

Handy Hands 2020

Handy Hands is a home mission experience where work teams spread throughout the city helping their elderly and physically challenged neighbors with yard and home cleanup. This year our mission stays the same, but is played out differently.

Thanks for volunteering your family to serve!

Handy Hands will be a ministry provided by families this year. There is no designated date or time for service to be done. Coordinate with your resident to find a good time to come.

Please have service completed by **September 14th**.

They are all SO excited and grateful for the help!

PLEASE NOTE: Many of the residents Suzanne talked to are very concerned about spreading or contracting Covid-19. Please review protocol on the following page.

Before going to the house:

- 1) Read all of the info given to you about your resident.
- 2) Call your assigned resident or the contact person for that resident. Tell them you're excited to come help.
- 3) Review with them the list that Suzanne gave you of tasks they would like done for their yard. Ask them if it is all correct, and see if they need anything added to it.
- 4) Before calling, have a few dates and times in mind that your family is available, and schedule a time that works best to come help (before September 14th).
- 5) If your family would like to stop by and look at the yard first to see what supplies are needed, ask the resident about that also. There are a lot of gardening tools here at the church that we keep for Handy Hands, so please let Suzanne know if you need anything!
- 6) Look over the attached prayer sheet.

While at the house:

1) **IMPORTANT:** Because we're in a pandemic and we're serving some of the most vulnerable, please keep the following in mind:

When you arrive, knock on the door to let them know you're there and walk away. The goal here is zero contact with the residents. I've told them the same thing. Some mentioned they want to go outside and say hello, bake you brownies, etc. Don't initiate talking to them otherwise. If they're comfortable, they'll come outside :) Bring masks just in case!

2) Make your work a prayer. As you're sweating and getting dirty, offer your actions up as a prayer for the person you are serving. When we dedicate the work of our hands as a prayer, it becomes much more meaningful.

3) If your resident does come outside to talk, be sure to ask if they have any prayer intentions.

4) Take pictures with your family! Please send to Suzanne when you're done. I'd love to post on social media and in the bulletin!

After your visit:

1) See attached prayer sheet. Please send your family's reflections and pictures to Suzanne!

2) After doing your service work, it would be nice to write a note (if possible, with a picture of your family working) and mail to your resident. I guarantee you they will cherish it! The ones we have served before through Handy Hands love and remember every moment they spend with you. This year is different, so maybe the hand-written note will help.

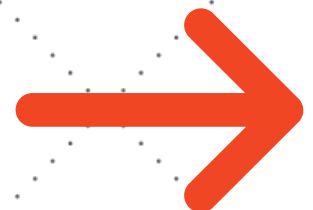
Handy Hands Prayers and Reflection

Suggested prayer as a family in the car
before leaving to serve:

Prayer of St. Francis

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."

Lord, please help us to be Your hands and feet today; to love as You love, and
to bring joy to the person we are serving.
Amen.



Suggested prayer as a family after serving:

"Lord Jesus, thank you for giving our family the opportunity to serve someone in need today. Keep our hearts yearning for you, and please always give us the desire to be generous with our time and abilities."

Say a decade of the rosary for any prayer intentions that your resident may have.

Family Reflection Questions:

****Please take a picture of your answers and share with Suzanne.**

1) What was something you enjoyed about today?

2) What, if anything, did you learn about your own family?

3) Where or how did you see God today?

4) Do you feel like you made a difference today? How so?