

The Greatest Act of Kindness

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

Seeing God in Everything

While on a walk the other day, I passed by a Subway restaurant. Seeing the restaurant reminded me of a time when someone who was ahead of me in the Subway line paid for my meal. To this day, that act of kindness has inspired me to find diverse ways to pay it forward.

A few weeks before my recent retirement, I had an opportunity to share an act of kindness. My city hires and trains adults to stand around the school grounds and help students travel safely to and from school. During my drive to work, I noticed one dedicated worker who faithfully stood at her post every day—regardless of the weather. (This was not customary practice for all the workers.) Last spring, I felt compelled to stop my car to thank her for her faithfulness.

During the week of my retirement, I saw her again standing at her post. Because I knew I would not see her at her early morning post anymore, I felt inspired to give her a token of appreciation. I bought a Christmas card and included a gift inside. The next morning, when I stopped my car to give her the gift, she recognized me from our conversation in the spring. I presented her with the card and asked if she was a member of a church. When she replied no, I invited her to my church.

That same night, the Lord placed upon my heart to return the next morning with another Christmas card. This time, I included an explanation that the gift I gave her (though heartfelt) could never compare to the incredible gift of receiving Jesus. I shared how she could receive this priceless gift and included some information about my church. I know I may not see her again, but I am believing that God will take the seed that I planted and allow it to take root inside of her.

It's not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What's important is that God makes the seed grow. 1 Corinthians 3:7 NLT

The greatest act of generosity is to pass on to others the good God has done for us. Giving monetary gifts, extending services, and offering words of encouragement are fantastic, and this pleases the Lord. However, the most incredible kindness is sharing the love of Christ and inviting others to receive His eternal love.

Dear Father, thank You for sharing Your kindness with us. I pray we will pass Your kindness on to others.



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Praise & Prayer Calendar

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Scriptures	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Matthew 5:14-16 Colossians 3:17	<i>But the fruit of the Spirit is love... kindness</i> Galatians 5:22				1 Praise Jesus for being the light of the world	2 Pray that the light of Jesus will shine through us for others to see	3 Pray that we will use the gifts and talents God gave us to benefit others
	4 Pray that God will get the glory from our acts of kindness	5 Praise God for creating us to do His good works	6 Pray we will shine the spotlight on God and not on us	7 Gives praises, God's light is a beacon of hope	8 Pray we will realize that even small gestures can have an impact on others	9 Praise God for every opportunity He gives us to serve others	10 Pray that whatever we do, we will do it in the name of the Lord
Matthew 25:37-40 Hebrews 6:10	11 Praise God for every opportunity He gives us to serve those in need	12 Pray we realize that when we minister to others, we are serving Jesus	13 Pray that we, the body of Christ, will find joy in serving others	14 Pray that we will serve the homeless	15 Pray that we will minister to those who are sick and incarcerated	16 Pray that we will realize that God will never forget our labor of love towards others	17 Pray we will not serve others to receive public applause, but to glorify God
Proverbs 11:25 1 John 3:18 Colossians 3:12	18 Praise God for the generosity of those who were there for us in times of need	19 Pray that God will richly bless those who constantly bless others	20 Pray that we realize that we can never outdo God	21 Pray that we know that love is an action verb demonstrated through our good deeds	22 Pray will serve others with kindness and humility	23 Pray we will not live a life that is self-centered but self-giving	24 Pray that we realize that we reflect Jesus' characteristics when we do acts of kindness
Mark 16:15 Acts 1:8	25 Pray that we will realize that the greatest act of kindness is to share the love of Christ	26 Pray that we will recognize that God uses us to fulfill His plan to spread the gospel to the world	27 Pray we will be God's faithful messengers spreading God's truths	28 Praise God for empowering us with the Holy Spirit to witness to others	29 Pray we will not be afraid to share our faith with others	30 Pray we will be a witness to others, both verbally and with our actions	31 Praise God for using us to be His ambassadors to help build His Kingdom