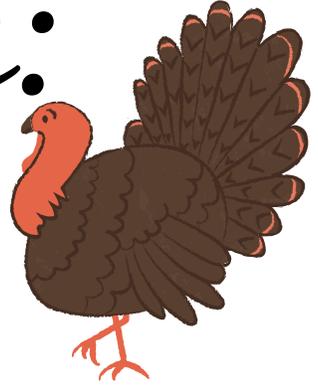


Cards of Mercy: Thanksgiving



Cards of Mercy are a way to reach out to those in prison with messages of kindness and love. Students are asked to prepare cards for holidays throughout the year, which will be delivered to incarcerated individuals. This project is part of the Restorative Justice Ministry.

Thanksgiving cards are due by November 8, 2023. Cards should be sent to the Chancery (1 Peter Yorke Way, San Francisco, CA 94109). These can be mailed or delivered in person.

Any questions, contact Julio Escobar by email at escobarj@sfarch.org or by phone at (415) 614-5572.

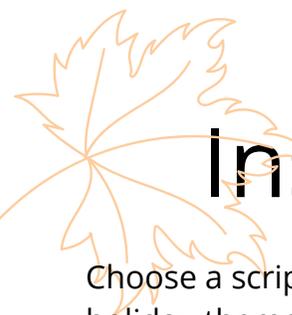
Front Page

For the front page of the card, you will draw a colorful design to represent the holiday.

Back Page

The back page should be left blank.





Inside Top

Choose a scripture verse or thoughtful holiday-themed message. You may use the ideas below as inspiration or choose your own.

- "I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving." Psalm 69:30
- "Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." Psalm 106:1
- "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful." Colossians 4:2
- "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
- "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." 1 Chronicles 16:34
- "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful." Colossians 3:15
- "For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer." 1 Timothy 4:4-5
- "The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him." Psalm 28:7
- "The earth has yielded its produce; God, our God, blesses us." Psalm 67:6
- "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched — they must be felt with the heart." — Helen Keller
- "Be present in all things and thankful for all things." Maya Angelou

Inside Bottom

On the bottom of the inside page, each student should write a personalized message to the incarcerated person.

The greeting should say something like, "Dear Friend" or "Dear Brother or Sister." This message should be optimistic and cheerful. It can express holiday-related messages, as well as general encouragement.

The goal is to spread love and kindness at Thanksgiving.

The card can be signed with a student's first name and grade, with a closing such as "Love, Kayla, a 9th Grade Student." The last name should not be included.

Please do not add embellishments such as sequins, glitter, gemstones, etc.

