

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

Today the Church asks us to look to Jesus as the Lord of Divine Mercy, on this feast instituted by Pope Saint John Paul II in 2000, to help humanity understand the importance of receiving Mercy so that we can later give it to others.

During this Easter Season, reflecting on Divine Mercy is an invitation to trust completely in the Lord, for as the Psalm says: His Mercy endures forever.

And remembering the words Jesus revealed to Sister Faustina Kowalska: If you want to please me more... TRUST MORE...

Thomas the apostle doubted the words of his companions who shared with him that the Lord had visited them. Thomas doubted, but Jesus did not hesitate to love his weakness and made himself present again, inviting him to take that step of faith.

We understand mercy as turning our hearts to the weaknesses of others. This is why we contemplate the open and pierced heart of Jesus; in that wound in His side, we all fit, the little and the fragile.

Just as He did at that time with His disciples, today Jesus is present in our lives, greeting us with a wish for peace, and as a further fruit of His Resurrection, He sends us the Holy Spirit so that we may receive forgiveness for our sins (a mission He entrusted to His disciples) and thus, we may offer forgiveness to those who offend us.

Encountering the mercy of Jesus also helps us experience compassion for those who suffer in body and soul, and thus seek ways to help them in their temporal and spiritual needs.

Jesus give us the mission of making His mercy present, being instruments of peace and reconciliation; witnesses to the power of His Resurrection.

Let us pray to the Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, that she may grant us the gift of discovering the abundance of love in the Heart of Her Son for each of us.

Amen...