

# Prayer Poems

Poetic Reflections for Sundays and Feastsdays  
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## Throne of Mercy

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*“A man has no greater love than the lay down his life for his friends.”*  
(John 15:13)

### Throne of Mercy

Cross of Calvary is the Divine Throne of Mercy.

Christ from the cross pleads, *“Father forgive them for they know not what they do.”*

Good Friday, Christ’s death day, the cross became the throne of mercy.

What is mercy?

You might say,

“It is a softness, or a leniency, or a mild justice.”

You might think it is

Compassion, or clemency,

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Charity or grace, or  
Divine favor or forgiveness.

However you define it, know this:

Mercy was bought at an extreme price,  
by our Merciful God.

All the definitions of Mercy could be rolled up, as were Jesus' burial cloths, and placed not on a slab stone, but harbored in the Heart of Christ with just one word—LOVE!

This Mercy and Divine Love enables to us to claim eternal happiness.

***"Jesus was put to death for our sins and raised to life to justify us." (Romans 4:25)***

Peace be to you.

Do not be afraid.

Rejoice and be glad.

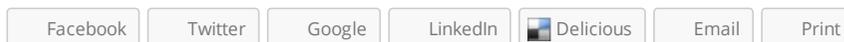
I am with you always.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

### For Reflection and Sharing:

1. What does Christ's victory over death mean for us practically in our daily living?
2. How can we witness to others God's Love and Mercy?
3. If Jesus died for all, does that mean my sins nailed Jesus to the cross? Explain.
4. Is there someone I need to forgive to experience full joy of the Easter season?
5. Perhaps the hardest person to forgive is ourselves. What guilt still entombs me?

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