



Day 22 | Live It | Works of Mercy

In today's One Percent Prayer, Margaret invites us to learn about and practice one of the Works of Mercy.

In today's passage, Jesus tells us that he so identifies with us, that whatever we do or fail to do, we do or fail to do for one of the least of his brothers or sisters, we do or fail to do for Jesus. This passage is the scriptural basis for the Works of Mercy our Church invites us to strive to do. Works of Mercy are actions we can take that extend God's compassion and mercy to those in need. There are corporal works of mercy and spiritual works of mercy. The Corporal Works of Mercy are actions we can take to help our neighbors with their material and physical needs. The Spiritual Works of Mercy are actions we can take to help our neighbors with their emotional and spiritual needs.

The Corporal Works of Mercy include: feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, giving alms to the poor, sheltering the homeless, visiting the sick, visiting the imprisoned, and burying the dead.

Spiritual Works of Mercy include: instructing the ignorant, counseling the doubtful, admonishing the sinner, forgiving injuries, comforting the sorrowful, bearing wrongs patiently, and praying for the living and the dead.

Today, we invite you to ask the Lord what is one concrete action you can take today to exercise a work of mercy for one of the least of Jesus' brothers and sisters with whom he identifies--a neighbor either locally or globally. Then do it.

If all of us do this every day, think about how it could transform our world!

Learn more and explore more ways to live the Works of Mercy by clicking: [Corporal Works of Mercy](#) and [Spiritual Works of Mercy](#)