



Mercy Day

24th September 2020





God's Mercy is new every morning

Lamentations 3:22

Mercy

The Principal Path

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Pathways

*Finding
Making
Walking*



Mercy

*Foundation
of the
Church's Life*

Pope Francis

Mercy



The beating heart of the Gospel

The Church is commissioned to announce the mercy of God, the beating heart of the Gospel.

(Pope Francis: Misericordiae Vultus 12)

A vibrant rainbow arches across the sky, casting a reflection on the ground. Below the rainbow is a field of red flowers. The sky is a deep blue, and the overall scene is bright and colorful.

Mercy

A covenant to last Forever

Mercy



The ultimate and supreme act
by which God comes
to meet us...

The bridge that connects God and man

(Misericordiae Vultus 2)

The image features two hands, one from the left and one from the right, gently holding a large, textured red heart. The background is a vibrant, colorful bokeh with shades of blue, green, and yellow, creating a soft, ethereal atmosphere. The text is overlaid on the top and bottom of the image.

Mercy in Major Faith Traditions

My Mercy Embraces All Things

Quran 7:156



*Jesus of Nazareth,
by his words, his actions,
and his entire person,
reveals the mercy of God.*

*Everything in him speaks of mercy.
Nothing in him is devoid of compassion.*

(Misericordiae Vultus 8)

Mercy

The Lens of Justice



*And earthly power doth then show likest God's
When mercy seasons justice.*

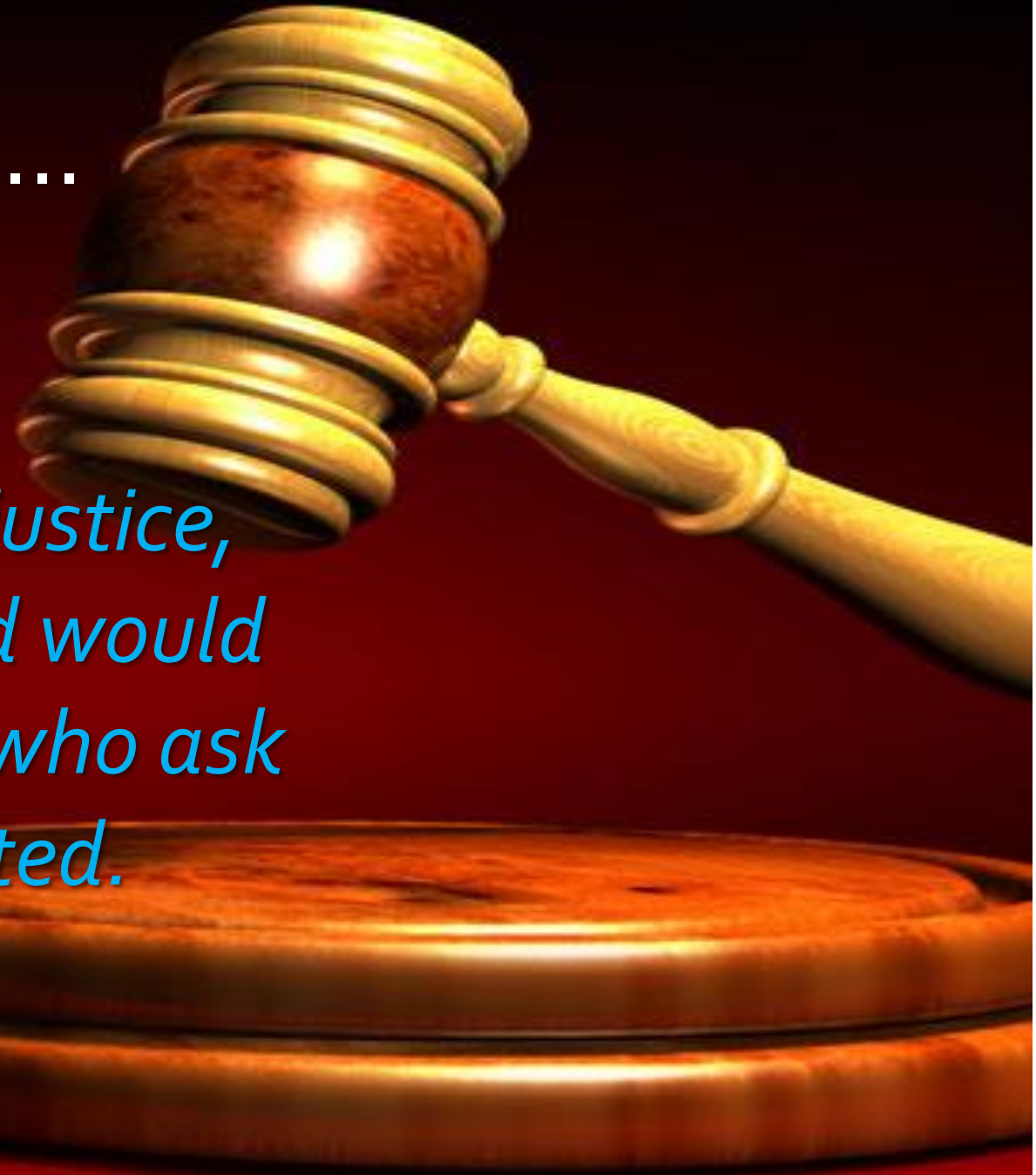
William Shakespeare



Mere justice is not enough...

*If God limited himself to only justice,
he would cease to be God, and would
instead be like human beings who ask
merely that the law be respected.*

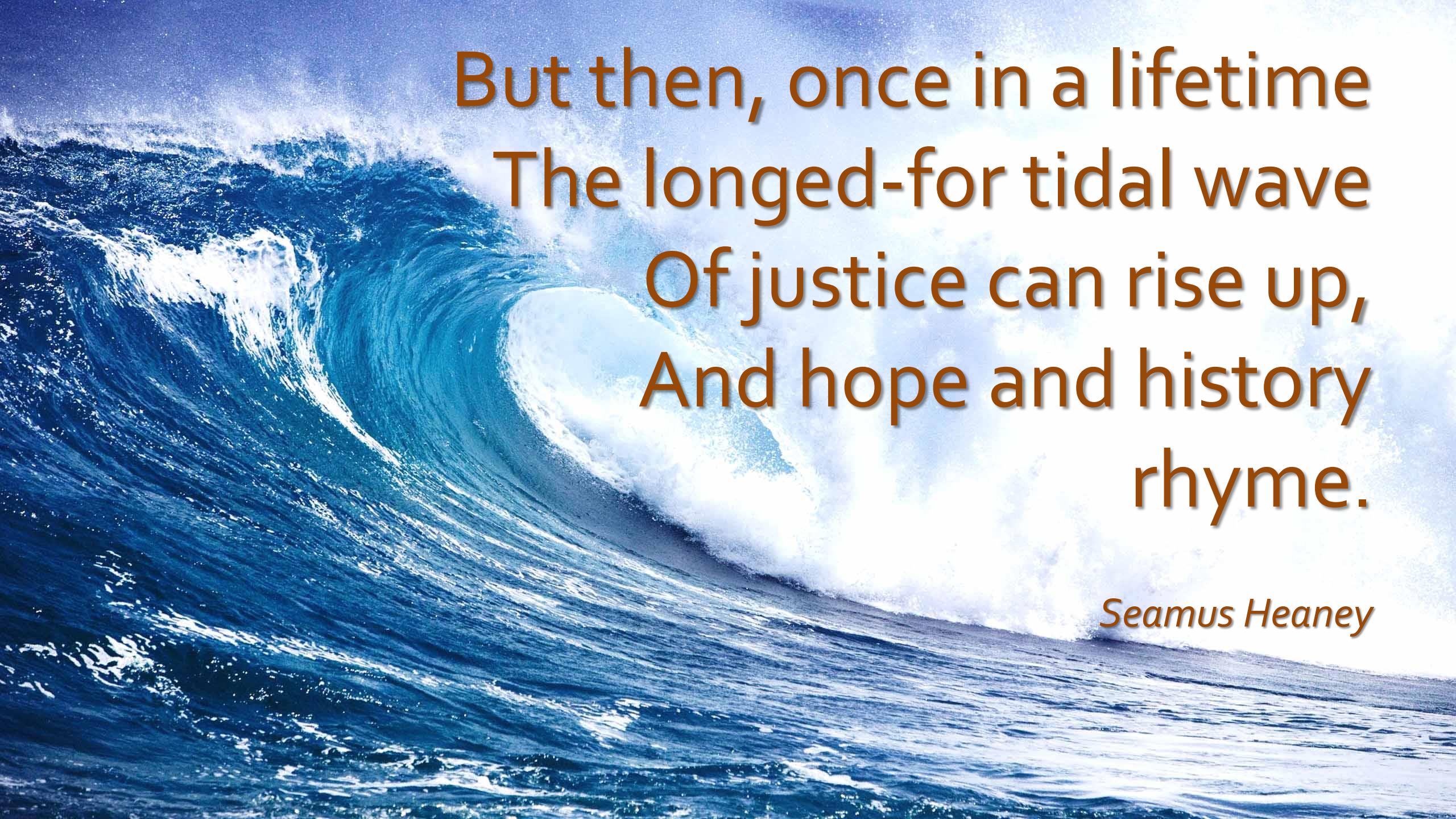
(Misericordiae Vultus 21)



A landscape photograph showing a sunset or sunrise over a field. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. A large tree stands in the foreground on the right, and a dirt road winds through the field on the left. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds.

Where Justice and Mercy Meet

there is a new dawn....

A large, powerful blue wave is crashing over a sandy beach. The water is a deep, vibrant blue, and the white foam of the wave is prominent. The sky is bright and clear. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

But then, once in a lifetime
The longed-for tidal wave
Of justice can rise up,
And hope and history
rhyme.

Seamus Heaney

Displacement of Persons



Degradation of Earth

Environmental Destruction

Forcibly Displaced Persons in 2019: 79.5 million - UNHRC

Persons Living in Extreme Poverty in 2019 - 600 million

Give me a drink



“Integral Ecology”

Requires that we now hear

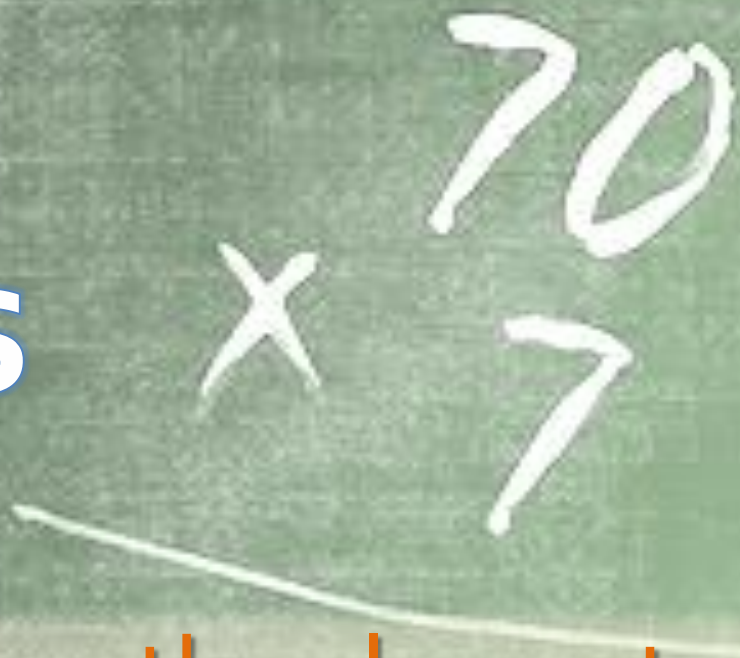
“both the **cry of the earth** and
the **cry of the poor**”

A close-up photograph of a field of golden wheat, with the stalks and heads of grain filling the frame. The lighting is warm, highlighting the texture of the wheat. The word "Mercy" is written in a large, purple, italicized font with a dark outline, positioned in the upper left quadrant of the image.

Mercy

Shares the Harvest

Mercy forgives



Pardoning offences becomes the clearest expression of merciful love and for us Christians it is an imperative from which we cannot excuse ourselves.

(Pope Francis: Misericordiae Vultus 9)



Mercy

sets free

*Mercy pardons again
and again...*


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A dramatic sky with a bright sunburst and a silhouette of a cross with a white cloth hanging from it. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a strong lens flare and illuminating the clouds with a golden glow. The cross is a simple silhouette, and the white cloth is draped over the horizontal beam. The overall mood is one of hope and divine light.

Mercy

“The evolution of
evolution”



Be ever ready
to praise,
to encourage,
to stimulate,
but slow to
censure...
to condemn....

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A serene sunset scene over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a bright orange and yellow glow across the sky and reflecting on the water. A large, dark tree is silhouetted in the foreground on the right side. In the background on the left, there is a dark silhouette of a building or structure. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and contemplative.

Mercy

The attribute of God...

William Shakespeare



God's mercy is from age to age.



Mercy

We will never say 'it is enough'

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*We are
commissioned
to announce
the Mercy of
God.*

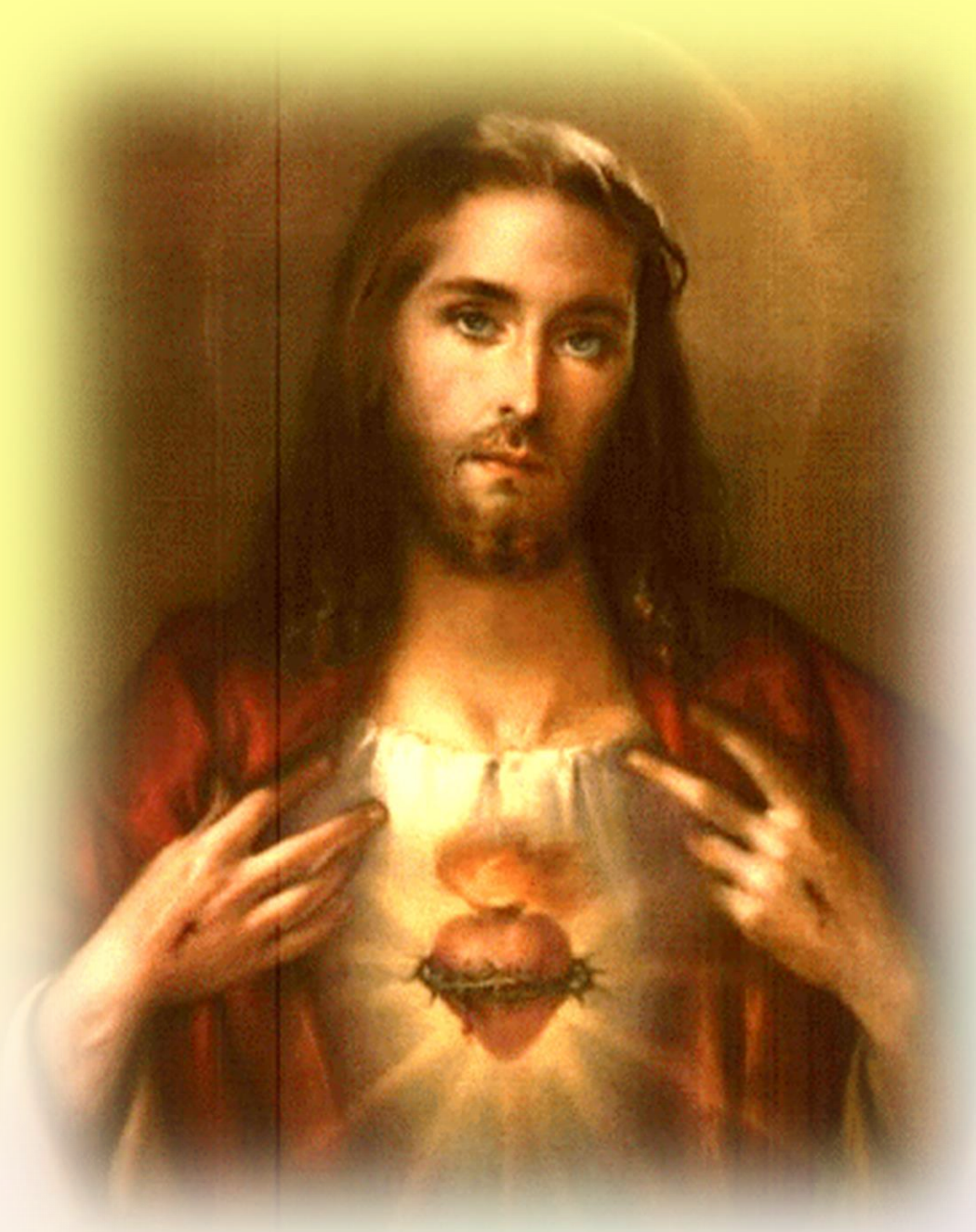
(Pope Francis)





Break down the barriers of indifference

Pope Francis



*Jesus Christ is
the face
Of God's Mercy.*

Pope Francis

The Name of God is Mercy...

Pope Francis



Mercy

The Revolution of Tenderness

*Mother of Mercy
Pray for us*



A world map where several countries are highlighted in a vibrant blue color. The highlighted regions include North America, Australia, and various countries in Europe, Africa, and Asia. The rest of the map is in a dark blue/black color.

Mercy...

A Global Presence

The tender Mercy of God has given us one another.

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Mercy

*The Gift
of
My Life*

*You are a God
of Love
and tenderness,*

I place my trust in you.

Suscipe





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