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Thank you for your interest in the Monthly Lesson we are offering for you to use in your home or classroom.

Each month, we will provide a **FREE** Lesson focusing on a **USCCB Respect Life** topic.

Our Footprints for Life Program is a comprehensive supplement that educates children on ALL life issues and how they can make a difference.

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Empowering & Educating Children to Change the Culture

A Culture of Life Program

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April: Homeless and the Incarcerated

Lives with a Purpose and Worthy of Forgiveness

Although some people have made bad choices, they are still to be valued, respected and forgiven.

Materials:

All Grades – Prayer Cards: a copy of blank card for each student or Spiritual Bouquet card for each student (attached)

Discussion Prompts and Questions

Discussion Prompt about the Incarcerated:

- With our birth came free will. Each of us was born with the ability to make choices in life. All of us have made bad choices at some point in our life. Unfortunately, some people have made bad choices in life and are now in prison. Some of those who are incarcerated will spend the rest of their lives in prison. Although these people have made bad choices and are now in prison, they are still valuable children of God. Many of these people have no one to pray for them. God calls each one of us to not only pray for our family and friends, but also for those we do not know. This month I am asking each one of you to pray for the people in the prison. Yes, some of them are murderers, criminals and have done some really bad things, but we are not allowed to judge others. Because of God's Resurrection, the sins of all, including the incarcerated, can be forgiven. If God can forgive, shouldn't we? Only God knows what is in their hearts and only He can make a judgement of them.

Discussion Questions about the Incarcerated

- How can we help those who are incarcerated and their families?
- Should they be treated differently?
- How do you think their families feel about them being in prison?
- What is something each one of us can do to help them?

Discussion Prompt about the Homeless

- Everything belongs to God. We need to share our gifts. There are many poor in the world. One of the many reasons that violence and criminal acts occur is because of poverty. People are homeless for many different reasons. We will never know all the reasons that people don't have homes. The most important thing we can do for them is to pray for them. Like the incarcerated, many of these people don't have anyone praying for them. Many of those that are homeless also see forgiveness.

Discussion Questions about the Homeless

- How can we help homeless people?
- Should they be treated differently?
- How do you think their families feel about them being homeless?
- What is something each one of us can do to help them?

Activities

All Grades: Prayer Cards and Bookmarks

- Have the students create prayer cards with inspirational quotes or images. A simple, yet powerful, statement to write is “You are Loved.” Include a prayer and a small drawing on the card. OR, have the students complete a Spiritual Bouquet. Either of these can be given to the incarcerated or the homeless. Neither the incarcerated nor homeless people should ever be denied dignity.

Lesson Plan Closing Prayer

Glory Be

Spiritual Works of Mercy & Corporal Works of Mercy

Ideas available. Simply contact Natasia Kissinger, ntkissinger@gmail.com

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April

Prayer Cards for the Incarcerated and/or Homeless

Spiritual Bouquet Card Templates

<p>Spiritual Bouquet <i>A Gift of Prayer</i> The following prayer has been offered up for you and your intentions.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Please know that you and your family are in our prayers.</p> <p>Blessings, _____</p>	<p>Spiritual Bouquet <i>A Gift of Prayer</i> The following prayer has been offered up for you and your intentions.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Please know that you and your family are in our prayers.</p> <p>Blessings, _____</p>
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