

The Serve Playbook

Serving is simply love in motion, the practical way we bring hope + healing to real people. You do not need a title, a talent, or a perfect week. You just need to be willing. The ideas below are how we put that willingness to work.

ON YOUR OWN *everyday, right where you live*

Prayer Walk

Walk a block in your neighborhood and pray quietly over every home, business, and person you pass. It costs nothing and changes everything.

Pay It Forward

Cover the coffee, the toll, or the gas for the person behind you. Small and quiet, it just leaves their day better.

Laundry Love

Bring a bag of quarters to a local laundromat and quietly cover someone's wash and dry. A small, dignifying gift for a tight spot.

The Buddy Box

Keep a box in your car stocked with snacks, water, and gift cards, ready for the moment you meet someone in need.

Encouraging Notes

Write a stack of handwritten notes and leave them where people will find them, in mailboxes, on windshields, or in books.

Stoplight Outreach

Keep a few bags of water, snacks, and a resource card by your seat, ready the moment you meet someone at a light.

Meal for a Neighbor

Cook a double batch and bring half next door, especially for a new baby, a hard season, or a neighbor you have not met.

Yard Work

Mow the extra strip, rake the leaves next door, or shovel the sidewalk they missed. You are already outside anyway!

Pen Pal

Write letters to a senior in a local care facility, introduce yourself, and ask about their life. A handwritten note can mean the world.

Driveway Neighbor Night

Pull a few chairs into the front yard and stay outside longer. No big plans, just presence and an open invitation.

Sticky Note Blast

Fill a few sticky notes with encouragement and scripture, then leave them on mirrors and doors for a friend to find.

WITH YOUR FAMILY *simple enough for the kids to help*

Cards for a Nursing Home

Make cards with your kids, then deliver them in person and stay to visit. A few minutes of attention goes a long way.

Birthday Bags for Kids

Fill a bag with cake mix, icing, candles, and a card, then donate it so an overlooked child still gets a birthday.

Blessing Box

Build a little take what you need, leave what you can box in your neighborhood, and keep it stocked for anyone who passes.

Rock Painting

Paint rocks with simple, encouraging messages and hide them around town for strangers to find.

Water Station

Set up a free water table at a 5K, parade, or ball game and hand out cold bottles with a kind note.

Gas Pop-Up

Team up with a local gas station to cover a few pumps, wash some windows, and offer to pray. No pitch, just unexpected generosity.

Business Prayer Kits

Put together little kits for local shops with treats, a kind note, and an offer to pray for the owner and staff.

Adopt-a-Block

Pick a street and keep showing up, week after week, asking neighbors how you can help. Staying says more than one visit.

Smoke Detector Drive

Go door to door offering free smoke detector batteries, or a new detector for anyone who needs one.

Back-to-School Giveaway

Gather backpacks and supplies and throw a fun giveaway for local families before school starts. Make it a party!

Free Car Wash

Wash cars for free at a busy spot and refuse every dollar people try to hand you. The no strings posture is the point.

Grocery Store Surprise

Team up with a local store to quietly cover groceries for seniors or first responders. Keep it a surprise, and stay to pray.

First Responder Breakfast

Bring a hot breakfast to a fire station or police department just to say thank you. Call ahead, and stay if they invite you.

Help the Helpers

Find the social workers, foster parents, and first responders near you and put together thank you packages just for them.

Hospital Waiting Room Care

Leave a basket of snacks, water, and handwritten notes in a waiting room for families in a hard hour. Quiet, anonymous love.

Diaper Drive Thru

Collect diapers and baby supplies, then set up a drive thru so young families can pick them up with dignity and ease.

Teacher Appreciation Baskets

Pick a local school, ask what they actually need, and deliver baskets to teachers in person. Make it a visit, not a drop off.

Mental Health Care Packages

Assemble bags with an encouraging card, a devotional, and a few comforts, pray over and deliver them to a care facility.

Apartment Complex Outreach

Partner with a complex to host a cookout for residents, then keep coming back. Bring food, bring kids, and stay a while.

Parents' Night Out

Open your home on a Friday and offer free childcare for a few hours. A real gift to tired parents.

How to show up

a few things we have learned about loving people well

Smiles are magic. A real smile takes the edge off, for them and for you.

Go slow. The interruption is usually the point. Do not rush past the person in front of you.

Get to eye level. Kneel, sit, come down to where they are. It says friend without words.

Skip the labels. People are not their circumstances. Better than any label is their name.

Say your name first. Offer a piece of yourself before you ask anything of them.

Photos with permission. Ask first, and ask to be in it with them, not just of them.

Just be love. You do not have to preach. Let your presence do the talking.

Embrace. A handshake, a high five, or a hug with permission can heal.

It will get messy. Loving people is unpredictable. That is where the best stories come from.

Say thank you. When it is over, thank God for the people He sent your way.