Sharing Calendar Instructions

Love Remains
God has blessed us in so many ways. This calendar is designed to help us acknowledge our blessings but to also think about and pray for others. Each day highlights various situations and suggests a donation of coins or bills. Your household can decide what unit works best for you. It is easiest if you select one unit and use it throughout the days on the calendar. The sharing calendar works well with the OGHS coin box. (You may order coin boxes at UCC Resources.)

Participant Instructions:
Place the Sharing Calendar in a prominent place where each person in the family has access to it. Decide if you will save or put your money in one coin box, or order coin boxes for everyone in your household/group.

Use the Sharing Calendar as a daily giving devotional. The calendar not only gives us a chance to gather funds, but it also gives us a focused time of thinking about people and communities in a variety of ways that our gifts will help.

At a time, appropriate for your household, read the theme and scripture for One Great Hour of Sharing. This year our theme is “Love Remains” and the Scripture Reference is 1 Corinthians 13:13. On the first day of the calendar (possibly March 6) you might express why participating in the offering is important to do as a family/group. Read the day’s entry in the sharing calendar. Discuss the situation described and its relationship to you/your household/your group. Consider your contribution for the day and add it to your offering box. To make this simple, you may decide to name the unit you will use throughout the entire calendar, (i.e., a quarter, a dime, or a dollar).

Pray for the people and situations highlighted in the sharing calendar, and for the people you will meet during your daily activities. Trust that our giving, and sharing, and praying can mean a world of difference for people and communities amid a crisis. God uses us and our gifts to put love into action, ensuring that Love Remains.

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Dear God,

Thank you for your grace and mercy, your compassion, and your love. Thank you for the many blessings you have given to us. [Each member of the household names a blessing each day].

We pray that you would show us ways that we might share with others and allow us to be with them in their times of need. Give us generous hearts that overflow with gratitude and joy.

Today we pray especially for [the day’s highlighted group or situation]. May our One Great Hour of Sharing gifts be a blessing to them and remind us of all the ways that you are working in our world and in our lives. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

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Remember to take your offering box to church on the One Great Hour of Sharing offering Sunday in your congregation. The suggested offering date in 2022 is March 27.