

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**.*

<b>forbearance</b>	The action of refraining from exercising a legal right, especially enforcing the payment of a debt. <i>His unfailing courtesy and <b>forbearance</b> under great provocation.</i>
<b>forgiveness</b>	The act of excusing a mistake or offense. <i>She is quick to ask <b>forgiveness</b> when she has overstepped the line.</i>
<b>godsend</b>	A very helpful or valuable event, person, or article. <i>These information packs are a <b>godsend</b> to schools.</i>
<b>grace</b>	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 <b>graces</b>.</i>
<b>humaneness</b>	The quality of compassion or consideration for others (people or animals).
<b>humanitarianism</b>	The doctrine that people's duty is to promote human welfare. <i>A contribution made in the spirit of <b>humanitarianism</b>.</i>
<b>humanity</b>	The quality of being human. <i>He praised them for their standards of <b>humanity</b> and care.</i>
<b>lenience</b>	Lightening a penalty or excusing from a chore by judges or parents or teachers. <i>The accused pleaded for <b>lenience</b>.</i>
<b>leniency</b>	Lightening a penalty or excusing from a chore by judges or parents or teachers. <i>The court could show <b>leniency</b>.</i>
<b>mercifulness</b>	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 <b>mercifulness</b> of her husband.</i>
<b>piece of luck</b>	A distance.
<b>pity</b>	An unfortunate development. <i>Her voice was full of <b>pity</b>.</i>
<b>quarter</b>	A unit of time equal to 15 minutes or a quarter of an hour. <i>A page and a <b>quarter</b>.</i>
<b>stroke of luck</b>	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)

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

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

