



Giving Up Resentment

In Order to Take Up Mercy

MIDWEEK PRAYER SERVICE

MARCH 22, 2023

OPENING PRAYER

PSALM 32

L: Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven,

C: whose sin is put out of sight!

L: Yes, what joy for those whose record the Lord has cleared of guilt,

C: whose lives are lived in complete honesty!

L: When I refused to confess my sin, my body wasted away,

C: and I groaned all day long.

L: Day and night your hand of discipline was heavy on me.

C: My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat.

L: Finally, I confessed all my sins to you

C: and stopped trying to hide my guilt.

L: I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to the Lord."

C: And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone.

L: Therefore, let all the godly pray to you while there is still time,

C: that they may not drown in the floodwaters of judgment.

L: For you are my hiding place; you protect me from trouble.

C: You surround me with songs of victory.

L: The Lord says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life.

C: I will advise you and watch over you.

L: Do not be like a senseless horse or mule that needs a bit and bridle to keep it under control."

C: Many sorrows come to the wicked,

L: So rejoice in the Lord and be glad, all you who obey him!

C: Shout for joy, all you whose hearts are pure!



DEVOTION & SCRIPTURE – Mary Martinson

L: Mercy means being patient with people's change in behavior.

C: The wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy. (James 3:17)

L: Mercy means helping anyone around you who is hurting

C: Whenever you possibly can, do good to those who need it. (Proverbs 3:27)

L: Mercy means giving people a second chance even though they don't deserve it.

C: Stop being bitter and angry and mad at others...Instead be kind and merciful and forgive others, just as God forgave you because of Christ. (Ephesians 4:31-32)

L: The Bible teaches over and over that the more merciful I am, the happier I am going to be.

C: Happy are those who are merciful to others; God will be merciful to them! (Matthew 5:7)

L: The greatest gift of mercy and grace of all times is:

C: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)

PRAYER with dissolving paper in the waters of mercy

Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



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BLESSING – Romans 15:13

I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.