

mercy[ˈmɜːsi] *n***1. милосердие; сострадание**

in mercy - из сострадания, из милости

without mercy - безжалостно

to show mercy to smb. - проявлять милосердие к кому-л.

to treat smb. with mercy - обращаться с кем-л. мягко /снисходительно, с состраданием/

there is no mercy in him, he has no mercy - в нём нет ни капли жалости, он безжалостный человек

at the mercy of smb., smth. - во власти кого-л., чего-л.

at the mercy of God - во власти божьей

I have him at my mercy - он в моей власти, он в моих руках

at sea they were at the mercy of wind and weather - в (открытом) море они были во власти стихий

to be left to the tender mercies of smb. - *урон.* быть оставленным/отданным/ на милость *или* попечение кого-л.

he was left to their tender mercies - они должны были за ним ухаживать

2. прощение, помилованиеto beg for /to call for, *усп.* to cry for/ mercy - просить пощады /снисхождения/

they were given no mercy - им не было пощады

to have mercy on /upon/ smb., to take mercy on smb. - щадить кого-л., сжалиться над кем-л.

a recommendation to mercy - *юр.* ходатайство о смягчении приговора

to recommend smb. to mercy - ходатайствовать о чьём-л. помиловании

to throw oneself on smb.'s mercy - сдаться на чью-л. милость

◇ sisters of Mercy - сёстры милосердия

works of mercy - благотворительность

mercy (me /on us/)! - господи, боже мой!, милосердный боже!

for mercy's sake! - ради бога!

that's a mercy! - это прямо счастье!

what a mercy! - какое счастье!, какая удача!

it's a mercy we didn't know about it! - как хорошо, что мы об этом не знали!

one must be thankful for small mercies - ≅ всякое даяние есть благо

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mercy [mercy mercies] *BrE* ['mɜːsɪ] *NAmE* ['mɜːrʃi] **noun** (pl. **mercies**)**1. uncountable** a kind of forgiving attitude towards sb that you have the power to harm or right to punish**Syn:** ↑humanity• to **ask/beg/plead for mercy**• They **showed no mercy** to their hostages.• God **have mercy on** us.• The troops are on **a mercy mission** (= a journey to help people) in the war zone.**2. countable, usually singular (informal)** an event or a situation to be grateful for, usually because it stops sth unpleasant• **It's a mercy** she wasn't seriously hurt.

• His death was a mercy (= because he was in great pain) .

see also ↑merciful, ↑merciless**more at** grateful/thankful for small mercies **at** ↑small adj.**Idioms:** ↑at the mercy of somebody ▪ ↑leave somebody to the mercy of somebody ▪ ↑throw yourself on somebody's mercy**Word Origin:**Middle English: from Old French **merci** 'pity' or 'thanks', from Latin **merces**, **merced-** 'reward', in Christian Latin 'pity, favour, heavenly reward' .**Thesaurus:****mercy** **noun** **U**

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forgiveness • • **grace** • |formal **pardon** • • **clemency** • • **charity** •**divine** mercy/forgiveness/grace**ask (for)** mercy/forgiveness/pardon**show no/receive** mercy/forgiveness/charity**Example Bank:**

- God have mercy on us!
- God's infinite mercy
- He asked for mercy for the crimes he had committed.
- I left him to the tender mercies of his mother.
- I suppose we should be grateful for small mercies.
- The mission of the church is to extend mercy to the needy.
- The terrorists are completely without mercy.
- There shall be no mercy for my enemies.
- They showed no mercy to their captives.
- We're at the mercy of the weather.
- a mercy mission to deliver medical supplies and equipment

- I'm not going to put myself at the mercy of the bank.
- The prisoners begged for mercy.
- The troops are on a mercy mission in the war zone.

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mercy /'mɜːsi/\$'mɜːrsi *BrE* *AmE* *noun*

[Date: 1100-1200; Language: Old French; Origin: merci, from Latin *merces* 'price paid, payment for work', from *merx* 'things for sale']

1. **[uncountable]** if someone shows mercy, they choose to forgive or to be kind to someone who they have the power to hurt or punish:
 - He showed no mercy to his enemies.
 - God have mercy on his soul.
 - beg/cry/plead for mercy**
 - The boy was screaming and begging for mercy.
 2. **at the mercy of somebody/something** unable to do anything to protect yourself from someone or something:
 - After the boat's motor failed, they were at the mercy of the weather.
 - She was completely at his mercy.
 3. **mercy flight/mission etc** a journey taken to bring help to people:
 - a mercy mission to help homeless refugees
 4. **leave somebody to sb's (tender) mercies** to let someone be dealt with by another person, who may treat them very badly or strictly – used humorously
 5. **throw yourself on sb's mercy** to ask someone to help you or forgive you when you are in a very bad situation
 6. **it's a mercy (that) spoken** used to say that it is lucky that a worse situation was avoided:
 - It's a mercy the accident happened so near the hospital.
- ⇒ **be thankful/grateful for small mercies** at ↑small¹(13)

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COLLOCATIONS

■ phrases

- **have mercy (on somebody)** (=act in a kind or forgiving way - often used to express a hope or prayer) 'God have mercy on me!' Miss Barton cried.
- **show mercy (to somebody)** (=act in a kind or forgiving way) He showed no mercy to those who had angered him.
- **ask for mercy** The only thing I can do now is ask for mercy.
- **beg/plead for mercy** (=ask in a desperate way for someone's mercy) She continued the punishment, although they begged for mercy.
- **scream/cry for mercy** He screamed for mercy, shouting 'don't shoot!'.

■ adjectives

- **great mercy** God in his great mercy has forgiven you.
- **God's mercy** Will we still receive God's mercy if we refuse to repent?
- **divine mercy** (=the mercy of God) He did not lose his faith in God and divine mercy.
- **infinite mercy** (=the quality of mercy that God has, which never ends) He expressed his thanks for the infinite mercy of God in helping him escape from his own sinful life.

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