

HOLY HOUR FOR JULY – 2016
MERCY, FORGIVENESS & HEALING

HYMN: The Saviour is waiting to enter your heart.

I ADORE you profoundly, O my Jesus,
I acknowledge you to be true God and true Man,
and by this act of adoration
I intend to atone for the coldness
of so many Christians who pass before Thy churches
and sometimes before the very Tabernacle
in which Thou art pleased to remain at all hours
with loving patience to give Thyself to Thy faithful people,
and do not so much as bend the knee before Thee,
and who, by their indifference
proclaim that they grow weary of this heavenly manna,
like the people of Israel in the wilderness.
I offer Thee in reparation for this grievous negligence,
the Most Precious Blood which Thou didst shed from Thy five wounds,
and especially from Thy sacred Side,
and entering therein,
I repeat with true recollection of spirit:

O Sacrament most holy!
O Sacrament divine!
All praise and all thanksgiving
be every moment Thine.

SILENCE: 3 minutes.

Families are the foundation of life. The biblical family is the model on which God is building a spiritual family of glorified sons and daughters. This parable tells of a son who was lost and then found. While it shows many details about a family, in the end one truth stands out—a father's patient endurance for the son he loves.

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 15: 11- 23

SILENCE: 10 minutes.

REFLECTION:

What better declaration of God' compassion than this passage we just heard. Jesus himself tells the story of a boy who thought he had wandered too far, sinned too much, to be welcomed back into his father's house. He believes he can never again be his father's child, but perhaps can work his way out of some of his debt.

Yet his father only welcomes him home joyously, overwhelmed with happiness of his son's return. He bears no grudge. He holds no debt. He has been reunited with his lost child, and now the rejoicing can begin.

This, is how God welcomes us no matter how far way we have travelled. Like a loving parent, all that God desires is that we come to Him. That as an act of faith we believe in Him, who He says He is, and rest in His love and mercy and believe in His compassion.

SILENCE: 5 mins.

Hymn: God of mercy and compassion

SILENCE: 3 mins.

Psalm 51:

Response: Have mercy on us Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin.

R. Have mercy on us Lord, for we have sinned.

Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.
And so you are justified when you speak
and upright in your judgment.

R. Have mercy on us Lord, for we have sinned.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your
presence
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

R. Have mercy on us Lord, for we have sinned.

SILENCE:- 3 minutes.

HYMN: All I ask of you

INTERCESSIONS

Let us now call upon God our Merciful Father lifting up to Him our needs in Jesus' name.

Our response is: **Merciful Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the Church: that in this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy we will rediscover the mercy of God and respond with greater compassion the needs of others; for this we pray to the Lord. **R/-**

For our leaders: that their decisions reflect compassion for those who are most vulnerable in society; for this we pray to the Lord. **R/-**

For the young people: that they will listen attentively and respond to God's vocational call; for this we pray to the Lord. **R/-**

For the desire to change our lives where mercy is lacking; for this we pray to the Lord. **R/-**

Almighty Father, hear the prayers of your people gathered in your name and grant us what we truly deserve, we make this prayer in through Christ our Lord, Amen

PRAYERS FOR BOMBAY AND INDIA

BENEDICTION HYMN

DIVINE PRAISES

CONCLUDING HYMN: I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

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