

Pope Francis declares Holy Year of Mercy

MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER



December 8, 2015 – November 20, 2016

Month	Corporal Works of Mercy	Spiritual Works of Mercy
Dec.	Feed the hungry	Instruct the ignorant
Jan.	Give drink to the thirsty	Counsel the doubtful
Feb.	Clothe the naked	Admonish the sinner
Mar.	Shelter the homeless	Comfort the sorrowful
Apr.	Visit the sick	Bear wrongs patiently
May	Visit the imprisoned	Forgive all injuries
June	Bury the dead	Pray for the living and dead
July	Feed the hungry	Instruct the ignorant
Aug.	Give drink to the thirsty	Counsel the doubtful
Sept.	Clothe the naked	Admonish the sinner
Oct.	Shelter the homeless	Comfort the sorrowful
Nov.	Visit the sick	Bear wrongs patiently



Join Emmaus Ministry during this Jubilee Year offering love and mercy to all God's creation through Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy

Corporal Works of Mercy

- Feed the hungry** Make sandwiches or soup for distribution to the streets, prepare hot meals, assemble box lunches; sponsor Holiday meals or coffee and donuts at the shelters; conduct canned food, toilet paper, paper towel drives; stock and organize pantry shelves or prepare grocery bags
- Give drink to the thirsty** Conduct collection drives of bottled water, powdered drink mixes; serve coffee to the homeless, distribute popsicles in the summer
- Clothe the naked** Conduct collection drives for socks, sneakers, winter boots, hats and gloves for men and women; sort and stock ministry donations or assemble clothing packages
- Shelter the homeless** Conduct collection drives for washcloths, bath towels, single twin sheets, blankets and pillows; collect and assemble personal care item packs
- Visit the sick** Visit a friend or family member in a hospital or rehabilitation facility; check on a neighbor who is recuperating at home
- Visit the imprisoned** Send cards to the incarcerated; send cards and assemble care packages for homebound parishioners; visit a senior citizen, Alzheimer care or end of life care facility
- Bury the dead** Attend calling hours and funeral masses especially of those without family, elderly or social outcasts; offer mass intentions

While these are ways the Corporal Works of Mercy can be performed with Emmaus Ministry, ideas can be parish specific.

Spiritual Works of Mercy

- Instruct the ignorant** Learn more about your faith, spend time reading the Bible, reflect before the Blessed Sacrament; attend a seminar or workshop on the Catholic faith; offer to teach religious education or RCIA classes
- Counsel the doubtful** Share something about your faith with family or friends; keep a spiritual journal
- Admonish the sinner** Do an examination of conscience; frequent the Sacrament of Reconciliation; charitably help a friend to see their wrong
- Comfort the sorrowful** Card campaign to parishioners that have suffered loss; attend funerals; reach out to those in pain and offer unconditional presence
- Bear wrongs patiently** Turn the other cheek; let go of a long standing grudge
- Forgive all injuries** Acknowledge and accept an apology; pray for those that hurt you; offer forgiveness to others
- Pray for the living and dead** Offer a daily prayer intention for all humanity; offer a daily intention for all who have died that day, especially those who die alone



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