

Assumption Parish Novena of Mercy

August 5 - August 13, 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) on Aug. 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 weekend of July 10-11. Fill it out with the details of your project. (Type or Print Very Clearly.) Turn it in on the weekend of July 16-17. Others will be able to sign up for your project during the weekend of July 23-24 when all of the proposals are displayed. It will be up to you to contact the volunteers and organize them to do the project.
4. Choose your own time to perform the work(s) within the 9 days from Aug. 5-13, inclusive.
5. Return the *Novena of Mercy Report Card* at Mass on Aug. 13, 5:00 p.m. or Aug. 14, 11:00 a.m.

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 his/her own yard.