

Prayer for the Catholic Services Appeal

Just one step

Compassionate God,
your care for us is immeasurable.
You love us like the shepherd
who drops everything
to find the one lost sheep.
The good shepherd, like your Son Jesus,
is a model for us of care and concern
for others.

Help me to follow in Jesus' footsteps
and support the mission of your church
to evangelize, to educate, and to proclaim your word.
Help me support your church that serves others
through your sacraments of belonging, healing,
forgiving, blessing, and sending.

Guide me to take just one step forward today:
One step, to care for those in need;
One step, to be aware of those who are hurting;
One step, with my neighbors,
to save our block from violence;
One step, with my parish,
to reach out to those we've excluded;
One step toward Christ
in the face of the homeless person.

Lord God, help me to take
just one step forward today
with the baptized of the Diocese of Erie
to continue the work of Christ.

Amen.

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