

## Intentional Kindness

## **30 CREATIVE WAYS**

Think of the kindness you wish others would show you; do the same for them. (Luke 6:31)

Pause. Seek. Notice. Be aware of the people around you. Observe the tender prompting of the Spirit. Be intentionally kind and discover what God will do.

- 1. Send a note to a friend or loved one just because.
- 2. Tuck an encouraging quote into a favorite book and share it with someone who is struggling.
- 3. Celebrate someone's good news! We're better when we celebrate one another.
- 4. Take the time to listen to someone's story.
- 5. If you're able, donate blood. One pint can save up to three lives.
- 6. Pray for the cashier while you wait in line or for the person in front of you in the drive-thru or for another patient in a medical waiting room.
- 7. Surprise a friend or loved one with flowers.
- 8. Record a book or article for someone who is too sick to read right now. It's quick and easy using the Voice Memo app on your cell phone.
- 9. Find out which charity is most important to a friend or loved one and make a donation in their honor.
- 10. Text someone an encouraging image. Chronic Joy® has hundreds to choose from!

- 11. Pay it backward. Buy coffee for the person behind you in line.
- 12. Catch up with a lonely friend or loved one.
- 13. Share a virtual coffee with a friend or loved one anywhere in the world.
- 14. Pray for the last person you texted, your mail carrier, trash collector, or medical receptionist.
- 15. Text an inspiring quote to a friend first thing in the morning.
- 16. Schedule a lunch date with a friend or loved one you haven't seen in awhile.
- 17. Offer a bottle of water and a sealed snack to a hardworking delivery driver.
- 18. Write a review for your favorite local business.
- 19. Bring your neighbors' trash bins up from the curb.
- 20. Take a walk through the neighborhood and greet everyone you meet.
- 21. Venmo \$5 to a friend or loved one as a "Coffee on me" surprise.
- 22. Leave a great tip for a good server and make their day!
- 23. Write a recommendation or review for work you appreciate.
- 24. Acknowledge important anniversaries, both good and hard.
- 25. Fill a box with paper plates, napkins, and plastic utensils. Attach a gift tag that says, "For the days when there's just not enough energy."
- 26. Treat a friend to matching coffee mugs, and commit to praying for each other over coffee every morning.
- 27. Smile often. You'll be surprised how good it feels!
- 28. Practice patience in spite of your circumstances.
- 29. Shower others with grace upon grace upon grace.
- 30. Share encouraging stories of hope and kindness.

"A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees."

(Amelia Earhart)



