**Spiritual works of Mercy**

Like the corporal works, the spiritual works illustrate ways Christians are able to demonstrate charity to others.

The Spiritual Works of Mercy were recorded and described by Thomas Aquinas, a Catholic theologian from the 13th century. The Spiritual Works of mercy are:

Challenge injustice, Instruct those who need to learn, Console those losing hope, Comfort the sorrowful, Bear wrongs patiently Forgive all injuries (against you), Pray for the living and the dead.

Work with your group to fill in an example for our classroom or school context.

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| Spiritual works of Mercy | Everyday English Version | Example at school |
| Challenge injustice  Instruct the ignorant  Counsel those who are doubtful  Comfort the sorrowful  Bear wrongs patiently  Forgive all injuries  Pray for the living and the dead | Challenge people and organisations that treat others unjustly and unfairly  Teach/learn more about justice issued and help others to do the same.  Work with others to solve problems  Show practical empathy to those who are dealing with problems in their life.  Be patient with others who share a different point of view from you own  Forgive and help others to do the same  Pray each day for the human family both living and those who have died |  |