**World Hunger 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 nourishes 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, are 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.

Send all donations for World Hunger to your District President for remittance to the Executive Director.

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**Women’s Home and Overseas Missionary Society**  
The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church  
Bureau of Supply

**World Hunger**

Quadrennial Theme:  
“The Great Commission: #MissionsMatter  
Globally Committed to Social Justice, Environmental Stewardship,  
Transformative Service and Agape Love”

Mrs. Jo-Ann O. Monroe, Connectional Secretary, Bureau of Supply  
Mrs. Sandra B. Crowder, International President

Church:
Pastor:
Leader: Let us pray for the poor, hungry, and neglected all over the world, that their cries for daily bread, may inspire works of compassion and mercy among those to whom much has been given

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for an end to the division and inequalities that scar God’s creation

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for an end to diseases throughout the world caused by lack of nutritious food and outright hunger.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

All: Lord Jesus, help us see Your face in all those experiencing poverty. Help us, Lord, to get involved and stay focused on the problem. Fill us with love, compassion and determination to do something to end world hunger in our time.

INVOCATION
Heavenly Father, we continue to pray for an end to world hunger. We give you thanks for our daily provisions. May we not forget all who are hungry at home and abroad and not take for granted how blessed we are. Let us not just speak of justice, but let us act in just ways. May the oppressed and needy feel justice and equality and experience a world without hunger and poverty. Amen.

THE OPENING HYMN “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

THE SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:34-46

CHORAL SELECTION “Joy to the World”

NOTICES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSIONS MOMENT
Share World Hunger Statistical Information (www.worldhunger.org) (www.foodaidfoundation.com)

Bread for the World Letter Writing Campaign (www.bread.org)

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THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY

THE REMARKS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MUSICAL SELECTION “God Will Take Care of You”

THE MESSAGE

THE CLOSING PRAYER

THE MISSIONARY BENEDICTION
“God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause His face to shine upon us and give us peace.” Amen. (Psalm 67:1)