

OPENING PRAYER

In Christ you draw near to us,
God of mercy and compassion,
lifting us out of death,
binding up our wounds,
and nursing our spirits back to health.

Let such a tenderness as yours
compel us to go and do likewise.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

FINAL PRAYER

Loving Father,
you are a God of mercy and compassion.

We thank you for sending
your Son, Jesus, into our world
to show and teach us how to love.
When we walk through the
Door of Mercy during this Holy Year,
may we open our hearts to you
so that we may reflect your love, mercy
and compassion in our families,
communities and parishes.

May we walk with Jesus
through the 'streets of Galilee',
comforting the sick, opening our arms
to the 'little ones', sharing with the poor
and searching out the marginalised in our society.

May it be a year when barriers between us fall
and reconciliation becomes possible:
a year when our faith in your mercy is strengthened
and we learn how to be your face of mercy in our world.

Amen



WEEK TWO

JESUS, THE FACE OF MERCY