



# Lent: Giving

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## WORD OF THE WEEK



MATTHEW 6: 1-4

"Be careful not to do your acts of righteousness before others, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do, to be honoured by others. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."



## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

This Lent help us journey with you Lord, but help us to also journey with others. As we walk these 40 days help us to be aware of the people around us, especially those that need our help.

Help us to respond to the needs of others the best we can, and help us share what we have so others can benefit. Amen



By giving what we can we can change the lives of others. During Lent we try to think less of ourselves and more about the needs of others.

Almsgiving is such an important part of our Lenten journey. Giving is a form of prayer, it is an act of love for God and our neighbour and is about putting our faith into action. Giving is also about fasting, going without something so that someone else can benefit or share in what we have. During Lent we are called to try and think less of ourselves and more about the needs of others. By giving what we can we can change the lives of others.

Pope Francis said in an interview that we should always give to people on the streets who ask us for spare change, and not worry where the money will be spent!

- Why do we so often walk past and ignore people who beg on our streets?
- Do you agree with Pope Francis? Why do you think he said this?
- What other needs affect people in our communities? Bearing in mind this week's Word of the Week, how are we to respond? What are we called to give?



# Lent Appeal 2020



This Lent, as a school, we will be supporting The Foxton Centre. The Foxton Centre works with rough sleepers in Preston who find themselves at the margins of society. The centre talks with street sleepers and invites them to use the services the centre provides, such as a community cafe and day centre where they can get a hot meal, shower, get warm and access help.

They rely on donations and we would like to do all we can this Lent to help them support the men and women who come to their centre.

To help them the best we can they have asked if we could collect the following items: underwear (men and women), socks, t-shirts, toiletries. The underwear, socks, and toiletries need to be brand new and the t-shirts need to be in good condition but don't need to be new, so there maybe people in your family who might be able to donate a t-shirt or two.

Each form group will have a tally chart to keep track of what they are collecting. Maybe think about nominating someone in your form who could be responsible for tallying items that your form collects.

The Foxton Centre also provides a healthy nutritious meal for homeless people in Preston. By donating £1 you can help the centre provide even more meals. We heard Pope Francis talk about giving our spare change when we can, why not collect your forms spare change once a week and see how many meals you could provide for the homeless of Preston!

