



# Works of Mercy



**MERCY:** have **compassion** and take **action** to alleviate someone's suffering!

## CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

- To feed the \_\_\_\_\_;
- To give drink to the \_\_\_\_\_;
- To clothe the \_\_\_\_\_;
- To shelter the \_\_\_\_\_;
- To visit the \_\_\_\_\_;
- To visit those in \_\_\_\_\_;
- To bury the \_\_\_\_\_.

## SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY:

- To instruct the \_\_\_\_\_;
- To counsel the \_\_\_\_\_;
- To admonish \_\_\_\_\_;  
*(to reprove or scold, especially in a mild and good-willed manner)*
- To bear wrongs \_\_\_\_\_;
- To forgive offenses \_\_\_\_\_;
- To comfort the \_\_\_\_\_;
- To pray for \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.

How can I...	At Home?	At School?	In my Community?
Feed others?			
Clothe others?			
Visit others?			
Bear Wrongs Patiently?			
Forgive others?			
Pray for others?			



# CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

- ☑ **To feed the hungry & To give drink to the thirsty:** Do we help out at food pantries; do we donate food or money to buy food for the hungry? Our witness can be extremely powerful by giving "our daily bread" to those who so desperately need it.
- ☑ **To clothe the naked:** How many pairs of shoes do we need? Is it possible for us to donate these excesses of ours in order to bring hope to those who need it?
- ☑ **To shelter the homeless:** Are our doors open to those who are in need? Do we give money or time to the many shelters that provide such crucial aid to those who are unable to provide for themselves?
- ☑ **To visit the sick & those in prison:** We should freely choose to visit the shut-ins, the sick, the lonely, and those imprisoned--they are permanently confined to stark building with little love or attention paid to them. We can be a great source of hope in their lives.
- ☑ **To bury the dead:** Let us always show respect for the bodies of those who have gone before us.

# SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

- ☑ **To instruct the ignorant:** Help people understand and learn.
- ☑ **To counsel the doubtful:** Give good advice to those who are uncertain about what to do.
- ☑ **To admonish sinners:** Help people who sin understand and live God's love. Be a good example-- refuse to take part in things you know are wrong!
- ☑ **To bear wrongs patiently:** Deal kindly with people who do thoughtless things.
- ☑ **To forgive offenses willingly:** Forgive people who cause pain, even if they don't deserve it, even if they are not sorry... really!
- ☑ **To comfort the suffering:** Look for those who are having a tough time. Rather than try to "fix" the problem, be present to them. Just as "shared joy is doubled," "shared sorrow is halved."
- ☑ **To pray for the living and the dead:** If we can do nothing else, we can PRAY! Offer up your sufferings to alleviate the pain of others.



And God will say to us,  
"Amen, I say to you,  
whatever you did for one  
of these least brothers of  
mine, you did for me."

MATTHEW 25:40

We are the only  
hands God has on  
this earth

