

PRAYER FOR THE HOMELESS

Dear loving and gracious God,

Watch over your children — especially those with no homes to return to each day. Protect them from all harm and keep them from despair.

Open our hearts to share our blessings.

Unite our voices in a call for justice.

Help us to welcome all with dignity, love, mercy and compassion.

So that no one need ever lie down for the night on a park bench ... or tuck their child into the backseat of a car, because they have no safe place to call home.

So that all those who wander find shelter.

Remind us, O God, that we cannot rest secure at night until all your children are, at last, at home.

Amen.



We water the seed of inner strength in women experiencing homelessness so they can make a better life for themselves and their children.

PRAYER + YOU

Prayer is powerful, and is one of the most important things you can do to help someone who is hopeless and hurting. But what else can you do when you meet someone experiencing homelessness face to face? **See. Give. Call.**

- 1. See them.** Acknowledge their worth and humanity. Engage in conversation – and listen, listen, listen.
- 2. Give.** Keep “giving bags” on hand with protein bars, bottled water, personal care items, socks, hats, mittens, etc. Give \$5 and \$10 gift cards for food and personal care items. Give 2-1-1 cards and other information about local shelters and services. Give a smile, a handshake, help and hope.
- 3. Call (or text).** 2-1-1 is available 24/7/365, helping quickly connect to help of all kinds, from housing support to financial assistance. Dial 2-1-1 or 1.844.875.9211 or text 989211. [mi211.org](https://www.mi211.org)

Our community's 24/7 shelters

Mustard Seed Shelter

Single women and women with children
989.755.4741

[themustardseedshelter.org](https://www.themustardseedshelter.org)

City Rescue Mission

Individuals and families
989.752.6051

[rescuesaginaw.org](https://www.rescuesaginaw.org)

Underground Railroad

Survivors and victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking
989.755.0411/888.399.8385

[undergroundrailroadinc.org](https://www.undergroundrailroadinc.org)

Emmaus House

Women released from jail, prison or rehab
989.755.7538

[emmaushousesaginaw.org](https://www.emmaushousesaginaw.org)

Restoration Community Outreach

Single men
989.753.1886

[rcoshelter.org](https://www.rcoshelter.org)

Youth Protection Council

Runaway and homeless youth
989.753.3431

Rapid Re-Housing Program:
989.755.0937

Teen Parent Transitional Housing:
989.399.0006

[ypcares.org](https://www.yppcares.org)