



Lord, have mercy

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3 (NIV Translation)

The word mercy in English is the translation of the Greek word **eleos**.

This word has the same ultimate root as the old Greek word for oil, or more precisely, **olive oil**; a substance which was used extensively as a soothing agent for bruises and minor wounds.

The oil was poured onto the wound and gently massaged in, thus soothing, comforting and making whole the injured part.

The Greek words for 'Lord, have mercy,' are 'Kyrie, eleison' - that is to say,

'Lord, soothe me, comfort me, take away my pain, show me your steadfast love.'

'But God, with the unfathomable richness of His love and mercy focused on us, united us with the Anointed One and infused our lifeless souls with life - even though we were buried under mountains of sin - and saved us by His grace. He raised us up with Him and seated us in the heavenly realms with our beloved Jesus the Anointed, the Liberating King.'

Ephesians 4, 4-6 (The Voice translation)