



16 TIPS

**FOR SHOWING
GOD'S LOVE TO
YOUR NEIGHBORS**

Neighboring

**A Nationwide Movement of Neighbors Helping
Neighbors during COVID-19 and beyond!**





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PLEASE NOTE

The following are suggestions, compiled from several sources. As you know, the situation regarding COVID-19 changes on a nearly daily basis.

We urge you to make every effort to follow the most recent guidelines issued by national, state/province, and local authorities regarding public events and gatherings.



Jesus commands us to love our neighbors as ourselves, and while the Coronavirus has radically changed all of our lives, it also provides Christians everywhere with an opportunity to step up and BE the Church. It calls us to put our faith into action and show God's love to the people who live around us.

But let's face it—we are all out of practice at being good neighbors. In many places, the days when you really knew your neighbors and spent time with them are long gone. So we have put together this list of ideas—things that anyone can do to actively help and provide hope to our neighbors. And if someone asks why, we get to share about Jesus!



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- 1 Start a neighborhood Help/Serve Drive.** Just like a food drive but asking if others need their dog walked, prescriptions picked up, grocery runs made, yard work or minor work done around their house, etc.



TIP: Make sure your neighbors know that you are available to help them—check out these [Neighbors Helping Neighbors](#) tools.

- 2 Shop local.** We all know that restaurants and small businesses are suffering. As you can afford, choose to get take-out food from a local business—maybe even get extra for a neighbor. Or find out if anyone on your block owns a local business and consider how you could support it. Many businesses are asking people to buy gift certificates to bring in cash now so they can keep their doors open, consider this option.
- 3 Create care packages** (bottle of Gatorade, granola bar, orange or apple) for truckers, first responders, health care workers or even grocery store employees.
- 4 Invite your neighbors to play a board game online.** (Make it a neighborhood game night! Connect via Facebook, Google hangouts, etc, and play a game)





- 5 **Create a directory** of the families on your block so everyone can keep in touch
- 6 **Offer to watch your neighbors children** so they can work.
- 7 **Go to the dollar store** and purchase some crossword puzzles, seek and find, etc, books and drop them off to your neighbors or a nursing home with a note.

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Send a pizza: First-responders, nurses & doctors, even busy parents who are trying to work and homeschool their kids, could really use a simple gesture like a hot pizza delivery or a home cooked meal to brighten their day.



- 9 **Give blood:** Blood drives across the country have been canceled, and the American Red Cross is reporting a severe shortage of blood. Find a location to donate.
- 10 **Support the people that serve you:** Go ahead and send an online payment to your hairdresser, babysitter, dance teacher, or anyone who regularly serves you or might suddenly be out of work. A little [Venmo](#), [PayPal](#), or [Apple Pay](#) donation goes a long way.
- 11 **Tithe your essential supplies:** If you have extra toilet paper, wipes, disinfectant, and other essentials, consider donating 10% or more to neighbors in need, or local shelters.
- 12 **Use the Nextdoor app:** Sign into the Nextdoor app to see if you have any neighbors who've posted requests for assistance. Neighbors across the country are using [Nextdoor](#) to connect and provide help.
- 13 **Offer your tech assistance to your neighbors.** Right now, many tasks and errands are being completed online. That's great for younger individuals, who are used to ordering groceries and takeout on their phones, but your older neighbors may not be as experienced in using apps and websites. With that in mind, offering to help someone navigate a website or to handle certain tasks online could make a big difference!





- 14 **Offer to take your neighbors trash cans down to the curb** and return them when they've been emptied.
- 15 **Have your children create cards** or crafts for your neighbors (This let's your kids focus on encouraging others and gives them something to do!)
- 16 **Start a neighborhood Facebook Group** and invite everyone on your block to join. This makes it easy to check in with everyone on a regular basis. Plus it gives you a chance to post a scripture verse or inspiring message every day.



Finally, as Galatians 6:9 says: "Let us not become weary in doing good." Don't give up if your neighbors are not open to joining in your efforts. Keep offering assistance and checking in with them, even if they did not take you up on your offer the first time. Be friendly and keep the channels of communication open and most importantly PRAY for every home on your block and then watch what God will do!



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