

THE BRIGHT MORNING STAR

Highlighting positive events around the world instead of the doom and gloom promoted by End Times Theology. God has a greater purpose for our generation than wholesale destruction.



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ACTIVATING THE BROTHERHOOD

Building a brotherhood of mankind around the life and teachings of Jesus is the answer to our world's problems. Such a brotherhood will ignite a spiritual renaissance that will inspire men and women of all walks of life to use their skills to implement real change socially, economically, and politically, that will serve the good of all men. It will take some time for the brotherhood to spread over the globe, but that does not prevent us from using our skills and resources to do good in our local communities now.

This time of year is an especially favorable time to 'go about doing good.' In the Western Hemisphere, the cold weather greatly exacerbates the already difficult circumstances of homeless people and those suffering in poverty or near poverty. It is also a time of stress and loneliness for those without family or close

companions with whom they could celebrate the holiday festivities. This need of so many provides an opportunity for those not as unfortunate to exercise their faith and activate the spirit of the brotherhood of man.

In this issue, we share some ideas on how you can reach out to others and be a source of comfort and joy. Even if you are not able to offer much financial assistance, there are many opportunities to volunteer your time which is often more valuable than money.

To find opportunities in your city, [click here](#) and enter your city and state, or google "volunteer opportunities."

In this way, we demonstrate the value of a loving brotherhood and show on a small scale what an international spiritual brotherhood could accomplish.

ORGANIZATIONS WORKING FOR WORLDWIDE BROTHERHOOD

We have found a number of associations around the world working toward establishing a worldwide brotherhood founded on the teachings of Jesus. We intend to reach out to these and other associations to expand the borders of a Worldwide Brotherhood.

Brothers CMM

"Our mission. We see it as our task to work courageously together with others towards a better future. Our congregation tries to contribute towards making the world a better place to live in and to bring more humaneness into society." [For more information](#)

Ambassadors of a Worldwide Brotherhood

"We are young people who, out of our own culture, are committed to a worldwide movement of compassion and brotherhood. In their basic program, the starting point is 'Jesus, the Compassionate, our Brother.'" [For more information](#)

The Focolare Movement

"Its purpose: to work cooperatively to build a more united world, following the inspiration of Jesus' prayer to the Father 'May they all be one' (Jn 17:21), respecting and valuing diversity." [For more information](#)

"WE CAN AND WE WILL CHANGE THE WORLD"

**REMEMBRANCE
SUPPER
2017**

Even though we may have differing views on Christianity, one thing we all have in common is our faith in Jesus.

Each year, the Remembrance Supper is an opportunity to come together in one united voice to re-enact Jesus' Last Supper and remember him in the one way he specifically requested.
(Luke 22:14-20)

More information will be provided in the next issue of

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We hope you plan
to join us.

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Ideas on What You Can Do to Help this Holiday Season

Here are some ideas we especially liked from **The Salvation Army**, **Family Life**, **WikiHow**, and **ZenHabits**:

The Salvation Army:

1. Visit older people who are housebound and lonely
2. Deliver hot food, sleeping bags and small gifts (such as socks and handkerchiefs) to homeless people
3. Help emergency services when there is a major disaster, fire or accident.

See complete article [here](#).

From WikiHow:

1. Contribute to 'Toys for Tots' or foundations that help children who have been abused.
2. Visit a nursing home and sit and play a game of checkers.
3. Perform random acts of kindness, such as paying for the toll for the person behind you or paying for a random person's meal across the room.

See complete article [here](#).

From "Family Life" (Giving and Volunteering as a Family)

1. Recruit several families and adopt a nursing home. Buy a simple gift for each resident (lotion, slippers, holiday throw blankets, etc) and arrange a time to deliver the gifts.
2. Send Christmas cards to military personnel overseas.
3. Host a dinner for the widows and widowers at your church.
4. Encourage every member of your family to look each person they come across that day in the eye, smile, and express their appreciation with a simple "thank you" or a compliment.
5. Clean out your coat closet and take your old coats to a local shelter.

See complete article [here](#).

From ZenHabits.net

1. Stop to help. The next time you see someone pulled over with a flat tire, or somehow in need of help, stop and ask how you can help. Sometimes all they need is a push, or the use of your cell phone.
2. Help someone get active. A person in your life who wants to get healthy might need a helping hand — offer to go walking or running together, to join a gym together. Once they get started, it can have profound effects.
3. Show appreciation, publicly. Praising someone on a blog, in front of coworkers, in front of family, or in some other public way, is a great way to make them feel better about themselves.

See complete article [here](#).

GOODNESS OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT

Helping others is on the minds of so many people. You may be surprised at the number of websites that have suggestions on ways to help others. Many of the idea are duplicative, but many are unique. Check out these sites:

VOLUNTEERING

Simple Ways to Give Back and Help Others

Starting Today

— **More on Giving Back**

100 Ways to Serve Others

— **Ideas for Serving Others**

10 Unique Ways to Help Others

— **What are These Unique Ways**

Soul To Soul /100 Ways to Make a Difference

— **Soul to Soul**

Top 10 Reasons to Volunteer

— **Community Service**

A Guide to Volunteering

— **Making a Difference**

COMMUNITY

Ideas for Helping Your Community

— **Get Inspired**

60 Ways to Better Your Community

— **Project Ideas**

100 Ways You Can Positively Impact Your Community

— **A Positive Impact**

10 Helpful Ways For Giving Back to the Community

— **Helping Hands**

10 Ways to Serve Your Community

— **Empowering Tools**

Fun Ways To Give Back To Your Community

— **Fun and Easy Ways**

12 Ways to Volunteer Your Time and Give Back to the Community

— **Volunteer Your Time**

366 Community Service Ideas

— **Ideas**

KIDS AND FAMILIES

40 Ways Kids Can Volunteer, Toddler to Teen

— **From Toddler to Teen**

5 Ways To Get Your Children Involved In Helping Others

— **How to Involve Children**

20 Ways for Teenagers to Help Other People by Volunteering

— **Volunteering Your Time**

100+ Ways for Your Family to Make a Difference

— **How Your Family Can Make a Difference**

A Family's Guide for Getting Involved

— **Families Invovled**

SPECIAL ADDITION

Inspiring Story of a 4-year old reaching out

— **Friendship**



OUR INSPIRATION

This Newsletter is dedicated to loving people willing to go beyond the call of duty to help a complete stranger. To people who for centuries have opposed one another, but who now dare to start anew and make the future for themselves and their children brighter. To young people who say "enough is enough" of the senseless killing of our future doctors, lawyers, pastors and Godly people who could lead a nation with eternally good principles. To children of all ages taking ownership of the schools and playgrounds by displaying an attitude of acceptance, all working in a united movement for peace.



If you find uplifting good news please email “THE BRIGHT MORNING STAR” at the link below.

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- POSSIBILITIES - FOSTERING A SENSE OF BROTHERHOOD

A beautiful example of working to foster a sense of brotherhood was demonstrated on Facebook back in 2012. When war between Israel and Iran seemed imminent, Israeli graphic designer Ronny Edry shared a poster on Facebook of himself and his daughter with a bold message: "Iranians we will never bomb you, we love you." Other Israelis quickly created their own posters with the same message — and Iranians responded in kind. The simple act of communication inspired surprising Facebook communities like "Israel loves Iran," "Iran loves Israel" and even "Palestine loves Israel." See the [video here](#).

While the effort did not result in ‘peace in the Middle East,’ it did expose a desire for peace and it created a sense of brotherhood among unlikely groups of people. They may not be able to achieve regional peace in their lifetime, but they have opened the door to that possibility. Hopefully they will teach their children to ‘love their neighbor’ and perhaps the next generation will be able to move the region closer toward peace. The point is that every effort we make toward fostering a sense of brotherhood among people is worth it and does, in fact, move the needle of progress forward. Opening the heart of just one human being toward another is a success.

What if each of us made the effort to foster a sense of brotherhood with one new person each week? It can be as simple as smiling and referring to them as ‘brother’ or ‘sister,’ even complete strangers. It’s amazing how small gestures can open hearts and minds and tear down barriers. We hope you take to heart the examples shown in this issue of “THE BRIGHT MORNING STAR” and do your part in fostering a sense of brotherhood in your community.

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“The brotherhood of men is founded on the fatherhood of God. The family of God is derived from the love of God—God is love. God the Father divinely loves his children, all of them.” (UB 134:4.1)

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