

Selected Quotes from Holy Scripture on Almsgiving

"Give alms of such things as you have, and behold all things are clean unto you."
(Luke 11:41)

"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Matthew 25:35)

"Give alms from your possessions. Do not turn your face away from any of the poor, so that God's face will not be turned away from you. Give in proportion to what you own. If you have great wealth, give alms out of your abundance; if you have but little, do not be afraid to give alms even of that little. You will be storing up a goodly treasure for yourself against the day of adversity. For almsgiving delivers from death and keeps one from entering into darkness. Almsgiving is a worthy offering in the sight of the Most High for all who practice it." (Tobit 4:7-11)

"Redeem thy sins by almsdeeds, and thine iniquities by showing mercy to the poor." (Daniel 4:27)

"Water will quench a blazing fire, and by almsdeeds sins are purged away."
(Ecclesiasticus 3:30)

"Almsgiving delivers from death, and it will purge away every sin. Those who perform deeds of charity and of righteousness will have fullness of life;" (Tobit 12:9)

"He who has mercy on the poor lends to God" (Proverbs 19:17).

"Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard." (Isaiah 58:6-8).

"Bow down thy ear cheerfully to the poor, and pay what you owe, and answer peaceable words with mildness." (Ecclesiasticus 4:8.)

"By charity serve one another." (Galatians 5:13)

“Amen I say to you, this poor widow has cast in more than all they who have cast into the treasury. For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want cast in all she had, even her whole living.” (Mark 12:43)

“When you give alms, sound not a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be honored by men. Amen I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, let not your left hand know what your right hand is doing, that your alms may be in secret; and thy Father, who sees in secret, will repay you.” (Matthew 6:2-4)

“My child, do not mock the life of the poor; do not keep needy eyes waiting. Do not grieve the hungry, nor anger the needy. Do not aggravate a heart already angry, nor delay giving to the needy. A beggar’s request do not reject; do not turn your face away from the poor. From the needy do not turn your eyes.”
(Ecclesiasticus 4:1-5)

“Say not to thy friend: Go and come again, and tomorrow I will give to you, when you can give at present.” (Proverbs 3:28)

“Sell what you possess, and give alms; make to yourselves bags which grow not old, a treasure in heaven that fails not, where neither thief approaches, nor moth corrupts.” (Luke 12:33)

"Let not your hand be open to receive and clenched when it is time to give."
(Ecclesiasticus 4:31)

“As in all things you abound in faith, and the word, and knowledge, and all carefulness: moreover also in your charity towards us, so in this grace may you also abound. I speak not as commanding, but by the carefulness of others, approving also the good disposition of your charity. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that being rich he became poor, for your sakes; that through his poverty you might be rich.” (II Corinthians 8:7-9)

“He that is inclined to mercy shall be blessed; for of his bread he has given to the poor.” (Proverbs 22:9)

“Let my counsel be acceptable to you, and redeem your sins with alms, and your iniquities with works of mercy to the poor: perhaps he will forgive your offenses.”
(Daniel 4:24)

“In this present time let your abundance supply their want, that their abundance also may supply your want.” (II Corinthians 8:14)

“He that shows mercy to the poor shall be blessed.” Proverbs 14:21.

“Whosoever shall give to drink to one of these little ones a cup of cold water only, in the name of a disciple, amen I say to you, he shall not lose his reward.”
(Matthew 10:42)

"Alms atone for sins. He who does a kindness is remembered afterward; when he falls, he finds a support." (Ecclesiasticus 3:29b-30)

“Blessed is he that understands concerning the needy and the poor: the Lord will deliver him in the evil day. The Lord preserves him and gives him life, and makes him blessed upon earth, and delivers him not up to the will of his enemies.”
(Psalm 41:1-3)

“Help the poor because of the commandment: and send him not away empty-handed because of his poverty. Lose thy money for thy brother and thy friend, and hide it not under a stone to be lost. Place thy treasures in the commandments of the Most High, and it shall bring thee more profit than gold. Shut up alms in the heart of the poor, and it shall obtain help for thee against all evil. Better than the shield of the mighty, and better than the spear; it shall fight for thee against thy enemy.” Ecclesiasticus 29: 12-17

“Give alms: and behold all things are clean unto you.” (Luke 11:41)

“Stretch out your hand to the poor, that your expiation and your blessing may be perfected.” (Ecclesiasticus 7:36)

"The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity." (II Corinthians 9:6-11)

“Honor the Lord with your substance, and give him the first of all fruits; and your barns shall be filled with abundance, and your presses shall run over with wine.” (Proverbs 3:9-10)

“I know thy charity.” (Revelations 2:19)

"Some give freely, yet grow all the richer; others withhold what is due, and only suffer want. A generous person will be enriched." (Proverbs 11:24-25)

“He that gives to the poor shall not want; he that despises the poor's entreaty shall suffer indigence.” (Proverbs 28:27)

“He that oppresses the poor upbraids his Maker; but he that has pity on the poor honors him.” (Proverbs 14:31)

“God is not unjust that he should forget your work and the love which you have shown in his name, you who have ministered and do minister to the saints.” (Hebrews 6: 10)

“He that stops his ear against the cry of the poor shall also cry himself, and shall not be heard.” (Proverbs 21:13)

“If one of your brethren that dwells within the gates of your city comes to poverty: you shall not harden your heart, nor close your hand, but shall open it to the poor man. You shall give to him: neither shall you do anything craftily in relieving his necessities: that the Lord thy God may bless you at all times, and in all things to which you shall put your hand. There will not be wanting poor in the land of your habitation: therefore I command you to open your hand to you needy and poor brother that lives in the land.” (Deuteronomy 15:7-11)

"A man's goodness God cherishes like a signet ring, a man's virtue, like the apple of his eye." (Ecclesiasticus 17:18.)

"To the poor man also extend your hand, that your blessing may be complete." (Ecclesiasticus 7:10)

“Give to everyone that asks you. Give and it shall be given to you: good measure, and pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall they give into your bosom, for with the same measure that you shall mete withal, it shall be measured to you again.” (Luke 6:30, 38)

“Remember the word of the Lord Jesus, how He said: it is more blessed to give, than to receive.” (Acts 20:35)

"If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead."
(James 2:15-17)

“He that despises his neighbor sins, but he that shows mercy to the poor shall be blessed.” (Proverbs 14: 21)

“He that has the substance of this world, and shall see his brother in need, and shall shut up his bowels from him, how does the charity of God abide in him?” (1 John 3:17)

“The bread of the needy is the life of the poor: he that defrauds them thereof is a man of blood. He that takes away bread begotten by sweat is like him that kills his neighbor.” (Ecclesiasticus 34:21)