

Love Thy Neighbor Selection Guidelines

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Assistance Selection Guidelines

The purpose of the Love Thy Neighbor ministry is to provide compassionate, faith-based assistance to individuals and families experiencing genuine hardship. These guidelines help ensure fairness, integrity, accountability, and responsible stewardship of donated funds.

1. MISSION OF ASSISTANCE

The ministry exists to:

- Show the love of Jesus Christ through practical support.
 - Help individuals and families facing temporary hardship.
 - Provide hope, encouragement, and community support.
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2. TYPES OF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED

Assistance may include:

- Medical bills
- Groceries/food
- Rent or temporary housing support
- Utility assistance
- Prescription medication
- Emergency financial needs

The ministry may choose to prioritize urgent or life-impacting needs first.

3. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should:

- Demonstrate a legitimate financial hardship.
- Reside within the local community/service area.
- Provide truthful and complete information.
- Submit supporting documentation when available.

Preference may be given to:

- Elderly individuals
 - Families with children
 - Medical emergencies
 - Individuals experiencing sudden hardship
 - Widows/widowers
 - Disabled individuals
 - Referrals from church leadership
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4. REVIEW PROCESS

All applications will be:

1. Received confidentially.
2. Reviewed by the Recipient Review Team.
3. Evaluated based on urgency, available funds, and documented need.
4. Voted on by designated ministry leaders when necessary.

No single individual should make financial assistance decisions alone.

5. CONFIDENTIALITY POLICY

All personal and financial information:

- Will remain confidential.
- Will only be viewed by authorized ministry leaders.
- Will not be publicly shared without permission.

The dignity and privacy of every applicant will be respected.

6. PAYMENT GUIDELINES

Whenever possible:

- Payments will be made directly to vendors, landlords, utility companies, pharmacies, or medical providers.
- Gift cards may be used for groceries or necessities.

Cash assistance should be limited and approved carefully.

7. LIMITATIONS OF ASSISTANCE

Please note:

- Assistance depends on available funding.
- Submission of an application does not guarantee approval.
- The ministry may limit repeat assistance requests to ensure fairness and sustainability.

Suggested guideline:

- One major assistance request every 12 months unless extraordinary circumstances exist.
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8. CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

Task force members:

- Must disclose personal relationships with applicants.
 - Should not vote on cases involving close family or personal conflicts.
 - Must act with integrity and fairness at all times.
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9. SPIRITUAL SUPPORT

In addition to financial assistance, the ministry may offer:

- Prayer support
- Church/community connection
- Encouragement and counseling referrals

Recipients are never required to attend church to receive assistance.

10. CORE VALUES

The ministry will operate with:

- Compassion
 - Integrity
 - Stewardship
 - Fairness
 - Prayer
 - Christ-centered service
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SCRIPTURE FOUNDATION

“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”

— Galatians 6:2

“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for Me.”

— Matthew 25:40