



## *GOD-PRESENT IN THE POOR*

*How true it is that souls who seek God will find Him everywhere but especially in the poor.*

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Louise embraced this ideal for herself and for those she formed. She repeats this advice many times. She knew if people were to persevere in difficult service, they would have to always remember that they served Christ in the people they ministered to.

Christian charity not only acknowledges Christ's presence in the persons of poor people, but treats them as it would Christ himself.

- How conscious am I in remembering that Christ dwells in homeless people, single mothers on welfare, members of street gangs, prisoners, and those addicted to drugs and alcohol?
- Who are the poor around me today—who are sick—imprisoned—abandoned?
- Make a mantra “I serve Christ in the person of the poor” and meditate on it daily.

God, open my heart to the needs of those I serve and give me the grace to always be faithful in serving you in others. Amen.