

THE WORKS OF MERCY PUT OUR HEARTS INTO ACTION

they said



"Our group decided to go and visit the prisoners in our city.

We knew it would not be easy to get permission to enter the prison, but we tried anyway.

The officer on duty that day told us immediately: «Teens your age are not usually allowed to enter, but after I heard your presentation on the radio, I have been hoping you would come! You are really exceptional!»

And so we gave a presentation in front of about a dozen guards and a hundred prisoners. We told them our experiences and sang our songs for them.

At the end, one of them thanked us in the name of everyone. He asked if we could continue being friends with them even after that occasion.

That same day a journalist came to interview us and his article was published in the most important local paper.

We really experienced that with Jesus in our midst, everything is possible"

JUST BE THERE TO LISTEN

In our society, a lot of people are marginalized. They are excluded from many things even though everyone always talks about the fact that we are all equal.

But who <u>really</u> loves others and is a true friend of the poor, or repentant sinners, or the most wretched people? Who treats them as if they were beautiful, fortunate, innocent and equal to everyone else?

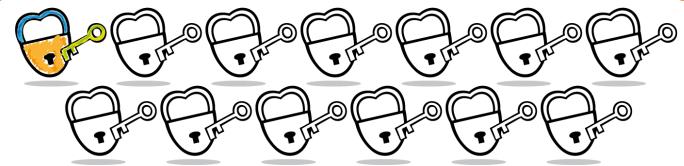
Who forgets all the wrong things they did and forgives any offense done to them? The saints! That's how the saints were, because they had understood the lesson Jesus gave us. They went against the current. For example, they went to live with people in the refugee camps and shared their miserable life with all its hardships.

Chiara Lubich - June 1975



You can cut this out and put it in your notebook or hang it in the kitchen...

It can happen that sometimes we are **prisoners of ourselves**. We exclude others and don't give them our attention.



Let's color in a lock every time we manage to unlock our hearts and give the light of love to those who need it the most.