

# People for Others

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 5, Session 24**.

Throughout Scripture, we read about God's concern for those who are poor. The psalms assure us that the Lord hears the cries of those who are poor. In the Acts of the Apostles, we learn that early Christians collected alms for widows, orphans, and others who were poor.

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Church leaders call us to stand up for the needs of those who are poor and marginalized.

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Blessed Teresa of Calcutta realized her calling from God when she was 12 years old. She believed that her calling from Jesus was to care for people living in the slums of Calcutta, India.

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Mother Teresa received permission from the Pope and founded a new religious community called the Missionaries of Charity.

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Sister Teresa is frequently called Mother Teresa because she was the superior, or leader, of the community.

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Mother Teresa received the Nobel Peace Prize and was beatified by Saint John Paul II during his papacy.

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Though Mother Teresa remained faithful, sometimes she had moments of doubt during her years in serving God and those less fortunate.

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*Contemplative* means "prayerful."

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Ignatius of Loyola gave us his Prayer for Generosity, a prayer that asks God to help us serve the needs of others.

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The corporal works of mercy are kind acts by which we can care for our neighbors' physical and material needs. The spiritual works of mercy are ways by which we can care for people's emotional and spiritual needs.

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