

A Sharing Calendar

It's Remarkable What Your Gift Will Do.

One great hour of sharing

SUNDAY

God loves a cheerful giver (2 Cor. 9:7b). Give one unit for each thing that made you laugh today.

MONDAY

More than a billion people lack access to safe drinking water. Give one coin for each time today you washed your hands with clean water.

TUESDAY

37 million Americans in the United States live in poverty, hunger, and hardship. Give one coin for each meal you have eaten today.

WEDNESDAY

The 2010 earthquake that rocked Haiti left more than 1 million people in need of shelter. Give one unit for each home you've lived in throughout your life.

THURSDAY

After years of civil war, seeds and simple farming tools help families in Sierra Leone and Angola feed themselves. Give one coin for each plant inside your home or church.

FRIDAY

Child labor is a fact of life for children in Cambodia, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Ghana, and Mexico. Give one unit for every unemployed person you know.

SATURDAY

You offer compassion to people in need through One Great Hour of Sharing. Give one coin for each time this week you have been shown compassion.

Worldwide, one billion people, about 1 in 7, are chronically hungry. Give four units to help.

A cow, which can help Asian farmers increase crop yields and get produce to market, costs about as much as a digital music player. Give one coin if you own an iPod, CD player, or radio.

The opportunity and ability to work in a safe environment is a blessing. Give one coin for each hour you or an adult in your household worked for pay today.

Almost half of the girls in the world's poorest countries have no access to primary education. Give one coin for each year of formal schooling you have had.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice (Phil. 4:4). Give one unit for each person, experience, thought, or blessing today that brought you joy.

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. (Ps. 63:1) Give one unit as an "Amen."

Not everyone has a place to sleep at night. Give one coin for each bed in your home.

Education can break the cycle of poverty. Yet, 46 million primary school-age children are out of school in sub-Saharan Africa. Give one unit if you have an elementary school education.

The Haitian earthquake killed at least 230,000 people. Give one unit for each blessing that provides you a strong foundation in times of trouble.

Every school day, about 7,000 U.S. students drop out of school. Only 70 percent of entering high school freshmen graduate each year. Give one unit to honor a teacher important in your life.

"Micro-loans" of \$100 help people in developing countries to start small businesses and their families to become self-sufficient. Give two coins to thanksgiving!

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good (Ps. 122:1, 9). Give two units in honor of your congregation.

About 2.5 billion people lack adequate sanitation facilities. About 1 in 4 people in developing countries have no plumbing. Give one unit for each bathroom in your home.

Nearly one in four children in the U.S. is at risk for hunger. Give two units if you remember feeling hungry as a child or teenager.

For the cost of a 55" HDTV, a disaster survivor can be trained in a construction trade, helping rebuild the community plus earning a livelihood. Give one unit for each TV in your home.

For the cost of a CD, three disaster survivors can each receive a blanket providing shelter, privacy, and a way to carry belongings. Give one unit for each 10 CDs you own.

A child dies every 5 seconds from hunger. That is like more than 23 elementary schools being wiped out each day. Give one unit for each child in your family who ate a school lunch this week.

1.1 billion people in the world still rely on unsafe sources of drinking water. Give one unit for each glass of water you drank today.

Worldwide, about 39.5 million people live with HIV. Give two coins for each person you know who works in health care.

400,000 Chicago residents live in areas with no or very distant grocery stores, predisposing children to obesity and type 2 diabetes. Give one unit if you have access to a grocery store.

One Great Hour of Sharing brings relief, help, and hope in Jesus' name around the U.S. and the world. Give one coin in honor of your church staff, pastor(s), and Christian education teachers.

Sources: Church World Service, Church World Service: Fifty Years of Help and Hope, U.S. Central Intelligence Agency's The 2008 World Factbook, U.S. Census Bureau, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, International Labour Organization of the United Nations, Presbyterian Hunger Program, PC (USA), The Center Center

