

## PRAYER OF POPE FRANCIS FOR THE JUBILEE

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 through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy,  
you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

### **HYMNS OF THE JUBILEE OF MERCY**

#### **Official hymn for Jubilee of Mercy**

Misericordes sicut Pater! (Merciful as the Father)

Composed by Paul Inwood

<http://www.iubilaeummisericordiae.va/content/gdm/en/giubileo/inno.html>

Music score (including with guitar chords): Kandle.ie

#### **Official hymn for World Youth Day 2016**

Blessed are the Merciful

Composed by Jakub Blycharz

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eZRsoPmeZXk>

Music Score: Kandle.ie

## THE JUBILEE DOOR

As is traditional in a Jubilee Year, the pope will open the year on December 8<sup>th</sup> by opening the Holy Door in the Basilica of St Peter at the Vatican. After that, the Holy Doors of the other Papal Basilicas will be opened, beginning with the Holy Door of the Cathedral in Rome, the Basilica of St. John Lateran, on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Moreover, the Pope has decreed that on that same Sunday every diocese shall open a Door of Mercy. He also invites dioceses to open other Doors of Mercy as suitable in the year.

