

gracious

[ˈɡreɪʃəs] *a*

1. 1) милостивый; милосердный
my gracious lady - милостивая государыня
- 2) *рел.* милосердный (о боге)
Lord, be gracious into his son - господи, пощади его сына
2. 1) снисходительный; любезный
a gracious smile - снисходительная /милостивая/ улыбка
gracious hostess - очаровательная/любезная/ хозяйка
to be gracious to smb. - быть любезным с кем-л.; оказать кому-л. тёплый приём, хорошо отнестись к кому-л.
- 2) добрый
3. 1) изобильный, характеризующийся достатком
gracious living - благословенное житьё; ≅ дом - полная чаша
- 2) *уст.* благотворный благодатный, приятный
gracious rain - благодатный дождь
4. в *грам. знач.* междометия батюшки!, боже мой! (выражает удивление, испуг)
gracious heaven!, gracious mercy!, gracious powers! - господи помилуй!, силы небесные!
good gracious! *см.* good II ◊

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gracious *BrE* [ˈɡreɪʃəs] *a* *NAmE* [ˈɡreɪʃəs] *a* **adjective**

1. (of people or behaviour) kind, polite and generous, especially to sb of a lower social position
 - a gracious lady
 - a gracious smile
 - Lady Caroline was gracious enough to accept our invitation.
 - He has not yet learned how to be gracious in defeat.
 2. **usually before noun** showing the comfort and easy way of life that wealth can bring
 - gracious living
 3. **only before noun** (*BrE, formal*) used as a very polite word for royal people or their actions
 - her gracious Majesty the Queen
 - The performance will take place in the gracious presence of HRH the Prince of Wales.
 4. ~ (to sb) (of God) showing kindness and ↑mercy
 - a gracious act of God
 5. (becoming old-fashioned) used for expressing surprise
 - Goodness gracious!
 - 'I hope you didn't mind my phoning you.' 'Good gracious, no, of course not.'
- Derived Words ↑graciously ▪ ↑graciousness

Word Origin:

[gracious graciously graciousness] Middle English: via Old French from Latin *gratiosus*, from *gratia* 'esteem, favour', from *gratus* 'pleasing, thankful'.

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gracious /ˈɡreɪʃəs/ *BrE* *a* *AmE* *a* **adjective**

1. behaving in a polite, kind, and generous way, especially to people of a lower rank:
 - Sibyl was the most gracious, helpful, and generous person to work with.
 - a gracious apology
 2. having the kind of expensive style, comfort, and beauty that only rich people can afford:
 - a gracious manor house
 - a magazine about gracious living
 3. **gracious (me)!/good gracious!/goodness gracious!** *old-fashioned* used to express surprise or to emphasize 'yes' or 'no':
 - Good gracious! What on earth has happened to your feet?
 - 'Did you ever go back?' 'Good gracious, no.'
 4. a gracious act by or gift from God is kind and forgiving
 5. [**only before noun**] used as a polite way of describing a royal person:
 - our gracious Queen
- graciously *adverb*
—graciousness *noun* [uncountable]

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