

A Service Project

You have seen that outreach to the poor and marginalized is a major theme in Luke's Gospel. Here's your chance to imitate the love Jesus showed for those in need.

1. Think of an agency that provides for poor people or of an individual in your community who is in need of a helping hand.
2. Contact that agency or individual and offer to assist in any way you are needed. For example, you might shovel snow, rake leaves, or mow grass for an elderly neighbor; provide company for someone who is lonely; work regularly at a soup kitchen or food bank; or participate in a parish project for those in need.
3. Complete your service.
4. Submit a letter from your parent or the person or agency you helped verifying that you completed the project.
5. Write a one-page reflection paper answering the following questions:
 - Where and for whom did you complete your service?
 - What were your tasks throughout this service?
 - How did you see Christ in the person or people you served?
 - How do you understand Jesus' message of care for the poor and marginalized now that you have worked closely with some of these vulnerable people?
 - Connect your experience to a story from the Gospel.
6. Prepare to share your reflection with the class in a 2- to 3-minute presentation.

