

December 27, 2015 Mercy Corner



In Misericordiae Vultus, Pope Francis asks that we strive for our lives to be rooted in the mercy of God. One way we can grow in this mercy is by being receptive to the message of mercy and love that is proclaimed in the Scriptures and in the Christian witness to faith in Jesus.

1. Open yourself to listen to and hear the Word of God. Prepare your mind and your heart by entering into a quiet space and giving yourself time for reflection. This can be done individually or with others, such as your family or a small group in your parish.
2. Ask God to open your heart to receive His words of love into your life.
3. Read or listen to the Word of God. For example, read a passage from the Bible, participate in small-group *lectio divina*, or attend Mass and pay close attention to the readings during the Liturgy of the Word.
4. Reflect on/discuss what this passage reveals to you about God's mercy and love.
5. Come up with one concrete way to incorporate this revelation of mercy into your daily actions or prayer life.