# BLESSING BAGS!

MANY OF US DRIVE BY THE UNHOUSED EVERY DAY. BLESSING BAGS ARE A WAY TO BE READY TO DO GOOD. THEY PROVIDE A NEED, AND IF DONE INTENTIONALLY, THEY CAN SHARE THE GOSPEL WITH SOMEONE IN NEED. WE SHOULD ALL BE PERSONALLY EQUIPPED TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS AND HELP THOSE IN NEED. BLESSING BAGS ARE A PROACTIVE WAY TO DO THIS!

## HOW TO:

1. Gather your supplies
2. Pack in a Ziploc bag (any sealable bag will do)
3. Store in your car
4. Keep your eyes open for the opportunity to bless another!

## WHAT TO INCLUDE:

- Water
- Food
  look for foods that are long lasting, heat resistant, and have some nutritional value **(**granola bars, protein bars, apple sauce, trail mix etc.**)**
- Hygiene Items
  toothbrush, toothpaste, comb/hairbrush, washcloth, bar of soap, gloves, baby wipes, deodorant, etc.
- Special/Seasonal Items
  socks, gloves, rain poncho, hat, hand warmer packets, band-aids, gauze pads, electrolyte packets (for the heat waves), etc.
- Personal Touch
  a hand written note, a drawing etc.

These are simply suggestions of what you can include in your Blessing Bags. Please feel free to be creative and come up with your own ideas as well! These bags can be as simple or extensive as you would like them to be. It is entirely up to you! You can do it on your own, or include friends and family! We hope this makes the process easier for you as you seek to bless the unhoused in our communities.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.

**Matthew 25:35-36**