

8th Work of Mercy
SHOW MERCY TO OUR
COMMON HOME

SISTERS OF MERCY WORKING TO
END POVERTY
IN ALL ITS FORMS
17 OCT

Mercy International Association
SUPPORTS
Earth Day
22 April

SEASON OF
CREATION
MONTH

Year of
Mercy
2016
Año de la
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STATIONS
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MERCY INTERNATIONAL
REFLECTION PROCESS
Flaming the Fire of Mercy: Creation Waiting in Eager Longing



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CARE 4
MERCY

9 Days
of Prayer
in preparation for
Remembrance Day
11 NOVEMBER
175th anniversary of the
death of Catherine McAuley



Called to the Ministry of Mercy

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THE JUBILEE YEAR ENDS, THE WORK OF MERCY GOES ON

At the beginning of the Jubilee Year members of the Mercy family gathered at the doors of our sacred spaces to welcome the holy year and the possibilities it held for us. As the year comes to a close, we gather again, this time to give thanks for all we have experienced and shared as we mark the ending of this specially designated time. But we do this with the conviction that the work of Mercy never ends. You are invited to use this prayer creatively, to adapt it to local circumstances and to enhance it in any way you choose.

Begin with a welcome. You might recall the ceremony last year as the holy doors were blessed and opened, or some special things that have happened in your location or other places. You could mention the wonderful images that Mercy ENews provided of ceremonies to open the doors. You might mention the Mercy International Reflection Process which formed a bond across the Mercy world as groups focused on hearing the cry of the Earth and the cry of the Poor.

The primary image for this prayer is a door that remains open so please include in your introduction the reality that, for those of us called to Mercy, the work of Mercy goes on, even though this special year comes to an end. To emphasize this point, this prayer is structured on the prayer for the opening of the doors and even repeats some of the same elements. The things that we prayed for, the tasks to which we committed ourselves are the same as they were then. We gather to recognize that fact and to take up, once again, that work.

- Sing:** "What Mercy May Yet Be" Verses 1 and 2
Text and music by Cynthia Serjak, RSM. 2003
- Reading 1.** Four optional readings are provided or you could substitute one of your own choosing.
- Response:** "Open Wide the Doors" John Angotti
You can use just the refrain or the whole song. The verses are in both Spanish and English
- Reading 2.** From the optional readings

Reflection/Homily

You could invite someone to reflect on the reading or, if it's feasible, invite the group to go back to the questions posed last year. You might ask the group to reflect on how they have answered these questions in their living this year

- What do we hope Mercy will open in the coming year?
- What thresholds does Mercy need to cross?
- What door of Mercy can you enter?

Ends and Ongoings

A poem by Mary Wickham RSM

The great door in Rome will be sealed,
jubilee revert to ordinary,
and the surge of Mercy words subside to quieter waters.
But we, who are claimed by the word and carry it as name,
we will stir the waters and make yet the ordinary jubilant,
since every year is of God's favour, every day waits for mercy.
We will not close the Door of Mercy.

