

"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"

Matthew 25:37

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

Everyone is called to build up the Kingdom of Heaven by spreading the Gospel and caring for those in need. This is the universal mission of the Church. Since the Second Vatican Council, the Catholic Church has established that the needs of the poor must come first. In Matthew 25:35-36, Jesus instructs us on how to care for the poor and vulnerable:

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me."

▶ ACTIVITY

The Corporal Works of Mercy show us ways to build up God's kingdom. Write the number of a Corporal Work of Mercy next to the headline it describes

- _____ Saint John's Parish Opens Food Kitchen
- _____ Scouts Congratulated on Their Clothing Drive
- _____ Town Opens Center for Flood Victims
- _____ Fifth-graders Bring Plants to Nursing Home

1. Feed the hungry.
2. Give drink to the thirsty.
3. Clothe those who need clothes.
4. Shelter the homeless.
5. Visit the sick.
6. Visit those in prison.
7. Bury the dead.

▶ ACTIVITY

In the spaces below, list ways that you can try to live one of the Corporal Works of Mercy.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____
