

Works of Mercy

- All:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
- Leader:** In Jesus we have the perfect example of who God is. By following his actions and teachings, we can become more like him. Let us listen now to the words of our Lord and take to heart the message he shares with us today.
- And the crowds asked [Jesus], “What then should we do?” He said to them in reply, “Whoever has two tunics should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise.”* (Luke 3:10–11)
- The Word of the Lord.
- All:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
- Leader:** Lord, when did I see you hungry or naked?
- All:** Open my eyes to the needs of those who are struggling to survive. Help me find ways to correct the injustices that lead to so many having so little. I will work to feed the hungry and give clothing to those in need.
- Leader:** Lord, when did I see you homeless?
- All:** So many in the world are lost. They are alone. They have no one to protect them from trials and hardships. Lord, help me offer shelter, both physical and emotional, to those who are left alone to weather the storms of life.

- Leader:** Lord, when were you sick or imprisoned?
- All:** Prison walls come in many forms. Sickness has many symptoms. Make me aware of those who suffer and struggle against pains and imprisonment, no matter what their form. Help me offer comfort and care.
- Leader:** Lord, what can I do for the dead?
- All:** Dignity and respect are deserved by all. Help me find ways to offer these to those who need them. With my prayers, make me available to the deceased and those whom they leave behind.
- Leader:** Lord, what else can I offer to those in need?
- All:** I will continue to learn more about my faith so that I can be a source of help, counsel, comfort, and patience for all whom I meet. Guide me in my journey. Keep me focused on you, O Lord.
- In your name, we pray. Amen.