

Assumption Parish Novena of Mercy August 5 - August 14, 2016

As a way to participate in the Year of Mercy, **the Church of the Assumption Novena of Mercy** is a parish-wide time of prayer and works of mercy. Assumption is inviting every Catholic to perform corporal and spiritual works of mercy during the nine days leading up to our Parish Feast Day (The Assumption) August 14. Works can be done as an individual, as a couple, as a family or in a group.

The Corporal Works of Mercy

Feed the hungry
Give drink to the thirsty
Shelter the homeless
Visit the sick
Visit the prisoners
Bury the dead
Give alms to the poor

The Spiritual Works Of Mercy

Counsel the doubtful
Instruct the ignorant
Admonish the sinner
Comfort the sorrowful
Forgive injuries
Bear wrongs patiently
Pray for the living and the dead

How do I participate in the Assumption Parish Novena of Mercy?

1. Select any one or more from the above list of Corporal or Spiritual Works of Mercy.
Use the suggestions on the back of this form to get an idea of what you wish to do.
2. Choose whether you will work alone, as a couple, as a family or as the organizer of a group.
3. If you do not wish to organize a group, skip this step and go to step 4.
If you wish to work as the organizer of a group, pick up a *Novena of Mercy: Group Project Proposal* form from the gathering space on the week-end of July 10/11. Fill it out with the details of your project. (Type or Print Very Clearly). Turn it in on the week-end of July 16/17. It will be in the gathering space on the week-end of July 23/24 for people to sign up for your project. It will be up to you to contact the volunteers and organize them to do the project.
4. Chose your own time to perform the work(s) within the 9 days from August 5 - 13 inclusive.
5. Return the *Novena of Mercy Report Card* at mass on August 13 5:00PM or August 14, 11:00AM.

Ideas: Look at the list of Works of Mercy and review this list of suggestions. Then be creative!

Daily Prayer: Pope's prayer of mercy, or Rosary or visit the Blessed Sacrament each of the nine days,
or pray the Mercy Rosary found at <http://media.stlukeproductions.com/rosary/yom/joyful.mp3>
Pray at the graveside of one or more people in a cemetery.

Visit someone house-bound or in assisted living or convalescent home. There are many!

Call the home for names then visit, listen to their story, offer to play cards or a game, read to them.

Contact someone whom I need to forgive (or someone from whom I need to ask forgiveness.)

Contact someone who is struggling with the faith or being unfaithful in their marriage and talk to them.

Contact someone who has lost a loved one during the last year or two and offer to visit/pray with them.

Reach out in friendship to someone who is divorced or widowed or is a single parent.

Call someone whom I know to be lonesome and visit by phone or in person.

Write a letter to a prisoner (Please, only someone you already know.)

Donate to CCS or other charity, Hope House, Lighthouse Mission, Lydia Place, Womencare Shelter, Food bank

Perform yard work or paint or do home repairs for someone who is unable to care for their own yard.

Pope Francis' Year Of Mercy Prayer

Please pray this prayer every day from August 5 through August 13

Lord Jesus Christ, You have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.

Show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money;
the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things;
made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us,
the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father,
of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy:
let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness
in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error:
let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing,
so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord,
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor,
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy,
you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen

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Novena of Mercy: Report Card

___ individual ___ couple ___ family ___ group

Name(s): _____

Works of Mercy: _____

Total hours performed: _____

Please bring this card to mass on August 13 or 14.