Scriptures

FOSTER THE CITY

Below is a list of Scriptures with compelling themes of compassion and justice in light of this ministry. Prayerfully utilize these mandates and promises of God as a way to engage your church toward loving action.

Biblical mandates

"Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you."
- James 1:27 - NLT

"He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" - Micah 6:8

"you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord." - Leviticus 19:18

"When you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it. It shall be for the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. When you beat your olive trees, you shall not go over them again. It shall be for the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow. When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not strip it afterward. It shall be for the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow. You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I command you to do this." - Deuteronomy 24:19-22

"Speak for those who cannot speak for themselves..." - Proverbs 31:8

"The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, establish, strengthen, and support you after you have suffered a little while." - 1 Peter 5:10

"Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends."- John 15:13

Promises of God

"The Lord watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow." - Psalm 146:9

"Sing to God, sing in praise of his name... A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families, he leads out the prisoners with singing." - Psalm 68:4-6

“Whoever shuts his ears to the cry of the poor will also cry himself and not be heard.” - Proverbs 21:13

“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” - Isaiah 43:19

“My helps comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip - he who watches over you will not slumber.” - Psalm 121:2-3

“And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons and daughters, the redemption of our bodies.” - Romans 8:23

“Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trust, always hopes, always perseveres.” - 1 Corinthians 13:6-7

“Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.” - Isaiah 43:1-2

“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.” - Galatians 6:9

“He heals the brokenhearted and bandages their wounds. He counts the stars and calls them all by name. How great is our Lord! His power is absolute! His understanding is beyond comprehension!” - Psalms 147:3-5

“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!” - 1 John 3:1