

WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY APPEAL

Zion's World Hunger Sunday is observed during the Advent season, the beginning of the Christian Calendar, when we reflect on Jesus' coming into this world as a Babe. World Hunger Sunday gives us an opportunity to join forces at – home and overseas – to live out God's vision of a world without hunger; and it marks a new beginning in our lives, as we wait and hope and pray for the coming of a Savior.

Advent is a time to take off the habits and attitudes that keep us in darkness, separating us from God. It is a time of longing for light, freedom, and a new way of living in this world, as people seeking a King who is to come and reign in our hearts forever. Jesus is both food for our spiritual journey and food that physically nourish us. It is fitting that the Savior, at the start of his life, would be placed in a feeding-trough as a sign, not only of who He is, but of how He will fulfill His purpose.

May this Advent Season transform us by the renewing of our mind so that we may become a community of caring people, feeding hungry hearts through worship, through our love of neighbors, and through our giving. As we prepare to celebrate the gift of Jesus, may the Holy Season give us the opportunity to reflect on our giving and how we can give gifts that feed hungry hearts. Per the latest Hunger Projects statistics, 795 million people – or one in nine people in the world – do not have enough to eat.

Over three decades ago, the Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society accepted World Hunger as an annual mission challenge under the presidency of Mrs. Alcestis M. Coleman. December 6, 1982 was designated as the first World Hunger Sunday and, thereafter, missionaries throughout our denomination observe World Hunger Sunday. Programs and activities are planned to increase awareness. The objective of World Hunger Sunday is to help in a spiritual way by sharing and giving of our monetary resources to help relieve the suffering of the hungry. Funds can be contributed any Sunday in December as it is Zion's World Hunger Action Month. We are "*Laborers with Christ as His instruments for feeding the Hungry.*" Let us partner with others to **STOP HUNGER NOW!**

Mary and Joseph could find no place to stay in Bethlehem when Jesus was born, but today WH&OMS ministries with support from the World Hunger Appeal, is providing the sort of help that Jesus' family might have wanted. Giving a monetary gift to the Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society's World Hunger Day Appeal is our response to the Gospel of Jesus.

The **World Hunger Appeal gift** may be reported through your district or sent directly to: **Mrs. Rosetta Dunham, Executive Director**

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Zion's World Hunger Sunday



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Quadrennial Theme:

"The Great Commission – A Global Outreach: Personal Calling, Personal Transformation, Personal Instruction and Personal Commitment"

Church:

Pastor:



WORLD HUNGER SERVICE

“The Great Commission – A Global Outreach

Personal Transformation”

THE PROCESSIONAL

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Hear the words of Jesus: “I am the Bread of Life.

People: Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again.

Leader: Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

All: Lord Jesus, keep our minds and our spirits open to your life-changing words. Amen.

THE INVOCATION

Lord open our eyes to see what you have placed in our hands, however small it may be, to break and give to others that they too may be fed. Kindle our minds and hearts to care for those who hunger for food to nourish their bodies; and that we do not forget to give them, also, the food that endures unto life eternal. Lord, bless those who have control over the production and distribution of the food resources to alleviate the hunger in our world. Let their surplus be like the crumbs that fall from their table to feed your children who suffer hunger at home and overseas. Father, lead and enable us to see you in the hungry near us, and to help in reaching those who are far away and of whose suffering we know. Stir in us the hunger and thirst for righteousness that your light will shine in and through us. In Jesus’ name, we pray. *Amen*

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

THE LITANY

Leader: Advent season reminds us that we live by hope.

People: Hope in anticipation of the coming of the Messiah.

Leader: Hope of the promised One who comes from God to bring Good News of salvation.

People: The Expected One who will establish justice for all who are hungry and in need.

Leader: Let us anticipate the coming of Christ’s kingdom with complete harmony, love and food for all.

People: For the Messiah will bring a new day for all of God’s people.

Leader: My soul find rest in God; my hope comes from Him. Trust in Him always, O people. Power and love belong to God.

ALL: May the love of Christ transforms us into a community of caring people, serving and feeding others as a witness of God’s grace and peace.

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE GLORIA PATRI

THE SCRIPTURE

Old Testament: Ezekiel 36:26

New Testament: Matthew 25:31-46

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE CHORAL SELECTION/ANTHEM

THE NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MINISTRY OF KINDNESS

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Working Together to End World Hunger

- Hunger Statistics



- Get Involved



- Offering of Letters



- Zion’s World Hunger Appeal
Give joyfully

THE OFFERING/OFFERTORY

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

THE MESSAGE

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE RECESSIONAL

THE MISSIONARY BLESSING: “God be merciful unto us, and bless us, and cause his face to shine upon us and give us peace.”

Amen