God of Mercy,

As you have forgiven us
So you send us forth
To bear your message of mercy to all.

Give us willing feet and gentle hands.
Bless us with listening ears and searching eyes.
Endow us with understanding minds.
Ordain us with compassionate hearts.

In our acts and in our words
Make us vessels of your mercy
To reach out to the broken
On behalf of the father who wipes away our debts
As lovingly as he wipes away our tears
And calls his children home.

Help us lift your people in body and spirit.
And so make every year a year of mercy.

Amen