

COMPASSION and sympathy are much stronger in meaning than 'feeling sorry for' someone - it's more like 'suffering with' someone. Putting yourself in someone else's shoes to understand what they are experiencing, which leads to a desire to act, to do something. It's more than 'doing good', or 'remembering those less fortunate than ourselves'; compassion requires an act of imagination and humility to share in the lives of others.

1 Peter 3:8

Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble.

Colossians 3:12

'Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.'

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Praise be to God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.