

## Station 7

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(The Message: Matthew 5:7)

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We are blessed when we acknowledge our failure yet still trust in God's mercy.

We are blessed when we fall and we can get up again, resisting ecological desolation

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- I ask God to reveal all the situations and relationships in my life where I have been shown mercy
- Recall a time when you showed mercy in the face of a difficult situation
- Can I think of one person or one situation where I felt my heart was less than merciful, but harsh and exacting. What got in my way?

## Grace

I ask God for the grace of a merciful heart and merciful hands

Invitation to action: Take an engraved stone from the pile & hold it as you pray for a situation/person / place that you would like to offer mercy – then place it in the heart shaped bowl – how does it feel to offer mercy?

Next, take one of the folded cards from the hand shaped bowl & open it – how does it feel to be cared for?





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