

# 4D Christian Service Ideas

The best place to look for good Christian Community service hours is the Corporal Works of Mercy. These are taken right out of the Gospel according to Matthew, 25:35.

Feed the hungry  
Give drink to the thirsty  
Clothe the naked  
Visit prisoners  
Shelter the homeless  
Visit the sick  
Bury the dead

If you can think of an hour you can devote to one or several of these, this would be a great Christian service hour.

Some examples would be:

Feed the Hungry/Give drink to the thirsty – you could get a carload of fellow Confirmation candidates and work at the soup kitchen in Ionia – or you could have a non-perishable food drive to donate food to those who are less fortunate

Clothe the naked – you could take part in or start a clothing drive to provide some families who are less fortunate with clothes

Visit prisoners – you could go to one of the local prison's (with adults only) to visit some of the people who are imprisoned.

Visit the sick – you could get a carload of candidates, or go with a family member to some local nursing homes and visit some of the elderly persons there. They always love seeing the youth.

Bury the dead – this can be a little tricky, but some ideas under this Corporal Work of Mercy could be: Attend a funeral, even if it isn't someone you know and pray fervently for that person. You could also take a walk in the cemetery (fall is a great time for this) and just walk through the cemetery or spend some time there, while praying for those who are buried there.

You could also call the parish office to volunteer at the Church. The church needs to be swept, vacuumed and straightened up in general on a regular basis.

These are only some of the possibilities. Please keep in mind that the service hours should be Christian in nature. Please try to think of things that may be a bit of a sacrifice on your part, something you normally wouldn't do, (but hopefully will begin to do more) And something that helps you to think of Jesus and helps the people you are serving to see Jesus in you.