

PRAYER OF POPE FRANCIS **FOR THE JUBILEE OF MERCY**

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be
merciful like the heavenly Father,
and have told us that whoever sees
you sees Him.

Show us your face and we will be
saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus
and Matthew from being enslaved
by money;
the adulteress and Magdalene from
seeking happiness only in created
things;

made Peter weep after his betrayal,
and assured Paradise to the
repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each
one of us, the words that you spoke
to the Samaritan woman:

“If you knew the gift of God.”

You are the visible face of the
invisible Father,
of the God who manifests his
power above all by forgiveness
and mercy:

let the Church be your visible face
in the world, its Lord risen
and glorified.

You willed that your ministers
would also be clothed in weakness
in order that they may feel
compassion for those in ignorance
and error:

let everyone who approaches them
feel sought after, loved, and
forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate
every one of us with its anointing,
so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be
a year of grace from the Lord,
and your Church, with renewed
enthusiasm, may bring good
news to the poor, proclaim liberty
to captives and the oppressed,
and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus
through the intercession of Mary,
Mother of Mercy;
you who live and reign with the
Father and the Holy Spirit for ever
and ever.

R. Amen