

#5 – Help Overseas...Canadian Catholic Organization for Development & Peace

We are invited to follow the example of Jesus to help those who are in need. ShareLife is the Catholic Church's charity making a difference by reaching out to more than 100,000 people who need our help every year. They not only help families and individuals in the Greater Toronto Area, but also in far away places, in countries around the world.

We're helping people like the Jimenez family, living in Latin America. Think about the amount of water you drink each day – from a fountain, a tap at home or maybe a bottle of water you buy at lunchtime. Now consider this: one in six people, most of whom live in Asia, Africa and Latin America have no access to clean drinking water. Every 14 seconds someone dies from a disease associated with contaminated water. The Jimenez family struggles to find enough water just to prepare food each day, with only a small amount to drink. Even that water has to be boiled so that they won't get sick.

The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development & Peace, a ShareLife agency, works to help people that don't have a strong voice in more than 60 countries around the world. They bring attention to problems like the water crisis, people starving in Africa and Latin America. Together with their international friends, they work to make our world a place that is safe and fair for everyone.

We remember our brothers and sisters across the globe – those who may not have a voice, those who struggle on pennies a day to survive. We often get frustrated if we don't have enough money to pick up the latest DVD or clothes from the mall while others struggle to find clean water, enough to eat, a home that's more than a temporary solution. When you support ShareLife, you help those struggling overseas and you answer the call of Jesus to live a faith that acts. We pray today for all those who have no voice, that God will hear their cry in the wilderness, today and always.

Our Father...(or other appropriate prayer)