



# CALLED TO ACTION

Session 9: Service Project

living the Faith  
celebrating Prayer  
promoting Justice  
ready to Serve

## Song – We are Called – David Haas

Come! live in the light!  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom,  
to live in the freedom of the city of God!

Refrain: We are called to act with justice.  
We are called to love tenderly.  
We are called to serve one another,  
to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart!  
Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless,  
so all hatred and blindness will be no more!

Sing! Sing a new song!  
Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign and we'll walk with each other as  
sisters and brothers united in love!

Video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=luTgw96ZREA>

## Prayer

God of Justice  
In the midst of conflict and division  
We know it is you  
Who turns our minds to thoughts of peace  
Your Spirit changes our hearts  
Enemies begin to speak to one another  
Those who were estranged join hands in friendship  
And nations seek the way of peace together.  
Let Your Spirit be at work in us.  
Give us understanding and put an end to strife,  
Fill us with mercy and overcome our denial  
Grant us wisdom and teach us to learn from the people of the land  
Call us to justice

(Adapted from the Preface of the Eucharistic Prayer for Masses of Reconciliation II)

## Service Project

The Service Project is meant to give the participants an experience of the themes of Catholic Social Teaching. Participating in an act of service to the community is a way for us to respond to the call of our baptism; to be an image of Christ in our world.



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## Activity

Arrange a service project where all participants will be able to address a social justice issue. It does not have to be a massive endeavour but it does need to be a meaningful one. An example would be collaborating with groups in the parish or region who are already addressing social issues like Legion of Mary, Vinnies or Pax Christi.

Organise a service project for 3-4 hours and allocate some time to reflect on the experience before the day finishes. Ideas for service can be found at: <http://www.akyouth.org.nz/Res/Resources/Ideas%20for%20meetings%20with%20young%20people/Community%20Service%20Ideas.pdf>

## Reflection Questions

Ask the participants to share on one or more of the following questions:

- the most memorable moment of the service experience?
- What is my response to the experience?
- What action/s can I make in my everyday life to make a difference in my local community?
- What are some of the practical ways that I can support marginalised people or care for my local environment?
- How can I challenge the systems and structures that perpetuate the situation/s experienced by people in my local community?

Check our Community Service Guide on line for more detailed instructions about leading a service project:

<http://www.akyouth.org.nz/Res/Resources/Ideas%20for%20meetings%20with%20young%20people/Community%20Service%20-%20overview.pdf>

## Scripture – Judgment of the Nations (Matthew 25:31-41)

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his throne on glory. All the nations will be gathered before him and he will separate people one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it for one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did for me.'

**Suggestion:** Use the scripture reading above as the starting point for the final reflection. The recommendation is that you do the reflection immediately at the conclusion of the service project while it is fresh in the minds of participants.

Invite participants to share their reflection in a creative way such as by video, skit, clay sculpture, collage etc.

