



Advent

Loving Acts of Kindness

Baking, Making, & Taking (or Mailing)

- Surprise your mail carrier with some goodies.
- Deliver treats to a local fire station. (Home baked or prepackaged.)
- Make some bookmarks. Leave one in a library book as you return it, give one to your librarian, donate some to your local hospital.
- Make get-well cards for someone who is ill.
- Make Christmas decorations or cards for your neighbors or mail them to far away relatives.
- Take poinsettias or handmade Christmas decorations to your nearest nursing home.
- Make a tree decoration for your baby-sitter.
- Treat everyone in your class to a candy cane or cookie.
- Make Christmas cards for the workers at your school or church.

Providing Needs & Wishes

- Put money in the Salvation Army bucket.
- Grant a wish for a foster child. (<http://www.onesimplewish.org/grant-a-wish/>)
- Donate to your local foodbank.
- Donate new toys to Toys for Tots or your local children's hospital. (<http://toysfortots.org/donate/toys.aspx>)
- Donate to a local homeless shelter. (Most shelters provide a wish list on their website.)
- Provide a gift for Angel Tree.
- Buy a gift for someone in need.
- Donate meals to No Kid Hungry. (<https://www.nokidhungry.org/>)
- Donate your outgrown toys and clothes.
- Donate books you no longer read.
- Donate a coat to charity (leave an encouraging note in the pocket).
- Reverse Advent – Grab an empty box or basket. Each day of Advent put one non-perishable food item into your container. On Christmas Eve, deliver the filled container to a foodbank or local shelter.
- Make a monetary donation to a charity.
- Contribute to worldwide relief and evangelism by providing a gift from Samaritan Purse's catalog. (<https://www.samaritanpurse.org/our-ministry/gift-catalog>)

Encouraging Through Word & Deed

- Let someone go ahead of you in line.
- Carol in your neighborhood.
- Draw a picture for someone.
- Pay for someone else in the drive-thru.
- Take coffee and donuts to your teacher.
- Write a note to someone telling them 10 things you love about them.
- Do something nice for someone.
- Rake leaves or shovel snow for a neighbor or relative.
- Offer to help an elderly relative or neighbor with their Christmas decorations.
- Mail letters or cards to soldiers. (See http://www.amillionthanks.org/send_a_letter.php#sendletter for guidelines, samples, and a list of drop-off locations.)
- Write a letter to your sibling telling them why you love them.
- Put money and a happy note in an envelope. Tape the envelope to the front of a vending machine.
- Write thank you cards to people who have influenced you positively: teacher, coach, club leader, baby sitter, mentor.
- Pick up litter in a neighborhood park. (Be sure to wear gloves.)
- Offer to bag the groceries of the person in front of or behind you at the checkout.
- Help around the house without being asked to: set the table, cook dinner, wash the dishes, take out the trash, pick up all of your toys, make your bed, clean your room.
- Write notes and mail them to the houses with beautiful Christmas light displays. Thank them for putting up the lights for you to enjoy.
- Help someone do a chore or other job.
- Help your mom and dad with a job.
- Designate a special day: “Smile at Others Day,” “Hold the Door for Others Day,” “Give Sincere Compliments Day”
- Feed the birds.

