



Practice of Faith

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The readings remind us of Jesus' care for the poor and his demand for his followers to do the same. Charity is a light shining in the darkness for those in need. Our love for the least in the kingdom glorifies our Heavenly Father. Pope St. John Paul II taught, "In loving the poor the Christian imitates the attitude of the Lord, who during his earthly life devoted himself with special compassion to all those in spiritual and material need" (*Ecclesia in America*, 58). Imitate Christ by loving those suffering from physical and spiritual poverty:

Volunteer in a nursing home or senior center to give comfort to those experiencing loneliness.

Participate in a food drive to support a food pantry.

Be a light in the darkness by raising awareness about poverty in your community. Write letters to government officials to gain support for initiatives to help the poor.