

A Sharing Calendar for Lent 2024

Each day at or after a meal time, gather around this map activity. Consider the reflection and questions, place a coin or a bill (a "gift") in your fish coin bank or a jar.

Feb. 18-23

Sunday: *God, open our eyes to your face in every person. Let us see the ways we are all connected with all of Creation. May we as your Church, together, seek love, justice and peace with all. Amen.*

Monday: Over 23 million Americans live in a food desert, far from a store where they can buy fresh food. Give a gift for each grocery store nearby.

Tuesday: Electricity is usually the first utility that is lost in a storm. Give a gift for each light switch in your home.

Ash Wednesday: Read Isaiah 58:6-8, 12. What are we asked to do? Who helps meet those same needs for you (v. 12)? Say a prayer of gratitude for them.

Wednesday: What did you use water for today? Using the OGHS map, find projects related to water and give a gift for each faucet in your house.

Thursday: Our Gracie Fish coin boxes will hold many gifts of money this season, but what other kinds of gifts can we give? What gifts can share?

Thursday: Using the online OGHS map, look where PDA is working. Read about one project near you and one far away and make a gift for each as you offer a prayer.

Friday: Sunday is PDA's Blue T-Shirt Sunday. What does PDA do to show God's love? Choose something blue to wear or share with your congregation.

Friday: Health is one of our most important needs. Say a prayer for each person your family knows who has been or is now sick and for quality medical care for everyone.

Feb. 25-March 1

Sunday: *Gather us all around your banquet table, O God, with all who hunger and thirst. May we join together to share the abundance you've intended for all. Amen.*

Monday: Climate change is forcing farmers worldwide to either adjust their farming methods or move away. Give a gift for each type of animal you saw today.

Tuesday: Thousands of frontline workers risk their lives daily during a health crisis. Say a prayer for the doctors, nurses and other medical staff who care for the sick.

Wednesday: Without the right nutrition in the first two years of life, a child's physical and mental development is compromised. Give a gift for each baby/toddler you know.

Thursday: When roads are closed and electricity is off, going to see a doctor can be hard. Give a gift for each person in your family who has been able to see a doctor in the past year.

Friday: It is estimated that 1 in 5 kids in the U.S. will experience hunger this year. Pray that no child will ever go to sleep at night hungry.

March 3-8

Sunday: *Encourage us, Creator, when things get difficult. May we draw creativity and hope from your Spirit, and from our partners along the way. Amen.*

Monday: Find an SDOP project near you on the OGHS map. What is SDOP working to address there? Say a prayer of thanksgiving for our partners.

Tuesday: Changing weather patterns mean old ways of farming don't work in some areas anymore, so farmers need to be taught new techniques. Give one gift for every farm you've visited.

Wednesday: If you could start a business of your own, what would it be? Give a gift for every good business idea you hear from those you are with.

Thursday: Rainwater is rare in some places, so special collection systems are built to catch the water so it can be used for growing plants. Give one gift for every day it rained (or snowed) in the past week.

Friday: Sunday is SDOP Sunday! Visit pcusa.org/sdop and identify a community partnership SDOP has cultivated. Give a generous gift in honor of that partnership.

March 10-15

Sunday: *Lord, help us to learn from what others have seen, so that we might grow in understanding across lines of difference. Amen.*

Monday: Hunger-related causes kill tens of thousands every day around the world. Give a gift for meals you've had today.

Tuesday: Poverty can make people feel like their wheels are spinning because of surprise expenses, problems or illness. Give a gift for every wheel around your home that helps your family get places.

Wednesday: Teaching healthy food choices and food safety can change the health of an entire community! Choose some healthy foods in your kitchen to donate to a food pantry or soup kitchen.

Thursday: The most vulnerable are often the most impacted in emergency situations. Say a prayer for children impacted by disasters and give a gift for every flashlight in your home.

Friday: Communication can be incredibly difficult after a disaster, especially if the internet isn't working! Give a gift for every phone your family has.

March 17-22

Sunday: *Guide us through the paths that feel lonely, assured that you are always with us. Be with us in the darkness as we walk by faith and not by sight. Amen.*

Monday: Social support and connection are important parts of being healthy. Gift a gift of gratitude for every home that offers welcome to you.

Tuesday: Immunizations give us hope for a day when certain diseases will no longer cause sickness and pain. Give a gift for each immunization you have received.

Wednesday: God's love is shown in so many ways. Find three things you can do today or tomorrow to share God's love.

Thursday: Find three books you can donate so another person has the chance to read and learn. Give a gift for every year you have been in school and.

Friday: Learning new languages can help form relationships. Learn about the Indigenous peoples who inhabited the land where you are now and the name they gave that place or region.

March 24-29

Passion/Palm Sunday: *God, you call us to grow, go out and serve. Open our eyes, ears and hearts so that we can be "repairers of the breach," serving our siblings in need. Amen.*

Monday: After a natural disaster or a public health crisis, it may be hard to find places to buy basic supplies. Say a prayer of thanksgiving and give a gift for each time you had toilet paper to use today.

Tuesday: Most people around the world don't have access to the many varieties of fruit and vegetables we have. Give one gift for each type of vegetable in your house.

Wednesday: Where does your water come from? Many people carry buckets of water long distances to their homes every day. Give a gift for every faucet in your home.

Thursday: Blankets are used internationally to comfort those impacted by disasters. Give a gift for each blanket on your bed or find some blankets you can donate.

Friday: Women and children are disproportionately impacted by poverty and hunger. Give a gift for every female in your class or workplace.

March 31

Sunday - Resurrection/Easter/One Great Hour of Sharing: Present the gifts in your coin box to your congregation. Say a prayer for all those who will receive help from your generosity.

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