

YEAR OF MERCY | SPIRITUAL WORKS | WORD SEARCH

Instructions:

This activity is designed to help you understand more about the Spiritual Works of Mercy. Along with this sheet you will have seven sheets – each one containing an explanation about one of the Spiritual Works of Mercy. Notice that on each sheet there are some blanks.

You are searching for a total of 24 words which will be inserted in the blanks on the sheets provided. Word placement in the grid below has words ordered going forwards and downwards. There are NO words that are backwards or diagonal.

Work as a group to highlight a total of 24 words (shown in the column to the right of the grid). When you have these words you can claim printed pieces of the words to add to an explanation.

Word Search

X	R	D	C	Z	R	Y	R	D	X	C	F	E	F	M	B	P	J	Z	G	H	F	A
H	H	G	L	W	D	K	N	A	P	S	F	N	D	K	T	B	N	D	B	E	V	K
H	G	D	A	G	B	H	I	D	R	S	W	J	Q	D	X	Y	N	W	T	L	C	F
A	W	H	H	I	O	Y	Q	X	A	Y	A	G	B	K	U	T	J	W	J	P	F	N
P	Z	O	C	H	M	P	A	F	Y	K	J	P	E	O	A	C	W	S	K	I	U	B
Q	O	E	A	Y	F	F	C	V	E	A	T	A	L	K	I	N	G	O	H	N	F	J
Y	O	J	R	Q	L	L	R	E	R	Q	G	G	I	R	R	T	T	R	C	G	E	I
B	I	S	E	S	L	D	P	N	X	E	N	I	E	A	M	X	E	R	L	E	M	I
C	A	Z	V	P	L	P	M	X	I	X	P	A	F	O	E	H	M	Y	A	C	L	F
G	T	X	F	B	W	W	B	U	Y	J	F	I	S	C	Q	Y	E	K	J	W	F	S
S	O	X	G	U	D	R	J	B	D	G	R	Q	P	N	A	C	A	H	R	U	H	F
K	B	A	F	V	W	O	F	Q	B	M	O	H	T	I	G	R	I	E	F	I	S	S
B	O	R	V	U	A	N	J	F	J	I	S	N	W	I	V	Y	Z	A	R	X	F	O
N	X	E	T	O	Y	G	Y	I	N	S	M	O	M	E	N	T	S	U	W	D	L	V
U	A	G	C	N	Z	S	M	S	D	T	K	M	O	I	J	L	B	B	Y	O	I	L
L	I	S	T	E	N	I	N	G	O	A	N	W	T	O	T	H	E	R	S	U	Q	Z
D	K	Z	T	Z	D	C	O	H	A	K	N	Q	G	N	A	X	S	V	L	B	S	S
R	Y	T	A	B	Z	Q	M	H	M	E	Y	Q	E	X	J	L	U	C	I	T	Z	O
N	Z	X	U	E	Q	X	Q	Q	O	S	A	H	T	R	Z	B	Y	L	F	W	F	E
X	J	U	D	G	E	R	N	Z	J	P	L	K	I	E	P	W	V	J	O	L	V	T
L	M	Z	B	S	V	E	S	X	A	B	I	T	T	E	R	L	G	L	L	M	W	J
G	O	Q	E	J	X	S	J	X	S	S	Q	K	R	M	C	G	V	E	L	Y	P	I
M	O	H	K	M	G	T	E	R	Q	U	I	K	X	M	E	Z	P	T	O	S	L	E
S	Z	P	U	K	Q	Q	U	N	I	F	D	N	G	J	Z	K	M	J	W	V	G	Y
Z	X	L	C	E	D	S	U	P	P	O	R	T	K	X	O	R	K	O	D	M	R	F
C	L	F	B	R	G	N	A	U	O	D	A	F	M	W	I	N	I	U	L	X	U	A
R	B	C	O	M	P	A	S	S	I	O	N	U	C	D	Y	G	C	R	Q	E	D	I
C	H	R	I	S	T	J	K	L	J	B	L	K	O	Y	L	I	K	N	Z	X	G	T
B	C	W	K	W	E	W	L	T	Q	D	E	A	G	P	R	E	S	E	N	C	E	H
G	P	S	D	R	L	Z	W	V	L	N	I	A	F	L	P	E	O	Y	P	K	S	P

Words to find:

- BELIEFS
- BITTER
- CARE
- CHRIST
- COMPASSION
- DOUBT
- FAITH
- FOLLOW
- GRIEF
- GRUDGES
- HELPING
- JOURNEY
- JUDGE
- LET
- LISTENING
- MISTAKES
- MOMENTS
- OTHERS
- PRAYER
- PRESENCE
- SORRY
- SUPPORT
- TALKING
- WRONGS

Reflection:

- Which of the Spiritual Works of Mercy do you find the easiest to understand?
- Which of the Spiritual Works of Mercy is the hardest for you to understand?

X R D C Z R Y R D X C F E F M B P J Z G H F A
H H G L W D K N A P S F N D K T B N D B E V K
H G D A G B H I D R S W J Q D X Y N W T L C F
A W H H I O Y Q X A Y A G B K U T J W J P F N
P Z O C H M P A F Y K J P E O A C W S K I U B
Q O E A Y F F C V E A T A L K I N G O H N F J
Y O J R Q L L R E R Q G G I R R T T R C G E I
B I S E S L D P N X E N I E A M X E R L E M I
C A Z V P L P M X I X P A F O E H M Y A C L F
G T X F B W W B U Y J F I S C Q Y E K J W F S
S O X G U D R J B D G R Q P N A C A H R U H F
K B A F V W O F Q B M O H T I G R I E F I S S
B O R V U A N J F J I S N W I V Y Z A R X F O
N X E T O Y G Y I N S M O M E N T S U W D L V
U A G C N Z S M S D T K M O I J L B B Y O I L
L I S T E N I N G O A N W T O T H E R S U Q Z
D K Z T Z D C O H A K N Q G N A X S V L B S S
R Y T A B Z Q M H M E Y Q E X J L U C I T Z O
N Z X U E Q X Q Q O S A H T R Z B Y L F W F E
X J U D G E R N Z J P L K I E P W V J O L V T
L M Z B S V E S X A B I T T E R L G L L M W J
G O Q E J X S J X S S Q K R M C G V E L Y P I
M O H K M G T E R Q U I K X M E Z P T O S L E
S Z P U K Q Q U N I F D N G J Z K M J W V G Y
Z X L C E D S U P P O R T K X O R K O D M R F
C L F B R G N A U O D A F M W I N I U L X U A
R B C O M P A S S I O N U C D Y G C R Q E D I
C H R I S T J K L J B L K O Y L I K N Z X G T
B C W K W E W L T Q D E A G P R E S E N C E H
G P S D R L Z W V L N I A F L P E O Y P K S P

Counsel the Doubtful

EVERYONE	HAS		OF	
IN	THEIR	FAITH		WE
SHOULD	REMEMBER	TO		
WITH	THE	WITNESS	OF	OUR
LIFE	SO	THAT	OTHERS	SEE
GOD'S	LOVE	REVEALED	IN	OUR
ACTIONS.				

Instruct the ignorant

LEARN	ABOUT	OUR		AND
BE	OPEN	TO		WITH
OTHERS	ABOUT	OUR	.	THERE
IS	ALWAYS	SOMETHING	TO	DISCOVER
ABOUT	OUR	FAITH.		

Admonish the sinner

DO	NOT	.	BE	SUPPORTIVE
IN		OTHERS	TO	FIND
THEIR	WAY	AND	CORRECT	THEIR
.				

Comfort the afflicted

BE	OPEN	TO		AND
COMFORTING	THOSE	WHO	ARE DEALING	WITH
.	EVEN	IF	WE	AREN'T
SURE	OF	THE	RIGHT	WORDS
TO	SAY,	OUR		CAN
MAKE	A	BIG	DIFFERENCE.	

Forgiving injuries

FORGIVING	OTHERS	IS	DIFFICULT.	WE
DO	NOT	HAVE	GOD'S	LIMITLESS
MERCY	AND	COMPASSION.		GO
OF	.	BE	SURE	TO
SAY	.			

Bear wrongs patiently

DO NOT	BE		ABOUT	
DONE	AGAINST	YOU.	PLACE	YOUR
HOPE	IN	GOD	SO THAT	YOU CAN
ENDURE	TROUBLES	OF THIS	WORLD	AND FACE
THEM	WITH	.		

PRAY FOR THE LIVING AND THE DEAD

	IS A	POWERFUL	WAY WE	CAN
	OTHERS.	REMEMBERING	THE	LIVING
AND THE	DEAD	ENTRUSTS	US ALL	INTO
GOD'S	.			

Counsel the Doubtful

LEADER VERSION

EVERYONE	HAS	MOMENTS	OF	DOUBT
IN	THEIR	FAITH	JOURNEY	WE
SHOULD	REMEMBER	TO	FOLLOW	CHRIST
WITH	THE	WITNESS	OF	OUR
LIFE	SO	THAT	OTHERS	SEE
GOD'S	LOVE	REVEALED	IN	OUR
ACTIONS.				

Instruct the ignorant

LEADER VERSION

LEARN	ABOUT	OUR	FAITH	AND
BE	OPEN	TO	TALKING	WITH
OTHERS	ABOUT	OUR	BELIEFS.	THERE
IS	ALWAYS	SOMETHING	TO	DISCOVER
ABOUT	OUR	FAITH.		

Admonish the sinner

LEADER VERSION

DO	NOT	JUDGE.	BE	SUPPORTIVE
IN	HELPING	OTHERS	TO	FIND
THEIR	WAY	AND	CORRECT	THEIR
MISTAKES.				

Comfort the afflicted

LEADER VERSION

BE	OPEN	TO	LISTENING	AND
COMFORTING	THOSE	WHO	ARE DEALING	WITH
GRIEF.	EVEN	IF	WE	AREN'T
SURE	OF	THE	RIGHT	WORDS
TO	SAY,	OUR	PRESENCE	CAN
MAKE	A	BIG	DIFFERENCE.	

Forgiving injuries

LEADER VERSION

FORGIVING	OTHERS	IS	DIFFICULT.	WE
DO	NOT	HAVE	GOD'S	LIMITLESS
MERCY	AND	COMPASSION.	LET	GO
OF	GRUDGES.	BE	SURE	TO
SAY	SORRY.			

Bear wrongs patiently

LEADER VERSION

DO NOT	BE	BITTER	ABOUT	WRONGS
DONE	AGAINST	YOU.	PLACE	YOUR
HOPE	IN	GOD	SO THAT	YOU CAN
ENDURE	TROUBLES	OF THIS	WORLD	AND FACE
THEM	WITH	COMPASSION.		

PRAY FOR THE LIVING AND THE DEAD

LEADER VERSION

PRAYER	IS A	POWERFUL	WAY WE	CAN
SUPPORT	OTHERS.	REMEMBERING	THE	LIVING
AND THE	DEAD	ENTRUSTS	US ALL	INTO
GOD'S	CARE.			

Debrief questions about Spiritual Works of Mercy

Instruct the Ignorant:

- It's important that we take ownership of knowing our faith. What ways have you found work for you to learn your faith?
- What is one practical way that you could help a friend or another person learn about faith?
- What is one area or topic of faith that you would like to learn more about?

Counsel the Doubtful:

- Can you think of a time when you doubted?
- Have any of your friends asked you about your faith?
- How did it feel to explain about your faith or perhaps justify your faith?
- Has someone asked you for advice? Did what you believe help form your answer?

Admonish the sinner:

- What does "admonish" mean? (reprimand, tell off)
- Can you think of a time when somebody else unfairly judged you? How did that feel?
- Can you think of a time when you judged somebody? What was the basis on which you made that judgement?
- If someone has genuinely done something wrong how can you correct that person? (Don't be arrogant – show understanding but do state what needs to change).

Comfort the afflicted:

- What do we mean by the term afflicted? (distressed, troubled)
- Who do you know who is troubled? (friends, family – people in the wider community eg homeless, refugees etc)
- What can you do to comfort/help those who are afflicted?
- Are there times when you have been the afflicted? If yes, what have others done to comfort you?

Forgive offences willingly:

- What grudges or burdens are you holding? Can you let these go or do you need others to forgive you?
- Think of a time when you said sorry. How was that for you? Who got the greater benefit ... you or the person who you said sorry to?
- Have you ever been in the situation where another person said sorry to you but it wasn't authentic? How did that feel? Have you ever done that to somebody else?

- What Church sacrament speaks of forgiveness?
(Penance/Confession/Reconciliation)

Bearing wrongs patiently:

- Often when somebody does something minor that hurts us we can blow this up out of all proportion. Can you think of a time when you have done that? Who got hurt the most – you or the other person?
- Can you think of a time when you were frustrated by another person? What strategies did you use to let go of that frustration? (Talk it through with somebody, take a helicopter view of the situation, talk to God about the frustration).
- We often think of wrongs as being between two people but there are times

Praying for the living and the dead

- There are lots of different ways to pray. What is your favourite way of praying?
- Have you experienced the grief of having someone you love or know die? Did you pray for that person and/or their family/loved ones?
- Who are the living people that you pray for regularly?
- If there was one new way of praying for the living and the dead that you would like to adopt what would that be?