

THE WORKS OF MERCY

Jesus asks us to help others.
These good acts are called the works of mercy.

Here are some ways we can do this loving service. Match the words to the pictures.
The first one is done for you.

Visit Those in Prison

Feed the Hungry

Give Drink to the Thirsty

Shelter the Homeless

Give Clothing to the Poor

Visit the Sick

Pray for Those Who Have Died

The illustrations include: a girl writing a letter; a woman visiting an elderly person in a hospital bed; a girl holding a baby; a boy washing his hands; a boy kneeling by a tombstone; a boy serving a girl at a table; and a person in a first aid kit tending to someone.

Parents and Catechists: The helpful activities described are called the corporal works of mercy, because they are done to benefit the needs of our bodies. Talk with children about how important it is for us to care for our neighbors' physical needs just as we care for spiritual needs (the spiritual works of mercy). The first activity is done for children. One way to 'visit' someone in prison is to make contact with them. Writing letters or sending cards that can be collected and sent as a group provides even children the opportunity to "visit those in prison."