

Living the Corporal Works of Mercy

(Includes the 8th Corporal Work of Mercy: Care for Our Common Home as declared by Pope Francis in 2016)

FEED THE HUNGRY

Question:

Who is hungry and why?

Response:

- Protect food sources and biodiversity and oppose waste
- Support those who lack food

GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY

Question:

For what are people thirsting?

Response:

- Oppose the privatisation of water
- Be ever mindful of people who need the basics of life

CLOTHE THE NAKED

Question:

Who is vulnerable?

Response:

- Protect the old, young, homeless, poor, trafficked...
- Be grateful for those who surround you in warmth and comfort

WELCOME THE STRANGER

Question:

Who needs a safe space?

Response:

- Reach out to the unloved and the unpopular
- Practise radical hospitality

VISIT THE IMPRISONED

Question:

What captures people today?

Response:

- Give up attitudes and habits which enslave
- Help those who are prisoners and those confined by fear or loneliness

VISIT THE SICK

Question:

What brings comfort to the sick?

Response:

- Be there for people who need you
- Be aware of those in your community who are unwell

BURY THE DEAD

Question:

What do you need to bury?

Response:

- Put away those things which can bring physical or spiritual harm
- Remember with gratitude those who have died and their impact on your life

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Question:

What can you do to nurture the environment?

Response:

- Show mercy to all of creation
- Support action for the environment and support those who care for creation

**How does your ministry respond to the Corporal Works of Mercy?
Create a list of responses based on the work of your ministry.**

