Loving God,

Help us to be mindful of living in the moment, to appreciate our surroundings and the people with whom we live and work and play. May we always remember to treat others as we would like to be treated. Lord hear us….Lord hear our prayer

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May we always remember that you love us unconditionally, that we are ‘enough’ for you just the way we are. The love you give us we can freely share with others, both at school and home and in our wider community. Lord hear us….Lord hear our prayer

Loving God,

Remind us to care for the wonderful world we live in. May we take better care of our oceans and rivers, our bushland and rainforests. May we never forget how lucky we are to live in such a beautiful country and to walk softly upon it, so that generations to come may share in the joy of our common home. Lord hear us….Lord hear our prayer

Loving God,

Help us to show empathy, so that we may enjoy our schooling, our work and our free time. By becoming more aware of the needs of others and listening to one another, help us to build a strong and safe community at Mercy Regional College. Lord hear us….Lord hear our prayer

Loving God,

Help us to be grateful. Grateful for the many gifts we receive such as friendship, support and our life experiences. May we learn to count our blessings and be ever appreciative of what we have and the opportunities which may come our way in life. The opportunities to work, to learn and to set goals for the future with the confidence of knowing we have family, teachers and friends to support us. Lord hear us…Lord hear our prayer

Loving God,

We pray for the Sisters of Mercy, past and present. May we who have been entrusted with the role of continuing to grow ‘mercy’ in the world always look to their example of selflessness, hard work and kindness to carry on the tradition of being people of mercy in the world. Lord hear us…Lord hear our prayer

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We ask that you watch over the sick and the worried in our school community. May they feel our empathy toward them and remind us in our busy days, to be mindful of the difficult road that they travel. Give them strength and hope through our actions, prayers and support. Lord hear us…Lord hear our prayer

**1. Lord, today we honour the month that the House of Mercy was opened in Dublin in 1827 on the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy. May the house of Mercy continue to inspire all who are connected with the Mercy Tradition to reach out to the poor and needy. Lord Hear us.**

***All: Lord, Hear Our Prayer***

**2. Lord, today we remember that you called upon us to visit the imprisoned, care for the sick and educate the poor. May we always be mindful that wherever there is a need - you are there and when we serve others – we serve you. Lord Hear us.**

***All: Lord, Hear our Prayer.***

**3. Lord, help us to encourage our leaders to care for the lost, the broken, those whose lives have been torn apart by war. May we be courageous in our efforts to be fair and welcoming in this beautiful country. Lord Hear us.**

***All: Lord, Hear our Prayer***

**4. Lord we have a shared responsibility for others and the world. May we all strive to discover the worth of everything, to care and protect creation, and be more compassionate human beings. Lord Hear us.**

***All: Lord, Hear our Prayer.***

**5. Lord, help us to know that Mercy begins here and can be found in all aspects of our school, in our playgrounds, our classrooms and within our community. Help us to always strive to speak kindly, act wisely and be respectful to all in our community. Lord Hear us.**

***All: Lord, Hear our Prayer.***

**6. Lord, we ask for your blessing on all our Year 12s who are nearing the end of the school year. May they continue to grow in knowledge and wisdom, in faith and understanding. Lord Hear Us.**

***All: Lord, Hear our Prayer.***

**Presider:**

**May we be encircled by your love, O God of Mercy. Fill us with the spirit of compassion and hospitality. Guide us to act in merciful ways, through Your Son Jesus Christ, Amen.**

**Presider: May we be encircled by your love, O God of Mercy. Fill us with the spirit of compassion and justice. Guide us to merciful ways and enable us to sing your praise. We come before you today to pray for all those in need of your mercy.**

1. For those most vulnerable to oppression or neglect, we pray.

**All: Compassionate God, pour out your mercy upon them.**

2. For those who seek a kind word, a gentle compassionate look or the patient hearing of troubles, we pray.

**All: Compassionate God, pour out your mercy upon them.**

3. For those who are poor, sick, or are denied education, we pray.

**All: Compassionate God, pour out your mercy upon them.**

4. For those who are in need of safe shelter, warm clothes and nourishing food, we pray. **All: Compassionate God, pour out your mercy upon them.**

5. For those struggling to forgive or be forgiven, we pray.

**All: Compassionate God, pour out your mercy upon them.**

6. For those seeking justice for themselves or others, we pray.

**All: Compassionate God, pour out your mercy upon them.**

7. For those who serve others through the spiritual and active works of mercy, we pray. **All: Compassionate God, pour out your mercy upon them**

**Presider: Conclude.**

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