

“GOD IS MERCIFUL” DEVOTIONAL & PRAYER

Our prayer this week focuses on God Who is *Merciful*. He is the One Who is full of *mercy*, kindness and compassion.

It comes from our Prayer Verse, I Peter 1:3-5 "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! *In His great mercy* He has given us new birth into a *living hope* through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can *never perish, spoil or fade*. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, *who through faith are shielded by God's power* until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time!"

Our encouragement is that we can praise God, the Father of Jesus our Savior, for His great *mercy* for us. When He created us, it was through His boundless love and *mercy* in His heart that He designed us and brought us into being, uniquely creating each one to the task that is set before us. He knows what each of us are going to face in this world, but He never leaves us alone to handle it by ourselves. He looks down on us in His *perfect mercy* and calls us to Him, never willing that we should perish and walk in this world alone, but wanting a personal relationship with us, to save us and help us through this life's journey with Him. Thus He, God the Father, sent His Son so we may have this sweet relationship with Him. In His perfect *mercy*, as we humble our hearts and answer His call, He gives us a new birth, His Holy Spirit, Who is full of living hope, peace, joy and power. We inherit a new life, one that is full of God's presence that will *never perish, spoil or fade*. The enemy can never take this away from us! We may suffer while here on earth, whether through wrong decisions we make or just from living in a fallen world, but we never suffer without His presence, for His Own Holy Spirit is within us, guiding us, giving us His strength and the wisdom to battle the enemy. This is God's *mercy* to us, His children, not giving us what we deserve, but giving us all that we need to fight the enemy and most importantly, giving us His Son, His Holy Spirit and eternal life to live in His presence one day for eternity. His *mercy is never exhausted! It is new everyday for us*. Let us pray that we recognize this, accept His gifts and honor and praise Him for them for He truly is a loving and *merciful God*. Let us pray:

"Dear Heavenly Father, we humbly bow before Your Heavenly throne in our hearts and praise You for being so *Merciful!* We praise You for being the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. We ask that I and...

(names of those you are praying for)

will, in faith, understand that it is in Your great *mercy* that you have given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. That we will understand and accept in faith that you have given us an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. That this inheritance is kept in heaven for us, who through our faith are shielded by *Your power* until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. Lord, we lift this up to You, trusting You in all things in our lives because of Who You are. May we recognize our need for You and humble our hearts before your mighty throne. May our hope be in You all day long. Father, thank-you for loving us with an everlasting love and may it all be for the glory of Your name alone. In Your loving Son's name, Jesus, we pray, Amen."