

# Preferential Option for the Poor Collect Acts of Worship



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The **'preferential option'** means allowing someone to have the first choice. It means giving someone the best that is available; not just the scraps or leftovers. God calls us to look for those in need and work hard to support them as best we can.

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**‘The poor do not need intermediaries, but the personal involvement of all those who hear their cry.’**

**Pope Francis  
Second World Day Of The  
Poor**



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Think of a time when someone helped  
you when you needed it

How did their help and kindness make  
you feel?

What could you do to reach out to those  
in need around you?

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How do the passages relate to preferential option for the poor?

‘Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.’

**Luke 12:33**

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'Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.'

**Proverbs 31:8-9**

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Let us Pray



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Loving God,  
We come together to thank you for our  
world. You created our world so that  
everyone may have enough but there are  
those who do not have enough.  
Help us to follow the example of Your  
Son, Jesus Christ, and reach out our  
hands to those in need.

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We pray for those in need, that they  
may get all that they need to thrive.  
O God, help us to serve those around  
us.

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We pray for those in power, that they  
may make the right choices to better  
help everyone.

O God, help those in power to serve  
their people.

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We pray for those who have more than their fair share, that they may choose to give to those in need.

○ God, help us to recognise what we need and what others need.

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We pray that everyone in our world  
may one day be able to thrive, not just  
survive.

O God, help us to spread Your love.  
Amen.

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