

# WORKS OF MERCY

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## Notes

- The scripture in this Prayer Celebration is presented as a Chorus Play. A Proclaimer tells a story and the chorus comments on key parts by using repetition, questions, exclamations, etc. accompanied by movement and/or actions. The role of the chorus is to help connect the audience to the story and to ask questions that they might have.

The chorus may include a whole class of children and they might be situated near the Proclaimer, in the body of the worship space as one group, or they may be scattered throughout. It would be preferable for the chorus to know their part 'by heart' so that no script is necessary. The chorus should present their lines with lots of energy!

- The text is taken from the *Lectionary for Masses with Children*. However, please note that when the Proclaimer speaks directly to the chorus, the text is not scriptural.
- Students 1-10 are performing short role plays. Their lines are memorised.
- Two leaders will assist with the praying of the Side 1/Side 2 prayer. One will lead Side 1 and the other will lead Side 2. Your assembly may need you to explain and/or practise how this form of prayer works before beginning the Prayer Celebration.

## Student/Staff

The mercy of God flows through the land on which we gather.  
We acknowledge the traditional owners who have cared for this land since the Dreamtime. We honour the elders past, present and emerging whose sacred connection with the country is a gift to us all.

PPT Slide #

Slide 1

## Song

### **Mercy Shall Be Yours**

*Based on Mt 5:7*

Words & Music: Michael Mangan

**Blessed are the merciful, blessed are the merciful,  
God will be merciful to you.**

**Blessed are the merciful, blessed are the merciful,  
Mercy shall be, mercy shall be yours.**

Forgive each other just as God forgives.  
Let go of anger in our hearts.  
We can be kind, we can be merciful  
Just as God is merciful to us.

Do not judge what others say and do.  
Who are we to judge?  
Just as God treats us with tenderness,  
So we can show the world God's love.

We are called to care for those in need,  
To work for justice and for peace,  
To make things better for the lonely and lost,  
We can be God's face for all to see.

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