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PRAYER

Merciful Lord, we come in prayer and submit ourselves humbly, seeking your favour and goodness upon our lives. Every dimension of our life needs a touch of your gracious hand, Jesus. Your mercies keep us alive and give us the hope to live to the fullest every day. We pray that your enduring mercy be the light that guides our lives at all times, in Jesus' name. Amen.

WARM UP

(OPTIONAL)

After a very long and arduous week, what is the first thing you like to do to unwind and relax?

NOTES

WORD

¹ Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James, to those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ: ² May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

[Jude 1:1-2](#)

²⁰ My soul continually remembers it
and is bowed down within me.

²¹ But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:

²² The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;

²³ they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

²⁴ "The Lord is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."

[Lamentations 3:20-24](#)

While Jude (most likely a half-brother of Jesus himself) is written from a place of heavy persecution towards Christians under Roman rule after Jesus, Jeremiah writes warning the people of God to turn before they are exiled, but finds no-one listening to his message.

Whether it is Jude's letter of encouragement to the beloved believers who are to contend for their faith, or Jeremiah's lamentation towards God, both highlight the exponentially abundant mercy of God.

GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale from 1 to 10, how would you rate your ability to show mercy to those who have wronged you? Share why you rated yourself this way.
2. What does mercy look like when you show it to others? Does it differ from what you expect from people who should show you mercy? Why or why not?

3. Can you think of a time when you have personally seen mercy shown, whether towards you or someone you know? What took place and what was your response when you saw this mercy put on display?
4. The Lord is faithful and promises to be with us in hardship and difficulty. In times of trouble, do you find it easy or hard to see God's mercy in action in your life? Why do you think that is?
5. Do you find it hard to believe that God's love is steadfast in extreme times of hardship? Why do you answer this way?

PRAYER LIST