

The Corporal Works of Mercy

Visit the Sick

Food for Thought

“For I was ill and you cared for me.”

– *The Gospel of Matthew 25:36*

Daily Life

- Practice safe social distancing, wear a mask, and comply with all health advisories regarding the COVID-19 pandemic
- Pray for those who are sick, and those caregivers who care for them
- Consider ways that our loved ones may be suffering due to the pandemic in ways we can't see, and offer support by listening to them over the phone, writing letters of encouragement, and letting them know how much you care.

For Further Consideration

YouTube video of Kerry Weber discussing this Corporal Work of Mercy: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5yNwoS4ntbl>

Visit the Sick: *Ministering God's Grace in Times of Illness* by Brian Croft, published by Zondervan (2014)

Movie: *Little Boy* (2015), directed by Alejandro Monteverde about a young boy in WWII and the power of Faith and Hope

COVID Prayer by Kerry Weber, <https://www.archdiosf.org/documents/2020/3/COVID%20-%202019%20Prayer%20English.pdf>

Questions to Contemplate

Read *Mercy in the City* by Kerry Weber

In what ways may we be sick?

In this time of COVID, how can we safely show our love and support for those who are ill, whether physically, emotionally, mentally, or spiritually?

- (Chapter 17): How do you react to Kerry's statement that "sometimes all you can do is pour out as much water as you can, welcome people to the table, and cheer them on as they continue to run their own race"? How forcefully should we thrust the saving grace of Jesus Christ on others?
- (Chapter 18): Kerry struggles to schedule a date while staying true to her Lenten fasting. In what ways has staying true to the teachings of Christ caused conflict in your life?
- (Chapter 20): Fr. Williams talks about how in the Catholic Church we use all our senses in prayer. What are some of your favorite ways that your five senses are engaged in prayer?
- (Chapter 22): What do you think about Kerry's visit to the home for retired Sisters of Mercy? Is caring for those who are sick of heart the same as visiting the sick?