

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

CORPORAL AND SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

Research the [Corporal Works of Mercy](#) and know how to briefly define each.

Pick two (Grade 9) and write one paragraph on each as to how you can or do incorporate them into your everyday life.

Research the [Spiritual Works of Mercy](#) and know how to briefly define each.

Pick two (Grade 10) and write one paragraph on each as to how you can or do incorporate them into your everyday life.

Corporal Works of Mercy (Grade 9)

Corporal Works of Mercy are kind acts by which we help our neighbors with their material and physical needs.

Feed the hungry
Give drink to the thirsty
Clothe the naked
Shelter the homeless
Visit the sick
Visit the imprisoned
Bury the dead

Spiritual Works of Mercy (Grade 10)

The Spiritual Works of Mercy are acts of compassion by which we help our neighbors with their emotional and spiritual needs.

Counsel the doubtful
Instruct the ignorant
Admonish sinners
Comfort the afflicted
Forgive offenses
Bear wrongs patiently
Pray for the living and the dead

The Corporal Works of Mercy are found in the teachings of Jesus and give us a model for how we should treat all others, as if they were Christ in disguise. They "are charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs" (USCCA). They respond to the basic needs of humanity as we journey together through this life.

The Spiritual Works of Mercy have long been a part of the Christian tradition, appearing in the works of theologians and spiritual writers throughout history. Just as Jesus attended to the spiritual well-being of those he ministered to, these Spiritual Works of Mercy guide us to "help our neighbor in their spiritual needs" ([USCCA](#)).

Great resource:
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
<https://www.usccb.org/>

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