

WORKS OF MERCY

In our liturgical tradition, the most frequently chanted prayer is: Lord, have mercy! In the Gospel, the Lord has taught us that, because God has shown us mercy, we must show mercy to others. This mercy is not just a feeling, but must be shown in concrete ways. The following are what have been called “Corporal Works of Mercy”, they are ways of showing love and mercy to those in need. Most of these Works of Mercy are found in Christ’s message concerning the Last Judgment in Matthew 25 (verses 31 to 46).

Feed the hungry, *Mt. 25:35*;
Give drink to the thirsty, *Mt. 25:35*;
Clothe the naked, *Mt. 25:36*;
Shelter the homeless, *Mt. 25:35*;
Visit the sick, *Mt. 25:36*;
Visit the imprisoned, *Mt. 25:36*;
Bury the dead, *Tobit 1:18*