

Open Heaven 29 December 2025 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heaven 29 December 2025 devotional for today is **FATHER OF MERCIES.**

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OPEN HEAVEN 29 DECEMBER 2025 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: FATHER OF MERCIES

MEMORISE:
Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;
2 Corinthians 1:3

READ: Psalm 25:1-6
1 Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
2 O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me.
3 Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.
4 Shew me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths.
5 Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.
6 Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses; for they have been ever of old.

RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 29 DECEMBER 2025 TODAY MESSAGE

Todayâ??s memory verse tells us that God is the Father of mercies. This means that He is not only merciful but the source of mercy. God is rich in mercy (Ephesians 2:4), and His mercy is renewed every day (Lamentations 3:22-23), implying that His mercy is unlimited. Godâ??s mercy can transform every aspect of a believerâ??s life that needs transformation.

For instance, if a believer has health challenges or financial problems, Godâ??s mercy can conveniently turn the believerâ??s situation around. His mercy is not one-sided; it is multidimensional and perfect. When the Father of mercies shows up in a fellowâ??s life, He can restore any opportunities that he or she might have lost and make everything new for such a fellow.

For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.
So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.
Romans 9:15-16

You can see that even though Godâ??s mercies are unlimited, they are not accessible to everyone because God Himself decides the people He shows His mercy.

Before God can dispense His unlimited mercies on a fellow, the fellow needs to acknowledge Him as his or her Father. As the Father of mercies, He only releases His unlimited mercies to His children.

While it is true that He causes the sun to shine on everyone, both good and bad (Matthew 5:45), there are certain levels of His mercies that He has reserved only for His children. If you are truly Godâ??s child, your relationship with Him will give you access to His everlasting mercies.

Only Godâ??s children have access to the full complement of His mercies; those who are not His children can only enjoy crumbs. Godâ??s mercy is rich and multi-dimensional; however, a fellow must become His child to enjoy them. To unbelievers, He is a consuming fire, but to His children, He is compassionate and slow to anger (Psalm 145:8).

Beloved, if you are not yet born again, do not waste another minute outside the tender arms of the Father of mercies. He alone can give you a rich and fulfilling life on earth and guarantee your place in His kingdom for all eternity. If you are already His child, live in obedience to His will, and He will shower you with His abundant mercies

PRAYER POINT

Father, please help me to experience Your tender and manifold mercies in every area of my life.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Revelation 15-17

HYMN 5: BLESSED ASSURANCE

OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 29 DECEMBER 2025 COMMENTARY

MEMORISE: 2 Corinthians 1:3
â??Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort.â?•
This doxology reveals Godâ??s identity in relational terms. He is not merely a dispenser of occasional mercy; He is its very source and progenitorâ??the *â??Father of mercies.â?•* All compassion and comfort flow from His nature as a Father. This title is inextricably linked to Jesus Christ; it is through the Son that we know the Fatherâ??s merciful heart.

BIBLE READING: Psalm 25:1-6
This psalm models the posture of a child receiving the Fatherâ??s mercies:
v.1-2: The Posture of Trust â?? *â??Unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soulâ?¦ O my God, I trust in thee.â?•*The soul is elevated toward God in confident reliance.
v.3: The Prayer for Vindication â?? A plea that trust in God would not result in shame.
v.4-5: The Desire for Guidance â?? *â??Shew me thy waysâ?¦ Lead me in thy truth.â?•* Mercy is sought as direction for lifeâ??s path.
v.6: The Appeal to Covenant Love â?? *â??Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses; for they have been ever of old.â?•* The plea is based on Godâ??s unchanging, historic character of covenantal mercy (*chesed*).

The Privileged Access to the Fatherâ??s Mercies

Pastor E.A. Adeboye builds a powerful theological case: Godâ??s mercy, while infinite in supply, is accessed through a specific relationship. The devotional moves from describing the nature of Godâ??s mercy to defining the exclusive channel through which its â??full complementâ?• is received: sonship through Jesus Christ.

1. The Nature of Divine Mercy: Unlimited and Transformative

The Source, Not Just a Stream:
As the *â??Father of mercies,â?•* God doesnâ??t just *have* mercy; He *begets* it. Mercy is an essential, generative part of His character. It is the womb from which all compassion is born.

Renewed and Multidimensional:
His mercies are *â??new every morningâ?•* (Lamentations 3:23), ensuring they never expire or run out. They are *â??not one-sidedâ?•* but address every human need: health, finance, lost opportunities, emotional wounds. His mercy is the divine agency that *â??can make everything new.â?•*

2. The Sovereignty and Scope of Mercy

Mercy is Sovereignly Dispensed (Romans 9:15-16):
God quotes His own declaration to Moses (Exodus 33:19) to establish that mercy is His divine prerogative. It is *â??not of him that willeth, nor of him that runnethâ?•*â??not earned by human desire or effort. This protects mercy from becoming a transaction and preserves Godâ??s absolute freedom as the Giver.

Common Grace vs. Covenant Mercy:
Godâ??s *general* goodness (sun, rain) is extended to all (Matthew 5:45). This is *common grace*. However, the *â??full complement of His merciesâ?•*â??the deep, personal, redemptive, and sustaining merciesâ??are part of the family inheritance, reserved for His children. Unbelievers may enjoy â??crumbsâ?• of general benevolence, but not the feast at the Fatherâ??s table.

3. The Exclusive Channel: Acknowledging Him as Father

The Necessity of Sonship:
â??Before God can dispense His unlimited mercies on a fellow, the fellow needs to acknowledge Him as his or her Father.â?• This is the critical turn. Mercy in its fullest sense is a family dynamic. You cannot claim a Fatherâ??s inheritance if you are not a child. The plea of Psalm 25:6 is effective because it is based on *â??lovingkindnessesâ?•* (*chesed*)â??the loyal love of covenant.

Two Faces of God:
To the world in rebellion, God is *â??a consuming fireâ?•* (Hebrews 12:29), a holy judge. To His children, He is *â??compassionate and slow to angerâ?•* (Psalm 145:8). The difference is not in Godâ??s nature, which is always both just and loving, but in the *relationship* through which He is approached.

4. The Call and the Condition

The Urgent Invitation to the Unbeliever:
â??Do not waste another minute outside the tender arms of the Father of mercies.â?• This is an appeal to enter the only relationship that guarantees a *â??rich and fulfilling lifeâ?•* now and eternally. It is a call to be adopted, moving from the category of â??creatureâ?• to â??child.â?•

The Obedient Life of the Child:
For the believer, access is granted, but enjoyment is conditioned on fellowship. *â??Live in obedience to His will, and He will shower you with His abundant mercies.â?•* Obedience is not the price for mercy but the posture that keeps the channel of relationship clear and open. Disobedience, like the prodigal sonâ??s departure, places one outside the experiential flow of the Fatherâ??s provision, though not outside His love.

How to Live in the Fullness of the Fatherâ??s Mercy

1. Establish Your Sonship:
If uncertain, settle it today. Acknowledge Jesus as Lord, receiving the right to become a child of God (John 1:12). This is the legal adoption that grants you access to the mercy treasury.

2. Pray with Childlike Confidence:
When in need, approach God as your *â??Father of mercies.â?•* Base your requests not on your merit but on His nature and your relationship. Say, â??Father, because You are merciful, and I am Your child, I ask for Your mercy in this situation.â?•

3. Seek Covenant Mercy, Not Just General Blessings:
Differentiate your prayers. Move beyond praying for general good luck (â??bless meâ?•) to asking for specific covenantal mercies: guidance (Psalm 25:4-5), restoration of what was lost, healing that testifies to His name.

4. Let Mercy Motivate Worship and Obedience:
Your primary response to received mercy should be worship (2 Corinthians 1:3 begins with *â??Blessed be Godâ?¦â?•*). Let gratitude for His mercy be the engine for a life that pleases Him.

Warning: The Danger of Presuming on Mercy Without Relationship

To expect the protective, providing, intimate mercies of God while rejecting the Fatherhood of Christ is a fatal error. It is like a stranger demanding the rights of the firstborn son. One remains under the general, impersonal governance of Godâ??which includes eventual judgmentâ??while forfeiting the specific, saving mercies of the Savior.

Conclusion: Coming Home to the Fatherâ??s Heart

Pray this:
â??Father of mercies, I acknowledge You today. I come to You through Jesus Christ, Your Son. I receive Your adoption and thank You for making me Your child. I no longer wish to live on the crumbs of common grace. I ask to experience the full measure of Your covenantal mercy in my lifeâ??healing my body, restoring my soul, and directing my path. Let my life be a testament to the richness of Your mercy, and keep me in obedient fellowship with You forever. In Jesusâ?? name, Amen.â?•

Action Steps:

- **Conduct a Mercy Audit:** List three areas of your life where you need a transformative touch (e.g., a broken relationship, a persistent fear, a financial hole). Label them: â??Areas for my Fatherâ??s covenant mercy.â?•
- **Memorize the Key Distinction:** Write out and memorize Matthew 5:45 and Romans 9:15-16. Use them to understand Godâ??s general goodness and His specific, sovereign mercy.
- **Study a Receiver of Mercy:** Read the story of the prodigal sonâ??s return (Luke 15:20-24). Note the *fatherâ??s* initiative, emotion, and the *full restoration* grantedâ??not because the son earned it, but because he was a son who returned.

Remember: The sun shines on all, but only His children get to call Him â??Dad.â?• That intimate access unlocks the storehouse.
â??It is of the LORDâ??S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulnessâ?• (Lamentations 3:22-23). These are the mercies of a Father to His child. Wake up each morning and receive them.

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