

Christian Service – Works of Mercy

Jesus taught us that whatever we do for the least of our brothers, we do for him. We show our love for others through actions of sacrifice and service. The works of mercy are acts of love and compassion by which we care for the bodily and spiritual needs of others. They call us to live following Christ's example. The works of mercy are divided into two groups, the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

- The Corporal Works of Mercy- focus on the physical (bodily) and material needs of others and include; feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing to the naked, visiting the imprisoned, sheltering the homeless, visiting the sick and burying the dead.
- The Spiritual Works of Mercy- focus on the needs of the heart, mind and soul and include; admonishing the sinner, instructing the ignorant, counseling the doubtful, comforting the sorrowful, bearing wrongs patiently, forgiving all injuries and praying for the living and the dead.

Christian service is a donation of time to help others that involves one or more of the Corporal or Spiritual Works of Mercy. We will be announcing opportunities for service in class and via email throughout the year. We strongly recommend that you take advantage of these opportunities and countless other situations in your life and the life of your family to sacrifice of yourself in service to others and put faith into action as a disciple of Christ.