



It is again that time of the year to share our Christian compassion and care. No, it's not Christmas, nor Easter, neither a Special Day with a humanitarian aid emphasis promoted by a Worldwide organization. It is just our Lord's Supper, toward the end of the quarter. As in our previous occasions, we are inviting all to use such an important day for us to reach out to those who do not enjoy the life as we do.

To give or to receive?

As we draw near the symbols of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us come not only to receive, but also to give. The apostolic reminder still sounds in a clear invitation:

“In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

If you went to refresh your memory, check the previous posts of such activities, for example our first calling for such an effort (“Harvest Day 2017”), and especially “Greetings from Gadara” (accessed more than 1,100 times).

We are cooperating with **Hope in the Darkness**, a team of volunteers taking care of homeless people on the streets of Dublin (GPO).

To whom are we donating things?

Well, to those who are down. As low as the street pavement level, sleeping on a cardboard. Don't rush to judgment... According to a comment on our website, **“sometimes the people we fear or judge in life become our greatest**

teachers”.

One volunteer told us:

“It’s a very strange experience but so rewarding at the end of the day. We are all human beings, some of us more fortunate than others. We are all only one pay packet away from homelessness, so help where you can.”

Again, another one of their volunteers told us:

“It is definitely an experience that leaves its mark, you come away with a mixture of emotions and not all bad, more humble, more appreciative, and with a whole lot more gratitude for the simple things in life.”

Following our last effort, Sinead Kane (the leader of Hope in the Darkness) sent us a moving message:

“Thank you so much. It means a lot to us, as we’ve been struggling lately. God bless you all.”

Why not repeat it then? Why not join also, if you’ve missed the previous experiences?

OK. What exactly is the need right now?

The last post from *Hope in the Darkness* just informed all their Facebook followers that:

“We are badly in need of hot food.

The numbers attending the table are on the rise again and this increase includes a significant amount of young families with young children from the surrounding hubs and BnBs coming for a hot meal. It’s upsetting to not have enough to feed everyone.

So if anyone is in a position to drop us in a hot dish please do so we would be very grateful for it.” (From Sinead and my amazing Crew at Hope in the Darkness)

How can I help?

Please prepare for the Sabbath of 23 June with donations. As every time, we will invite you to think about donating/buying:

1. **food and more** (canned, dry, fruits, tea bags, coffee, sugar, water, juice, biscuits, crisps, snacks, chocolate),
2. **clothes and shoes** (for men, women, children; socks, underwear),
3. **hygiene products** (toiletries, soap, wipes, toothpaste etc.),
4. **other things** (sleeping bag, backpack), and
5. **money**.

All things will be brought to the church and then sorted and packed for delivery as soon as possible. Thank you for
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taking part in this initiative.