

Wednesday Earth Wisdom

Wednesday, May 4



Translating the Words of Mercy in Light of Laudato Si'

Corporal Works of Mercy

- Feed the hungry, especially those who suffer from poverty and drought.
- Give drink to the thirsty, especially those who lack clean abundant water.
- Clothe the naked, especially those exposed to the cold of winter and the sting of indifference.
- Shelter the homeless, especially victims of war, storms and rising seas.
- Care for the sick, especially those who have been poisoned by the waste of our industries.
- Ransom the captives, especially those oppressed by cruel economic and political systems, or from addictions to the pleasures of the world.
- Protect the dignity of the human person, especially in reverently burying the dead.
- Care for our common home.

Spiritual Works of Mercy

- Teach those who do not see how their lifestyles harm others.
- Offer hope to those who despair for the future of loved ones or the future of the world.
- Admonish those who sin against neighbor, the natural order or the laws of nature.
- Patiently bear the sufferings inflicted by gluttony and greed.
- Willingly forgive offenses committed against humanity and the goodness of creation.
- Comfort those afflicted by corruption, by changes to the climate and by unwholesome desires.
- Desire always to pray for the living and the dead and future generations.
- Care for our common home.

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