

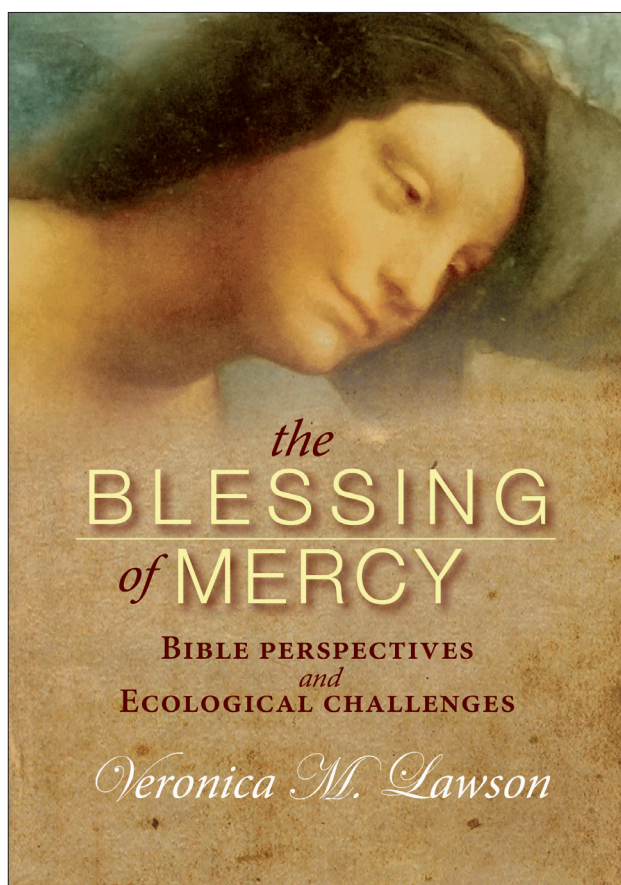
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# Celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy!

## THE BLESSING OF MERCY Bible perspectives and ecological challenges

*Veronica M. Lawson*

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Pope Francis has announced an Extraordinary Year of Mercy to begin on 8 December 2015.

Veronica Lawson, a Religious Sister of Mercy and one of Australia's leading Catholic biblical scholars, has produced a gift to the Church to help us prepare for and celebrate the Year of Mercy. She combines deep scholarship to uncover the richness of the 'mercy texts' that abound in the books of Old and New Testaments; and she invites us to re-read the biblical texts in light of the Pope's encyclical *Laudate Si* with its appeal for us to listen to the cry of the Earth and the Earth's poor.

*Pope Francis has identified divine mercy as a key to our renewal as the church of Jesus in the twenty-first century, and this requires of us an immersion in the Scriptures on this issue. I know of no better way to engage with the biblical revelation of mercy than through a reflective reading of The Blessing of Mercy.*

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*This book is a gem. It opens up not only an understanding of the various Hebrew and Greek terms for mercy and the biblical stories in which they occur, but also invites the reader into an experience of 'being mercied' by God and how to embrace mercy as a way of life with regard to Earth and all creatures. Readers will want to savour these reflections again and again.*

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*This is not a book that one takes up and reads in one or two sittings and then leaves aside. Rather, it is a rich source of biblical perspectives on mercy interwoven with related biblical themes. It is a book for pondering, for savouring. It will draw its readers deep into the multi-faceted mercy of God. There they will be enabled to "gaze even more attentively on mercy", in response to the call that Pope Francis identifies in his proclamation of the Jubilee Year of Mercy.*

**Professor Elaine Wainwright**



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