk through our lives toward the heavenly Jerusalem to meet the Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ!