



Be a Witness of **Charity**

“A LITTLE MERCY MAKES THE WORLD
LESS COLD AND MORE JUST.”

—Pope Francis, *Angelus*, March 17, 2013

How You Can Help

PRAY

Pray for the Holy Father as he reaches out compassionately to make the world less cold and more just, and pray for those suffering around the world who will benefit from this collection.

SHARE

To spread the message of mercy and peace, share this flier with someone who might be interested, and tell others how Pope Francis supports the marginalized.

GIVE

Please give generously to the collection to be a witness of charity and offer hope to those who suffer around the globe.

The Peter's Pence Collection has ancient roots that reach all the way back to New Testament times. The early Christians provided material support that the disciples—those preaching the Gospel—could distribute to those in need (see Acts 4:34-35, 11:29). Today, the Peter's Pence Collection is the way we, as members of the Catholic Church, unite ourselves to the concerns of the Holy Father. Donations to this collection support the charitable works of Pope Francis for the relief of those most in need.

How Pope Francis Invites Us to Make the World Less Cold and More Just

Pope Francis encourages us not to “fall into indifference,” but rather to “become instruments of God's mercy” (General Audience, November 9, 2016). Each of us is called to be an instrument of God's mercy and to be a witness of charity. For “it is precisely in the measure to which we open ourselves to others that life becomes fruitful, society regains peace and people recover their full dignity,” Pope Francis teaches us (General Audience, October 26, 2016).

How We Can Join Pope Francis and Be a Witness of Charity

By supporting the Peter's Pence Collection, you assist the charitable works of Pope Francis. Your generosity witnesses to charity and helps the Holy See reach out compassionately to those who are marginalized.

For example, in the Dioceses of Embeder, Harar, and Mek in Ethiopia, people rely exclusively on subsistence farming and nomadic herding. The El Niño weather phenomenon worsened drought conditions in these regions, and the people fear a new famine that could be far worse than the 1984 famine that led to more than a million deaths in Ethiopia. But your support of the collection is helping the Holy Father to bring aid to the affected villages. Your donations have funded food and medicines that give the Ethiopian people a measure of relief and hope. Learn more by visiting www.peterspence.va/opere.



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