



**Activity #5 – Grade 5 and Grade 6**

**Bring this completed paper to class with you on Sunday, March 22 or Wednesday, March 25, 2020**

**Name \_\_\_\_\_**

**The Corporal Works of Mercy**

Jesus tells us that whatever we do for the least of our brothers and sisters, we do for him. The Corporal Works of Mercy tell us to:

1. Feed the hungry
2. Give drink to the thirsty
3. Clothe the naked
4. Shelter the homeless
5. Visit the sick
6. Visit the imprisoned
7. Bury the dead

For this Faith in Action activity, you are asked to perform an act of mercy that you haven't done before or one that you were not planning to do during Lent. The works of mercy are ways of being the compassion of Jesus in the world today. Jesus always had a particular concern for those in need, and we, as his followers, are to do likewise.

There are many ways we can do these works of mercy today. Consider your family, your neighbors, your friends, and people in need in our local community and the world. Be creative and compassionate in your thinking and talk with your parents about the work of mercy you plan to do.

Read the ideas on the back of this paper or on the second page and, after you do the activity, write about it on the lines provided.

What work of mercy did you choose to do? Why did you choose that? \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe your experience. How did it make you feel to do that work of mercy? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Corporal Works of Mercy

There are many ways we can do these works of mercy today. Some examples are:

- Call a person who is homebound or who would appreciate talking with you.
- Go through your drawers and closets and find good-condition clothes to donate to an agency that distributes them.
- Pray every day for someone who is imprisoned by drugs or alcohol.
- Send a card with someone who has lost a friend or family member.
- Pray for the families of people who are in jail.
- Visit a person who is elderly or has difficulty leaving their home.
- At school, have lunch with or talk to another student who you don't know well.
- Be helpful at home by doing three or four tasks without being asked.
- If you know someone in a nursing home, visit them and bring them a St. Patrick's Day card (or any card!)
- At school share your snack with another student, especially if s/he forgot to bring one.
- Take some money from your allowance or that you have earned and put it in the poor box in church. There is a poor box at every door of the church.
- Make a donation to a charity that assists people in need.
- Send a get-well send a card to someone who is sick