

Have You Met Mercy?

Mercy is a young woman of secondary school age.

She mixes with many friendship groups.

Some friends are loud, whilst others are quiet.

Some friends achieve high grades whilst others
are struggling with their learning.

She is neither the center of attention nor is she shy.

She appreciates all her friends for who they are

And does not judge them according to their looks,

Grades, popularity or where they come from.

Her heart is big and she gives without expecting anything in return.

Mercy has a voice that is encouraging and understanding.

However, she is at her best when she listens, sitting alongside

her friends who might be in trouble or

are upset because they have been hurt.

She sits not in judgment of others but as their friend.

She can feel the pain in both the victim and the bully.

She gives people advice in a gentle and delicate manner.

Mercy makes you feel welcome,

and always offers to share her paper and pens.

Her hands are expressive and caring.

Her feet are willing to walk by your side

when someone may need help or support.

She never tires of walking that extra distance.

Mercy has a face reflecting with kindness

and she is never impressed by the importance of money.

She is aware of simple pleasures and can make a party fun

regardless of the money spent and the people invited.

She has accumulated a great deal of wisdom

Whether it is from her parents, friends or

the experiences she has had in life.

She is never heard to complain and always

makes others feel the centre of her attention.

Mercy feels blessed and safe in the care of her maker,
the God of the universe.

She rejoices in God's creation and cares about the global community.

It is through her actions that we experience the love of God.

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May You Meet Mercy

May you meet mercy each day:
in the light of your own heart,
in the hands of your loved ones,
in the eyes of the stranger and the needy.
And if by chance you do not at first meet it,
then search your heart for it,
and it will tap you on the shoulder,
a quiet surprise,
a small gesture,
the tender look,
given and received in the encounters of your day.