

# Pastoral Care Visitation Log

*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*

## Tips and Reminders

### Hospitals & Nursing Homes

- Ask the patient or family for permission to visit before you arrive. Now might not be the best time to visit.
- A visit should include heartfelt concern about an upcoming operation, test, illness, recovery, and yet bring hope to those who need it.
- Always check in with the nurse that is caring for the patient. He/she may share if the patient has been feeling depressed, been in a lot of pain or discomfort, etc.
- Remember to silence your cell phone.
- Remember to wash or sanitize your hands before and after you touch the patient. Do not visit if you have any symptoms that could be contagious.
- Enter the room quietly, respecting the individual and those who are there visiting. Leave the room if the doctor or nurse arrives to examine or talk to the patient.
- Asking the patient or other family members questions is normal. Being lighthearted and encouraging can be appropriate, but respect the gravity of the situation.

### Shut-ins

- They may need to be brought non-perishable foods or referred to a social service such as meals on wheels.
- Some shut-ins may not be taking care of themselves, so there may be medical issues that need to be addressed.
- If there is no family, some social services may have to be coordinated.

## Visitation Log

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please record any care visits you make. Bring this sheet with you to the next consistory meeting, or turn in to the front office.*

Who you visited: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Who was with you: \_\_\_\_\_

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