

# **Lent Project: Meet the Homeless**

## **EARLY WEEK**

- -Meet Ray a homeless gentleman now residing at the Haven of Portage In Ravenna-he says "we are living our best life at the Haven because of the Haven" Since coming to the Haven Ray is going to school and will be working too. He's in a special program thru Ohio jobs and KSU.
- -Please select the link to hear Ray's message.

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#### **MIDWEEK**

## Who are the Homeless in our Country?

Seventy percent of the homeless are young people (age 20-49). Forty percent of homeless men are veterans. Thirty percent of the homeless are disabled. Twenty percent are children. Only 30% of affordable housing is available to people with extremely low income. Only 23% are chronically homeless. Twenty-five percent have mental illness. Foster Children aging out of the Foster Care system have a 40% chance of becoming homeless by age 20.

## Reflections:

Acts 10:34. Peter replied, I see clearly that God shows no favoritism.

Now that you have met Ray and understand more about who the homeless are, prayerfully reflect on how this calls you to act; how you can treat our homeless brothers and sisters with dignity,

"From what we get, we can make a living; what we give, however, makes a life." Arthur Ashe.

## **END OF WEEK**

## **Scripture:**

1 Corinthians 4:11 (Referring to Apostles of Christ) includes. 11To this very hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed, we are brutally treated, we are homeless. 12We work hard with our own hands. When we are vilified, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure it;

See full reading and cross-references at <a href="https://biblehub.com/1\_corinthians/4-11.htm">https://biblehub.com/1\_corinthians/4-11.htm</a>

<u>Prayer:</u> Righteous Father, we thank You for being a God of grace and mercy. Thank You for knowing each homeless person and family intimately. Thank You for being their protection, shelter, hope and help. The heavens proclaim Your Glory, Lord. Amen.
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