

## Monday - April 14

*Answer me, O Lord, for your steadfast love is good; according to your abundant mercy, turn to me. Psalm 69:16 ESV*

Psalm 69 prepares us for the events of Holy Week that take Jesus to the cross. Psalm 69:16 reminds us of God's steadfast love and abundant mercy. We often pray for forgiveness - forgiveness for our sins and for our own shortcomings which do not reflect the example set for us by Jesus Christ. We know we are forgiven and we are blessed by God's mercy.

Mercy, by definition, is "compassion or forgiveness shown toward someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm." We are blessed not just because we are forgiven, but because God's love is merciful. In spite of our mistakes, poor judgement, inappropriate responses and tendency toward sin, we continually seek God's mercy. This mercy, abundant as we are promised in the Psalm, is most clearly demonstrated by the love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ in this week where we journey with Jesus toward the Cross.

During this Holy Week, may we be reminded of the events that demonstrate God's love, forgiveness and mercy on us, culminating in the Resurrection of our Savior from whose mercy we are saved.

### Questions for reflection

1. In what ways has the abundant mercy of Jesus been shown in your life?
2. As we remember the sacrifice Jesus made for us, what are we most grateful for?

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**Prayer:** Lord Jesus Christ, Thank you for the love and mercy we receive although we are not worthy. During this Holy Week, may we find peace in your mercy and seek to show our gratitude for your love and forgiveness in our daily lives. Help us to see your love more clearly. Amen.