

That They May Have *Life* ...

... while Serving

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Homelessness

Data collected in 2024 showed that there were more than **770,000 people** experiencing homelessness.

Several factors have led to the increase in homelessness, including housing costs, supply of low-cost housing units, policy shifts, and natural disasters.

According to HUD estimates, around **21%** of people experiencing homelessness were **ages 55+**.

Poverty

Though the United States is considered the richest country in the world, **11.5%** of Americans live in poverty.

A family of four earning under **$30,000** a year is considered low-income in the United States.

Americans living with disabilities and chronic conditions are more likely to experience low incomes.

Widows

The average age of widowhood in the United States is **59,** according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

As of 2024, there are approximately **11.6 million** widows in the United States.

Along with the loss of spouse, widows experience many other losses, including identity, friends, social life, routine, traditions, intimacy, in-law relationships, and more.

Orphans

The United Nations Children's Fund defines orphanhood as the death of one or both parents.

There are an estimated **18 million** orphans living in orphanages or on the streets worldwide.

U.S. orphanages have been replaced with the foster care system and private adoption agencies.

God's Word

Deuteronomy 15:11

"For there will never cease to be poor in the land.
Therefore I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand
to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.'"

Romans 12:13

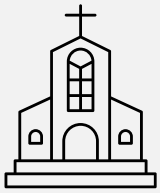
"Contribute to the needs of the
saints and seek to show hospitality."

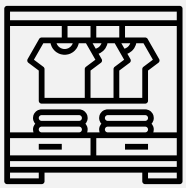
Christian Response



Prayerfully consider fostering and/or adopting a child in need or support foster and adoptive families in your church or school by inviting them to your home for a meal, providing respite care when needed, and sharing encouragement in hard seasons.

Invite widows in your congregation to sit with you in church. Ask how they may need assistance around their home and provide help with tasks.





Create a care closet at your church or school – collect hygiene and clothing items for those who may need them.

Learn more about Life Week 2027

Sources for Life Week fact sheets

