

Tree of Hope Ideas

60 Ways to Spread God's Love Here, There and Everywhere

You are encouraged to share how you shared God's love this holiday season. Take a "God's love" tag from the Tree of Hope, and write on the back one thing you did. Bring it back to church so we can see how God worked through all of us together!



1. SMILE at everyone you meet and pass by.
2. Send Christmas Cards for people in nursing homes
3. Visit someone in a nursing home, assisted living or homebound
4. Call someone you haven't talked with in a while & tell them how grateful you are for them
5. Send a care package to troops overseas
6. Take treats to local fire department/police department/doctor's office
7. Give a compliment to a stranger
8. Pray with someone in need
9. Write an encouraging note for someone
10. Let someone go before you in line
11. Make breakfast for a family member
12. Volunteer to babysit a neighbor or friend's children
13. Write a thank you note
14. Help someone load/unload groceries
15. Clean up a sibling's mess
16. Help your parents by doing additional chores
17. Deliver Christmas cookies to a neighbor
18. Read to a sibling
19. Send a drawing with love to grandparents
20. Buy flowers for a neighbor who is alone
21. Leave a generous tip
22. Tell someone you love them and what you appreciate about them the most
23. Pay for person behind you at drive through
24. Tell a friend what you love about their children
25. Use old grocery bags to pick up dog poop you see on your neighbor's lawn
26. Talk to someone at church or an event that doesn't seem to know anyone
27. Address your cashier, waiter, or other service people by their first names & thank them for their service

28. Offer to bring someone else's grocery cart back to the store
29. Keep packs of hygiene items, socks and non-perishable food in your car to give to homeless people
30. Help a neighbor bring in their groceries
31. Make dinner for your friend group
32. Bring in the trash bins for your neighbor after trash has been picked up
33. Send an email to a former teacher to let them know how they impacted your life
34. Leave a thank you note in your mailbox for your mail carrier
35. Give a flower to a stranger
36. Buy a gift card to give to a stranger
37. Offer to be there to listen and help for a friend when they are struggling with something
38. Give bottles of water to people working outside on a hot day
39. Pay for the person behind you at a drive-through
40. Slow down to let someone merge in front of you in traffic
41. Hold the door open for the person walking behind you
42. Make a double batch of dinner so that you can give a meal to share
43. Pay the toll of the vehicle behind you
44. Send a note to your Pastor's spouse saying how much you appreciate them
45. Tip the person in the drive-through as a thank you
46. Offer to walk a neighbor's or friend's dog if the person is busy, sick or stressed
47. Bring used jigsaw puzzles, magazines or books to assisted living or nursing homes
48. Give a teacher school supplies in the middle or towards the end of the year
49. Drop off old blankets/pillows/towels at an animal shelter
50. Call a school and ask if there are any needs that you can help with – financial or volunteer
51. Write a note on your restaurant receipt "Thank you for being a fantastic server"
52. Do you know someone who has given up an addiction? Send them a text saying how proud you are of them
53. Invite a friend or neighbor for a walk
54. Send a thank you note to your family's doctor, dentist or pastor
55. Pay for a meal at a restaurant for someone totally unaware and leave before they do
56. Buy fast food or grocery gift cards and give them to the homeless
57. When you hear an ambulance siren, pray for the patient and the family
58. Give your shopping cart to someone at Aldi
59. Don't have that garage sale...instead donate to a thrift store supporting a local mission
60. If you are thinking about someone awesome, tell them

There are so many more ways to spread God's Love – be creative, and add your own!