



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

## Connections to Congregation and Worship

### Birthday Cake Art Installation

To celebrate 70 years of One Great Hour of Sharing, design a large birthday cake (perhaps on a blank wall or bulletin board) in a common gathering area in the church building. Be creative with the candles/light—write names/locations of OGHS projects on each of the flames.

### Bulletin Cover Art

Invite children or youth to submit art to be used for bulletin covers. Do a Bible study on Isaiah 58 (use the accompanying lesson plans) or study the projects in the Presbyterian Giving Catalog and learn about the work that Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People are doing in the world. Encourage children to draw a picture based on what they've learned. Use their drawings as bulletin cover art for the season of Lent leading up to the day your congregation will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering.

### Commercial Creation—Minute for Mission

Invite youth in the church to create and share a commercial about One Great Hour of Sharing/Presbyterian Giving Catalog as a Minute for Mission.

Idea: be “on location” at a Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, or a Self-Development of People project site.

### Eco-Palm Procession

Order Eco-Palms (supported by the Presbyterian Hunger Program) which are sustainably grown and gatherers are paid a fair wage. Invite children to pass out palms to worshipers and process with palms waving during the opening hymn/song on Palm Sunday. Find more information and a bulletin insert here: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/hunger/enough/eco-palms-2/>

### Affirmation of Faith

Instead of a communal Affirmation of Faith, invite a youth or young adult who has attended Presbyterian Youth Triennium or served as a Young Adult Volunteer to speak about how that experience impacted their faith.

(Experiential Faith Formation, item PO10002—*Presbyterian Giving Catalog*)

### Recognize Teachers in Worship

Many spring breaks for children and youth fall at some point during the Lenten season. Most congregations recognize teachers either at the beginning or end of the school year. Why not take a moment during the school year to recognize and thank teachers? Give a gift in their honor through any one of the many education/training themed projects in the Presbyterian Giving Catalog.

## Visual Prayers of the People

Gather items that represent various Presbyterian Giving Catalog objects. Create a display at the front of the sanctuary with these items and include an insert or a Presbyterian Gift Catalog in bulletins detailing the specific projects. Combine these items with a “visual” prayers of the people. Plan with the children and youth before worship—ask them to come forward at the time of the prayers of the people and hold up the items at the appropriate time during the spoken prayer below. Invite worshipers to pray with their eyes open to see the items being lifted.

O God, who love the world and called it into being, we pray for your world. We pray for those people and places in need of your special care and attention today.

We pray for those struggling to survive. You care for the suffering and call us to care for those in need. We pray for all those who are searching for a peaceful place to call home.

(Items: blanket, tarp, gas can, basket of food)

(Emergency Life Pack, item OG30002—*Presbyterian Giving Catalog*)

(Winter Heating Fuel for Refugees, item OG30010—*Presbyterian Giving Catalog*)

(Refugee Food Basket, item PG10001—*Presbyterian Giving Catalog*)

You gave your servant Joseph insight and foresight to prepare for drought. Today we pray for those who do the same. Bless grain banks, tree seeds, and gardens so that your people may eat in times of insecurity.

(Items: grain/wheat, small trees/seeds, potted plant, farming/gardening tools)

(Grain Bank, item OG10026—*Presbyterian Giving Catalog*)

(Container Garden, item OG10027—*Presbyterian Giving Catalog*)

(Farming Tools, item OG10022—*Presbyterian Giving Catalog*)

(Moringa Tree Seeds, item OG10010—*Presbyterian Giving Catalog*)

(Plant a Tree, item PM10013—*Presbyterian Giving Catalog*)

(Haitian School Gardens, item PG30014—*Presbyterian Giving Catalog*)

(Urban Farms, item OG20015—*Presbyterian Giving Catalog*)

Water of Life, whoever drinks this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of you will become a spring of water gushing up to eternal life. May the water provided through jerry cans, garden wells, rainwater systems, and water filters serve physical needs for those who are thirsty, but also point to the power you have to fulfill every need. May this water sustain life, and may your Water of Life bear new life.

(Items: pitcher of water, water filter, bag of sand)

(Garden Well, item OG10029—*Presbyterian Giving Catalog*)

(Sand Dam, item OG30005—*Presbyterian Giving Catalog*)

(Rainwater Catchment System, item OG10009—*Presbyterian Giving Catalog*)

(Water Filter, item OG30012—*Presbyterian Giving Catalog*)

(Jerry Cans, item OG30011—*Presbyterian Giving Catalog*)

God, we pray for families who need the benefits of milk, fabric, fertilizer, food, and labor that the animals you created provide. Provide places for livestock to graze. May the animals provide families income and nourishment, improving the food security and livelihoods of farmers and families around the world.

(Items: a variety of stuffed animals—goat, chicken, cow, pig, bee)

(Pair of Goats, item OG10023—*Presbyterian Giving Catalog*)  
(Cow, item OG10024—*Presbyterian Giving Catalog*)  
(Family of Chickens, item OG10019—*Presbyterian Giving Catalog*)  
(Piglet, item OG20009—*Presbyterian Giving Catalog*)  
(Beekeeping, item OG10028—*Presbyterian Giving Catalog*)  
(Oxen and Plow, item OG30013—*Presbyterian Giving Catalog*)

Great Teacher, we pray for all those who teach in this world and for all those who learn. We lift up training and educational programs around the world. Empower students with your wisdom that in their learning, communities may be transformed as we invest in the future through education.

(Items: school supplies, school uniform)  
(Supplies for Displaced Students, item PG10002—*Presbyterian Giving Catalog*)  
(School Uniforms, item OG30009—*Presbyterian Giving Catalog*)  
(Racial Ethnic Education Scholarship Fund, item CJ10004—*Presbyterian Giving Catalog*)  
(Youth Agriculture Training, item OG10014—*Presbyterian Giving Catalog*)  
(Teacher Training, item PM10015—*Presbyterian Giving Catalog*)

We pray specifically for women, children, and youth in the world whose voices are often silenced. Expand their opportunities. May we listen for their voices of courage and change as we care for the youngest among us and reach out to vulnerable populations.

(Item: Presbyterian Youth Triennium sign)  
(Experiential Faith Formation, item PO10002—*Presbyterian Giving Catalog*)  
(Bunk Beds for Children, item PM10009—*Presbyterian Giving Catalog*)  
(Women's Empowerment Project, item OG10030—*Presbyterian Giving Catalog*)  
(Educate a Child, item PO10001—*Presbyterian Giving Catalog*)

God of every occupation and person, in Christ, you call each to unique service. We pray for your people to be prosperous in their work, providing food for their families and supporting their communities. We pray for those who struggle to find employment, that they may find opportunities to contribute and provide stability for their families.

(Items: sewing machine/sewing materials, fishing pole, toy boat)  
(Sewing Machine, item OG20014—*Presbyterian Giving Catalog*)  
(Fishing Boat and Accessories, item OG30007—*Presbyterian Giving Catalog*)

God, Giver of Life, through you, we have everything we need to create the world you intend. Help us to be generous with the resources we have. May our words of worship not be empty phrases, but may we be active in sharing our bread with the hungry, clothes with the naked, homes for the homeless, and may we work toward justice and the end of oppression. Through your Spirit, embolden us to care for those who suffer, those who are hungry and thirsty, and those who lack opportunities for a better life. Go with us with courage, boldness, and compassionate hearts to love and serve in your world. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

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