

Where Does God's Love Abide?

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40-Day Hunger Calendar

I Colossians 3:9-17
Start a food journal and write down everything you eat for a month.



2 Micah 6:6-8
Go to an agency that helps hungry people and ask if current immigration laws have affected food security in your area.

3 Luke 10:25-37
Watch *Love Anyway*, a new documentary about the organization Preemptive Love. (www.loveanyway.com)

4 2 Corinthians 8:1-21
Make a list of different ways you can avoid wasting food.

5 Deuteronomy 15:8-11
Pray for all of the people who work to end hunger in the world.

6 1 John 3:16-18
Get the youth in your church to assemble clean-up kits for disaster areas. Church World Service can provide information. Go to www.churchworldservice.org.

7 Matthew 19:16-22
Find out if your denominational mission office has a hunger offering. Get your Bible class to raise money for it.

8 Luke 16:19-31
Go to the grocery store with someone who pays with a SNAP (formerly Food Stamp) card, and watch the people around you for their reactions.

9 Amos 8:4-7
Find out if your community has a CROP Hunger Walk to raise money and hunger awareness. If so, get involved. If not, consider organizing one. For more information, see the CROP Hunger Walk page at www.churchworldservice.com.

10 Psalm 82:1-4
Drink only water for a week and give thanks for clean, safe, accessible water.

11 James 5:1-6
Look a homeless person in the eye.

12 Acts 20:32-35
Stay up-to-date with the state of hunger around the world through the online Newsroom of the UN World Food Programme at www.wfp.org/news.

13 Leviticus 23:22
Organize a garage sale with friends; send the proceeds to a nonprofit organization that you and your friends agree upon.

14 Isaiah 61:1-4
Invite your friends to go with you to volunteer at a soup kitchen today. Sit down and talk to one of the guests.



15 2 Corinthians 9:6-10
Organize a cooking class for low-income families. Go to cookingmatters.org for free educational tools and a virtual tour of the grocery store.

16 Matthew 22:34-40
Volunteer to become a Kids Hope USA mentor through a school-church partnership near you: www.kidshopeusa.org/home.

17 Matthew 25:31-40
Organize an Agape Meal in your community. Once a week or once a month, invite your church's neighbors to a sit-down, family-style meal with tablecloths, flowers, servers and table hosts. Afterwards, have a prayer time for those who want to participate.

18 Luke 1:46-55
Pray for the 815 million people in the world who don't have enough to eat.

19 Isaiah 10:1-4
When you go grocery shopping, buy extra canned food, peanut butter or other staples for your local food pantry. Call the staff and ask them what is most needed.



20 Isaiah 1:12-17
Go to www.seedspublishers.org and look under "Where Are People Hungry?" for information about Yemen.

21 Romans 12:9-21
Organize a blanket and warm clothing drive in your church. Give the items to a local shelter.

22 Psalm 107:33-43
Use some of your coffee budget to purchase travel-sized toiletries. Put them in a baggie and give them to the street people you see.

23 Acts 4:32-35
Look at the labels on your clothing. Did any of it come from a sweat shop? (See www.fairtradefederation.org or www.sweatshops.org).

24 Deuteronomy 10:12-19
Organize a small group discussion about the relationship between race and food security. Check out the fall issue of *Hunger News & Hope* at www.seedspublishers.org for information.

25 Ezekiel 16:48-49
Start a container garden. Find some containers that you already have and plant herbs.



26 Luke 19:1-10
Could you live on \$4 a day? Go to www.frac.org and take the Food Research and Action Center's SNAP challenge.



27 Jeremiah 7:5-7
Pray for people who have been displaced by armed conflict and have no home.

28 1 Timothy 6:17-19
Set up a church-wide recycling center. Try selling the cans and paper and using the money to buy seeds for a church garden.

29 Galatians 6:7-10
Sit in the waiting room at a local emergency assistance agency for two hours, and just listen to the people.

30 John 6:1-14
Hold a group discussion on today's scripture passage. What do you have that is like the little boy's lunch?

31 James 2:1-8
Give one of your favorite garments to a thrift store or clothing program.

32 Zechariah 7:8-12
Organize a hunger banquet in your community. You can find resources at actfast.oxfamamerica.org.

33 Leviticus 25:8-17
Write to your national leaders and tell them that it is important to you that we make sure everyone has enough to eat. Go to www.bread.org and find out how to participate in the 2019 Offering of Letters.

34 Luke 12:16-21
Skip lunch today and give the money you saved to a local hunger project.

35 Isaiah 58:6-10
Read the book *I Was Hungry: Cultivating Common Ground to End an American Crisis* by Jeremy Everett.

36 Luke 14:15-24
Check with a local shelter like Salvation Army and, with the staff's help, organize a memorial vigil for the homeless people who have died in your community during the past year.

37 Malachi 3:5
Donate dog or cat food to Meals on Wheels to help feed the constant companions of our seniors.



38 Job 31:16-28
Find out if there's a weekend backpack program for food-insecure schoolchildren in your area. If there is, volunteer to help. If there isn't, google "backpack programs," and see what you can do.

39 Isaiah 32:1-8
Don't eat between meals today.

40 Isaiah 65:17-25
Never forget that you can make a difference in the world. Do what you can, when you can, and ask God to bless your effort. It may mean more to someone than you dare to think.