天主的慈悲

“慈悲的主與可憐的罪人”這句話，聖奧思定用來敘述耶穌遇上犯了姦淫罪的婦人這則故事（參閱 若 8:1-11 ）。当我们远离天主，陷入罪恶时，我们感觉恐惧、担心，迷失方向，甚至失望。这是魔鬼惯用的伎俩，它诱惑我们陷入罪恶。然后，让我们感觉到被判定有罪，无法回到从前，前途渺茫，晦暗无光。此时，我们需要悔改，回到天主的怀抱。相信天主的慈悲，只要我们回头改过，天主会给我们新的希望。就如圣咏上所说：上主是我的牧者，我實在一無所缺。他使我臥在青綠的草場，又領我走近幽靜的水旁。（咏23：1-2）

因此，当我们不幸陷入罪恶时，要去办告解，领受和好圣事。这是我们经验天主慈悲的时刻。就如那个被抓的犯了奸淫的妇女，她没有逃跑，等待着耶稣的判决。但耶稣却给了她怜悯、宽恕和释放。

第三周：通过祈祷经验天主的慈悲，每天半小时默想或默观圣经章节如下：

1. 创3：1-19（原祖背命）
2. 创4：1-16（加音与亚伯尔）
3. 纳3：5-10 （尼尼微的悔改与获救）
4. 若8：1-11 （怜悯罪妇）
5. 路5：27-32（召肋未玛窦与税吏同席）
6. 路15：1-7（亡羊的比喻）
7. 路15：11-32（荡子的比喻）

The Mercy of God

"The merciful Lord and the poor sinner story” was used by St. Augustine to narrate that Jesus met a woman who committed adultery (John 8:1-11). When we are far away from God and fall into sin, we feel fear, worry, disorientation, and even disappointment, Tricks are used by the devil to tempt us into sin. Then, sin makes us feel convicted, unable to go back, and the future is bleak and gloomy. At this time, we need to repent and return to God. Believe in God's mercy, as long as we repent, God will give us new hope. “The Lord is my shepherd, and I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me.” (Psalm 23:1-2)

Therefore, when we unfortunately fall into the sin, we should receive the sacrament of reconciliation. This is the moment to experience the mercy of God. It is like the woman who was caught committing adultery, she did not run away but waited for Jesus to condemn her, but Jesus gave her mercy instead, forgiveness, and release.

The daily meditation and contemplation of the Bible chapters of the third week of the Advent，taking half hour to read and pray (Experience God’s mercy through prayer)

The first day, Genesis 3:1-19 (The fall of Man)

The second day, Genesis 4:1-16 (Cain and Abel)

The third day, Jonah 3:5-10 (Conversion of Nineveh)

The fourth day, John 8:1-11 (A Woman Caught in Adultery)

The fifth day, Luke 5: 27-32 (The Calling of Levi)

The sixth day, Luke 15:1-7 (The Parable of the Lost Sheep)

The seventh day, Luke 15:11-32 (The Parable of the Lost Son)