

SERVICE PROJECT SUGGESTIONS FOR ADVENT 2020

During Advent this year consider how to be of service to others daily during this tumultuous year 2020. We've listed some suggestions. You may have other wonderful acts of service to add. Choose an item or items from the following list for each day during the Advent Season. Place the alphabetical letter on your blank calendar sheet the date you perform that service. We would love to see your completed calendars, so please send us a copy by text, email or snail mail.

BLANK CALENDAR <https://www.wiki-calendar.com/download/December-2020-Calendar.pdf>

- A. Stay well so you can continue to serve others; wear a mask, wash your hands frequently, stay away from crowds.
- B. Donate food to your local Food Pantry or someone in need of food.
- C. Surprise someone who is sick or could just use a lift that day with a plant, flowers, small Christmas tree or ornament.
- D. Send a card to someone just to let them know you are thinking and/or praying for them.
- E. Prepare a meal for a new Mom and family, someone who has come home from a stay in the hospital, or a caregiver.
- F. Call someone---elderly, shut-in, widow, or widower. It might be nice to choose someone you do not know very well.
- G. Donate to one of our NCCW/Catholic Relief Service projects; Madonna Plan, Water for Life. Check www.NCCW.org .
- H. Prepare for 2021 by collecting small items for the Cross Catholic Boxes of Joy project or support other projects.
- I. Offer to clean up someone's yard, rake leaves, shovel snow, or go shopping for groceries, medicines, etc.
- J. Go without a meal or two and donate the cost to a charity. Share a link to the charity on your social media site.
- K. Write a note to a priest thanking him and letting him know you are praying for him; especially nice is a Holy Hour.
- L. Make a donation to a charity of your choice. Share information on your social media site.
- M. Offer a date night babysitting service to young parents.
- N. Remember our religious sisters and brothers: note, small gift, phone call, a few dollars.
- O. Send a note to a veteran "Thanks for your service!" (Ben Atchley Veterans Home/James H. Quillen Medical Center).
- P. Serve the planet: less wrapping paper, less driving, less consumption, use less water and utilities, litter pick up.
- Q. Take a name from the Giving Christmas Tree from your church and/or support other parish projects for Christmas.
- R. Call a nursing home and ask if you can provide a gift for someone who might need a Christmas or birthday gift.
- S. Collect stamps from your mail for Sisters of Holy Cross. [Support Us | Sisters of the Holy Cross \(cscsisters.org\)](http://SupportUs|SistersoftheHolyCross(cscsisters.org))
- T. Give a gift card to local grocery store for someone who might be struggling or the homeless.
- U. Find a way to help a prisoner; a note or small allowable gift. See NCCW website for more information.
- V. Volunteer at your local animal shelter or donate food and/or supplies to them.
- W. Volunteer at a nonprofit service in your area: thrift store, Ladies' of Charity, St. Mary's Legacy Clinic, food pantry, etc.
- X. Write a note of thanks to those who serve you every day: mail person, delivery persons, teachers, garbage collector.
- Y. Your Act of Kindness. (Ideas not listed)
- Z. Sing HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Jesus!

Thank you and have a blessed Advent and Christmas season. Psalm 37 "The righteous are generous."
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