

# Missionaries of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

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*“Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.”*

Dear Friend of the Sacred Hearts,

The scriptures we read during the Easter season tell us of resurrection, hope, joy, new life, promise. Surely the image of the Risen Christ inspires in all of us the true meaning of all these words.

And surely, if we ponder what our Lord thought in His last moments of mortal life and when He returned from the tomb, it is the word “mercy” that comes to mind. Was it not mercy when He promised the good thief a place in heaven? Was it not mercy when He asked His heavenly Father to forgive those who know not what they do? Was it not mercy He felt for His apostles who abandoned Him at His cross when He appeared to them in the upper room?

He returned to them to keep His promise and to let them know of His faith in them, as those who would proclaim Him to the world. And, in His infinite mercy, He showed them only love and did not condemn their weakness.

The Easter message is a call again to follow Him...to continue His mercy in our own lives, for those we love and especially for those who may find Jesus by seeing our example.

In his lifetime, our Founder, St. Gaetano Errico, sought out those who never knew Jesus or had never learned of His mercy. He comforted, helped, and taught that there was mercy—infinite mercy—for them in the Heart of Jesus. He willingly gave a helping hand to the downtrodden and forgotten. He listened and forgave their sins and prayed with them and for them.

Today, our Missionaries again hold mercy in their hearts as they are faced with those suffering from guilt and regret from past sins. They assure them that our God is a forgiving Father, Who seeks only love and asks that they, in turn, show mercy to others.



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**Dear Father John,** Please include my intentions in the Easter Novena of Masses. Enclosed is my Novena offering of \$\_\_\_\_\_. May it help you and your brother Missionaries witness God’s love and help those in need.



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They speak of the Easter message of hope, joy, new life and promise too as they work to improve the daily lives of many in need. In our missions, that often means providing tangible support such as food and shelter, education for children, and spiritual support and encouragement.

So often, when the problems witnessed every day in struggling lives seem overwhelming, our Missionaries know to rely on God's mercy to bring solutions and healing.

Our Easter Novena of Masses, beginning on Easter Sunday, April 1, will include our prayers for mercy to reign in our world, so troubled by division and need. We shall ask our heavenly Father to forgive, to heal, and to make mercy reside in all hearts.

I invite you to join us in prayer and, please, take a moment now to write your own prayer petitions on the enclosed form. Who around you may need to feel the mercy of the Heart of Jesus? We will pray for them as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior.

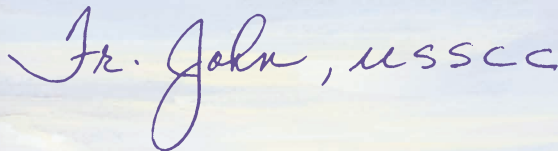
You, dear friend, through your prayers and thoughtful gifts, show your own merciful willingness to help others. Your support helps those in need make better lives and come to know the love present in the Hearts of Jesus and His mother, Mary. Will you help us again by enclosing your Easter Novena gift with your petitions?

Your gifts help our Missionaries in their work and our seminarians as they prepare for the priesthood and a religious life of service. Your generosity has allowed them to see new mission schools, chapels and healthcare facilities become realities in their troubled and impoverished communities. Yet there is much more that can be done, and we strive to help as much as possible.

Each gift is a blessing and deeply appreciated, and your faithful friendship is treasured in our hearts. Thank you and please know that you are always remembered in our prayers.

Let us pray together for mercy in the hearts of all this Easter season. Jesus forgave and shared His love unconditionally. May we follow His example in the knowledge that, as we show mercy, so shall mercy be shown to us.

May the joy and promise of the Resurrection be with you always,



Father John, M.S.S.C.C.

P.S. Please send your prayer petitions now so I can place them in our Chapel to be remembered throughout Lent and in our Easter Novena of Masses.



*Please remember the individuals or families listed below in your Easter Novena of Masses and prayers.*

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*Also, please remember me and my special Intentions.*

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