

Need another word that means the same as “mercy”? Find 20 synonyms and 30 related words for “mercy” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Mercy” are: mercifulness, clemency, leniency, lenience, compassion, grace, pity, charity, forgiveness, forbearance, quarter, humanity, humaneness, humanitarianism, blessing, godsend, boon, favour, piece of luck, stroke of luck

Mercy as a Noun

Definitions of "Mercy" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “mercy” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *Alleviation of distress; showing great kindness toward the distressed.*
- *An event to be grateful for, because it prevents something unpleasant or provides relief from suffering.*
- *A disposition to be kind and forgiving.*
- *Compassion or forgiveness shown towards someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm.*
- *(especially of a journey or mission) performed out of a desire to relieve suffering.*
- *The feeling that motivates compassion.*
- *Something for which to be thankful.*
- *Leniency and compassion shown toward offenders by a person or agency charged with administering justice.*



Synonyms of "Mercy" as a noun (20 Words)

- blessing** A short prayer of thanks before a meal.
*He gave the project his **blessing**.*
- boon** A thing that is helpful or beneficial.
*The route will be a **boon** to many travellers.*
- charity** An activity or gift that benefits the public at large.
*An unemployed teacher living on **charity**.*
- clemency** Good weather with comfortable temperatures.
*An appeal for **clemency**.*
- compassion** The humane quality of understanding the suffering of others and wanting to do something about it.
*The victims should be treated with **compassion**.*
- favour** Overgenerous preferential treatment.
*I've come to ask you a **favour**.*

forbearance	The action of refraining from exercising a legal right, especially enforcing the payment of a debt. <i>His unfailing courtesy and forbearance under great provocation.</i>
forgiveness	The act of excusing a mistake or offense. <i>She is quick to ask forgiveness when she has overstepped the line.</i>
godsend	A very helpful or valuable event, person, or article. <i>These information packs are a godsend to schools.</i>
grace	In Greek mythology three beautiful goddesses Aglaia Thalia and Euphrosyne believed to personify and bestow charm grace and beauty. <i>She has all the social graces.</i>
humaneness	The quality of compassion or consideration for others (people or animals).
humanitarianism	The doctrine that people's duty is to promote human welfare. <i>A contribution made in the spirit of humanitarianism.</i>
humanity	The quality of being human. <i>He praised them for their standards of humanity and care.</i>
lenience	Lightening a penalty or excusing from a chore by judges or parents or teachers. <i>The accused pleaded for lenience.</i>
leniency	Lightening a penalty or excusing from a chore by judges or parents or teachers. <i>The court could show leniency.</i>
mercifulness	Leniency and compassion shown toward offenders by a person or agency charged with administering justice. <i>In those days a wife had to depend on the mercifulness of her husband.</i>
piece of luck	A distance.
pity	An unfortunate development. <i>Her voice was full of pity.</i>
quarter	A unit of time equal to 15 minutes or a quarter of an hour. <i>A page and a quarter.</i>
stroke of luck	A single complete movement.



Usage Examples of "Mercy" as a noun

- *It was a mercy we got out alive.*
- *He threw himself on the mercy of the court.*
- *The boy was screaming and begging for mercy.*
- *Mercy missions to refugees caught up in the fighting.*
- *His death was in a way a mercy.*
- *The mercies of God.*
- *Distributing food and clothing to the flood victims was an act of mercy.*



Associations of "Mercy" (30 Words)

altruistic	Showing a disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish. <i>I question how altruistic his motives were.</i>
benefactor	A person who helps people or institutions (especially with financial help). <i>A low interest loan from a benefactor allowed them to build a floor for the exhibition hall.</i>
benefic	Beneficent or kindly. <i>A benefic force.</i>
beneficence	Doing good; feeling beneficent.
<u>benevolence</u>	The quality of being well meaning; kindness.
benevolent	Generous in assistance to the poor. <i>A benevolent fund.</i>
benignity	Kindness or tolerance toward others. <i>His air of benignity.</i>
<u>bounteous</u>	Given or giving freely. <i>The bounteous goodness of God.</i>
charitable	Relating to the assistance of those in need. <i>He has spent 50 000 on charitable causes.</i>
clemency	Good weather with comfortable temperatures. <i>An appeal for clemency.</i>
compassion	A deep awareness of and sympathy for another's suffering. <i>The victims should be treated with compassion.</i>
forgiveness	The action or process of forgiving or being forgiven. <i>She is quick to ask forgiveness when she has overstepped the line.</i>
<u>generosity</u>	The quality of being kind and generous. <i>I was overwhelmed by the generosity of friends and neighbours.</i>
generous	More than adequate. <i>A generous assessment of his work.</i>
goodwill	The established reputation of a business regarded as a quantifiable asset and calculated as part of its value when it is sold. <i>The scheme is dependent on goodwill between the two sides.</i>
<u>humane</u>	Marked or motivated by concern with the alleviation of suffering. <i>A humane education.</i>
humanitarianism	The doctrine that people's duty is to promote human welfare. <i>A contribution made in the spirit of humanitarianism.</i>

kindness	Tendency to be kind and forgiving. <i>He thanked them for their kindness and support.</i>
largess	Liberality in bestowing gifts; extremely liberal and generous of spirit.
<u>leniency</u>	The fact or quality of being more merciful or tolerant than expected; clemency. <i>The court could show leniency.</i>
merciful	Gracious (used conventionally of royalty and high nobility). <i>A merciful god.</i>
mildness	Mercifulness as a consequence of being lenient or tolerant. <i>The tomatoes were sweet compensating for the mildness of the cheese.</i>
perquisite	A right reserved exclusively by a particular person or group (especially a hereditary or official right). <i>The perquisites of celebrity are intoxicating.</i>
philanthropic	(of a person or organization) seeking to promote the welfare of others; generous and benevolent. <i>They receive financial support from philanthropic bodies.</i>
<u>prerogative</u>	Arising from the prerogative of the Crown usually delegated to the government or the judiciary and based in common law rather than statutory law. <i>The monarch retained the formal prerogative power to appoint the Prime Minister.</i>
privilege	Grant a privilege or privileges to. <i>English inheritance law privileged the eldest son.</i>
reconciliation	The reestablishing of cordial relations. <i>The earl was seeking a reconciliation with his wife.</i>
selflessness	Acting with less concern for yourself than for the success of the joint activity. <i>A noble act of selflessness.</i>
<u>sympathy</u>	An inclination to support or be loyal to or to agree with an opinion. <i>I have some sympathy for this view.</i>
<u>truthfulness</u>	The fact of being realistic or true to life; realism. <i>The truthfulness of her playing of an ageing American spinster.</i>

