

# Scriptures for Helping The Homeless (UNhoused)

**Isaiah 58:7** Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

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## **Luke 14:13-14**

But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

## **Proverbs 19:17**

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his deed.

## **Leviticus 25:35-36**

"If your brother becomes poor and cannot maintain himself with you, you shall support him as though he were a stranger and a sojourner, and he shall live with you. Take no interest from him or profit, but fear your God, that your brother may live beside you.

## **Matthew 25:34-40**

Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ...

## **Proverbs 21:13**

Whoever closes his ear to the cry of the poor will himself call out and not be answered.

## **Matthew 8:20**

And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."

## **Proverbs 22:9**

Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor.

## **Proverbs 29:7**

A righteous man knows the rights of the poor; a wicked man does not understand such knowledge.

## **Luke 10:30-37**

Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ...

### **Isaiah 58:6-8**

"Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

### **Psalms 82:3**

Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.

### **Proverbs 14:31**

Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors him.

### **Matthew 6:19-20**

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

### **Deuteronomy 15:11**

For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.'

### **Proverbs 28:27**

Whoever gives to the poor will not want, but he who hides his eyes will get many a curse.

### **Luke 10:25-37**

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live." But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ...

### **James 2:16**

And one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?

### **1 John 3:17-18**

But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

### **Luke 9:58**

And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."

### **Matthew 25:35**

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,

### **Matthew 5:42**

Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.

### **James 2:5**

Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him?

### **Luke 4:18**

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

### **Matthew 25:31-46**

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ...

### **James 1:27**

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

**Ezekiel 16:49**

Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had pride, excess of food, and prosperous ease, but did not aid the poor and needy.

**Galatians 6:2**

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

**Romans 12:13**

Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

**Isaiah 58:10**

If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday.

**Psalms 91:1-16**

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, ...

**Matthew 10:7-8**

And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.

**Proverbs 31:20**

She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy.

**Deuteronomy 15:10**

You shall give to him freely, and your heart shall not be grudging when you give to him, because for this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake.

**Leviticus 25:35**

"If your brother becomes poor and cannot maintain himself with you, you shall support him as though he were a stranger and a sojourner, and he shall live with you.

**Luke 3:10-11**

And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise."

### **Matthew 25:35-40**

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' ...

### **Matthew 25:40**

And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

### **Psalms 35:10**

All my bones shall say, "O LORD, who is like you, delivering the poor from him who is too strong for him, the poor and needy from him who robs him?"

### **Galatians 2:10**

Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

### **Jeremiah 22:16**

He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well. Is not this to know me? declares the LORD.

### **Philippians 2:4**

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

### **Psalms 140:12**

I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and will execute justice for the needy.

### **1 John 3:17**

But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?

### **Acts 20:35**

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

### **2 Thessalonians 3:10**

For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.

### **Matthew 10:8**

Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.

### **Proverbs 22:2**

The rich and the poor meet together; the LORD is the maker of them all.

### **Ephesians 4:28**

Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

### **Luke 6:38**

Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

### **Proverbs 31:8-9**

Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute. Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy.

### **Deuteronomy 15:7-8** ESV / 89 helpful votes

"If among you, one of your brothers should become poor, in any of your towns within your land that the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother, but you shall open your hand to him and lend him sufficient for his need, whatever it may be.

### **Luke 14:13** ESV / 88 helpful votes

But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,

### **Proverbs 14:21**

Whoever despises his neighbor is a sinner, but blessed is he who is generous to the poor.

### **John 15:12**

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

### **Hebrews 13:16**

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

### **Deuteronomy 15:7**

"If among you, one of your brothers should become poor, in any of your towns within your land that the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother,

### **Romans 12:20**

To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head."

### **Proverbs 17:5**

Whoever mocks the poor insults his Maker; he who is glad at calamity will not go unpunished.

### **James 2:26**

For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

### **2 Corinthians 8:9**

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

### **Matthew 19:21**

Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."

### **Proverbs 22:16**

Whoever oppresses the poor to increase his own wealth, or gives to the rich, will only come to poverty.

### **John 15:13**

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

### **Matthew 5:16**

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

### **Jeremiah 22:3**

Thus says the LORD: Do justice and righteousness, and deliver from the hand of the oppressor him who has been robbed. And do no wrong or violence to the resident alien, the fatherless, and the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place.

#### **Matthew 25:1-46**

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ...

#### **Jeremiah 22:13-17**

"Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness, and his upper rooms by injustice, who makes his neighbor serve him for nothing and does not give him his wages, who says, 'I will build myself a great house with spacious upper rooms,' who cuts out windows for it, paneling it with cedar and painting it with vermilion. Do you think you are a king because you compete in cedar? Did not your father eat and drink and do justice and righteousness? Then it was well with him. He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well. Is not this to know me? declares the LORD. But you have eyes and heart only for your dishonest gain, for shedding innocent blood, and for practicing oppression and violence."

#### **Isaiah 25:4**

For you have been a stronghold to the poor, a stronghold to the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat; for the breath of the ruthless is like a storm against a wall,

#### **Proverbs 22:22**

Do not rob the poor, because he is poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate,

#### **James 2:14-17**

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

#### **Psalms 112:9**

He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor.

#### **Luke 3:11**

And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise."



**Ezekiel 18:7**

Does not oppress anyone, but restores to the debtor his pledge, commits no robbery, gives his bread to the hungry and covers the naked with a garment,

**Ezekiel 22:29**

The people of the land have practiced extortion and committed robbery. They have oppressed the poor and needy, and have extorted from the sojourner without justice.

**1 John 4:19-20**

We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.

**James 2:15-16**

If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?

**1 Corinthians 4:11**

To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are poorly dressed and buffeted and homeless,

**Romans 15:1**

We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

**Mark 10:45**

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

**2 Corinthians 9:7**

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

**Psalms 132:15**

I will abundantly bless her provisions; I will satisfy her poor with bread.

**Leviticus 19:10**

And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.

**Matthew 26:11**

For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me.

### **Deuteronomy 15:9**

Take care lest there be an unworthy thought in your heart and you say, 'The seventh year, the year of release is near,' and your eye look grudgingly on your poor brother, and you give him nothing, and he cry to the LORD against you, and you be guilty of sin.

### **Matthew 5:43-44**

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

### **Jeremiah 22:3-5**

Thus says the LORD: Do justice and righteousness, and deliver from the hand of the oppressor him who has been robbed. And do no wrong or violence to the resident alien, the fatherless, and the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place. For if you will indeed obey this word, then there shall enter the gates of this house kings who sit on the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they and their servants and their people. But if you will not obey these words, I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that this house shall become a desolation.

### **Isaiah 61:1-4**

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified. They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

### **Ecclesiastes 5:8**

If you see in a province the oppression of the poor and the violation of justice and righteousness, do not be amazed at the matter, for the high official is watched by a higher, and there are yet higher ones over them.

### **Proverbs 25:21**

If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat, and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink,

### **Proverbs 22:22-23**

Do not rob the poor, because he is poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate, for the LORD will plead their cause and rob of life those who rob them.

### **Psalm 119:50**

This is my comfort in my affliction, that your promise gives me life.

### **Psalm 107:1-3**

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

### **1 Timothy 6:17-19**

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

### **1 Corinthians 16:14**

Let all that you do be done in love.

### **Proverbs 30:14**

There are those whose teeth are swords, whose fangs are knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, the needy from among mankind.

### **Galatians 6:10**

So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

### **Exodus 23:11**

But the seventh year you shall let it rest and lie fallow, that the poor of your people may eat; and what they leave the beasts of the field may eat. You shall do likewise with your vineyard, and with your olive orchard.

### **John 14:6**

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

### **Matthew 7:12**

"So, whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.