

# EMMANUEL YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT ENCOUNTER

SATURDAY ~ MAY 9 ~ DAY 7

Today's theme is *service and the corporal works of mercy*. Every Christian is called to be the hands, feet, voice and heart of God. What we do to the least of our brothers and sisters we do to Christ. We are most fully alive and ourselves when we act and live for others.

Scripture passages to read, and spend some time in silence with:

Ephesians 2:4 ~ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us

Hebrews 4:16 ~ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Matthew 5:1-48 ~ Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ...

## Reflection/Discussion Questions

What are some ways you have done acts of mercy and service?

What are the corporal works of mercy? Can you list them? If not look them up.

What saints can you recall that lived lives of radical service?

Can you recall times when you were required to do service projects, and at the start did not want to act, but by the end were filled with joy; why was that?

Have you ever received the charity and mercy of others? What is it like to receive acts of kindness?

What would our world look like if everyone practiced acts of mercy and kindness? Why don't we?

What keeps us from doing acts of mercy? How do we overcome that?

## Devotional Prayer

Dear God, with Your grace may I  
Feed the hungry, Give drink to  
the thirsty, Clothe the naked,  
Shelter the homeless, Visit the  
sick, Visit the imprisoned and  
Bury the dead. In doing these  
things may I realize I serve You.  
Dear God, with Your grace may  
Admonish the sinner, Instruct  
the ignorant, Counsel the  
doubtful, Comfort the sorrowful,  
Bear wrongs patiently, Forgive all  
injuries, and Pray for the living  
and the dead, In doing so may I  
realize I comfort you.

## Activity

At World Youth Day there is the tradition of making a long pilgrimage, sometimes 6-9 miles, to the site of the closing Mass. The pilgrims walk all day on Saturday and camp out Saturday night. If possible, due to your local "stay at home" restrictions, consider taking a substantial hike today. Along the way pray, recite the rosary, sing some songs, be joyful! Post pics and share your journey.

### WORLD YOUTH DAY FACTS FOR THE DAY

YEAR- 2016      LOCATION- KRAKOW, POLAND

ATTENDANCE- 3.5 MILLION      HOLY FATHER- POPE FRANCIS

THEME: BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL

SCRIPTURE- "BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL, FOR THEY  
WILL RECEIVE MERCY." MATTHEW 5:7