

The Lord will also be a stronghold for the oppressed, A stronghold in times of trouble. Psalm 9:9

Think about the way in which Jesus identified himself with the homeless, and took every opportunity to speak about and help them. When we consider that Jesus himself was homeless for much of his life, how does this challenge us to see the face of Jesus in all of those in need?

As Jesus remarked to Judas Iscariot, 'You always have the poor with you' (John 12:8). Looking around at the cities, towns and refugee camps of our world, we might say 'we always have the homeless with us.' Jesus had some powerful things to say about the situation of the homeless, and did many things for them.

In his own particular way, Jesus was born, lived and died as a homeless person, the brother and friend of all homeless people and of all refugees and asylum seekers.

Taken from an article "Jesus and the Homeless" by Gerald O'Collins SJ https://www.thinkingfaith.org/articles/20110203_1.htm

PRAYER:

O God of Mercy: We hear the persistent call to feed the hungry and find shelter for the homeless. Stir our hearts to move more deeply in our walk with Jesus. Help us answer the question, "Why do we feel comfortable living beyond our needs when others do not have their basic needs met?" Help us not be hypocrites of lip service but the disciples of action. Keep our hearts soft enough to keep hearing the cry of the hungry and the homeless. *Amen*.

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ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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