

Who Is My Neighbor?

These passages may help you understand who is spiritually hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, sick or in prison.

Hungry—Service



To hunger is to eagerly desire [to do] good.

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Jesus said to them, “My *food* is to *do* the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His *work*.” John 4:34

When you *eat* the *labor* of your hands, you shall be happy, and it shall be well with you. Psalm 128:2

Do not *labor* for the *food* which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of man will give you. John 6:27

Spiritual *food* is everything that is *useful*, and everything that leads to usefulness. Secrets of Heaven §5293

Thirsty—Learning



To thirst is to eagerly desire what is true.

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Jesus said, “Whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never thirst.” John 4:13, 14

Jesus said, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.” John 7:37

Let my teaching drop as the rain, my speech distill as the dew. Deuteronomy 32:2

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. Psalm 42:2

Not a thirst for water, but for hearing the words of the Lord. Amos 8:11-13

Stranger—Community



A stranger is someone who wants to learn.

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Where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them. Matthew 18:20

The Lord watches over the strangers; He relieves the fatherless and widow. Psalm 146:9

You shall not oppress a stranger, for you know the heart of a stranger, because you were strangers in the land of Egypt. Exodus 23:9

As you are, so shall the stranger be before the Lord. One law and one custom shall be for you and for the stranger who dwells with you. Numbers 15:15

Naked—Hope



The naked are those who realize that they have nothing good and true. Secrets of Heaven §4958

You have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness. Psalm 30:11

He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness. Isaiah 61:10

To console those who mourn in Zion, to give them ...a garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. Isaiah 61:3

Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame. Revelation 16:15

Sick—Healing



Someone who is sick is in evil. Secrets of Heaven §4958

The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. Revelation 22:2

And Jesus went about...healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people. Matthew 4:23-24

When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you.” Matthew 9:2

The Lord will strengthen him on his bed of illness; You will sustain him on his sickbed. Psalm 41:3

Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance. Mark 2:17

Prisoners—Freedom



Someone bound or in prison is in falsity.

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For the Lord hears the poor, And does not despise His prisoners. Psalm 69:33

Let the groaning of the prisoner come before You; according to the greatness of Your power preserve those who are appointed to die. Psalm 79:11

Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise Your name. Psalm 142:7

If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. John 8:31-32

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me...to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound. Isaiah 61:1