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**Join us in celebration of Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday in support of ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE campaign for children.**

**ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE** is a \$3 million grassroots Church-wide fundraising campaign dedicated to expanding Episcopal Relief & Development's global programs improving the lives of children up to age six. Episcopal Relief & Development invites individuals, congregations, and dioceses to join **ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE** by engaging in acts of love of their own.

**A Day to Help Children Flourish**

Congregations are invited to observe **Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday** on the first Sunday in Lent, March 1, 2020 or another convenient Sunday.

[At the 2009 General Convention, Lent was officially designated as a time to encourage dioceses, congregations, and individuals to remember and support the life-saving work of Episcopal Relief & Development.](#)

We invite all Episcopalians to join together on Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday, and throughout the Lenten season, to pray for and help communities nurture children to their full potential.

Please also consider dedicating a special offering on Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday, or another Sunday - in support of **ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE**, to ensure that children are able to grow, learn and thrive over their entire lives.

**2020 Lenten Resources**

To help your congregation prepare for the Lenten journey, we encourage you to order [2020 Lenten Meditations](#) books in [English](#) or [Spanish](#). These meditations focus on the spiritual lives of children and how they can inform the prayers and meditations of all Christians.

**ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE** posters, brochures, pew envelopes and hope chests are also available from [Forward Movement](#). The resources are free, only a minimal fee will be charged for shipping and handling. Large orders or overnight and second-day delivery will incur additional shipping costs.

To place orders, call Forward Movement toll free at 1.800.543.1813 or visit [Forward Movement](#). *We recommend that materials be ordered by February 7th to ensure they will arrive in time for Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020.*

Download **ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE** bulletin inserts and a campaign blurb to use for your announcements from the toolkits on our website. [Website Toolkits](#).

## How to Observe Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday:

**To help your church support children world-wide so they can reach their full potential, fight against extreme poverty and disease, organize an Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday in support of ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE. Here's how:**

- **Step 1:** Speak with your rector or church leadership about observing Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday. Choose the first Sunday in Lent, March 1, 2020, or any Sunday during the year when you're able to focus attention on the challenges facing children throughout the world.
- **Step 2:** Select a team of people and a leader who can help brainstorm, advertise and organize your Sunday.
- **Step 3:** Speak with your Episcopal Relief & Development Diocesan Coordinator and let him/her know your church is planning an Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday. If you need your Diocesan Coordinator's email address or phone number, contact our Engagement office at [engagement@episcopalrelief.org](mailto:engagement@episcopalrelief.org).
- **Step 4:** Promote the event with a [bulletin insert](#) or Sunday service leaflet and on your website. Explain briefly the purpose of Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday. Use the suggested text in this [template](#) to help you draft the announcement.

### Prior to the event:

- **Order pew envelopes and hope chests** to collect a special **ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE** offering.
- **Download bulletin inserts** to share additional information about our work with children.
- **Create awareness** by offering information on Episcopal Relief & Development [programs](#) and the different regions [where we work](#) – Use this information to educate your church on our worldwide Church partnerships that assist those in need.

### On Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday:

- **Make an announcement** from the pulpit. Take a few minutes to highlight the importance of Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday and the special offering in support of children through **ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE**. This can be done by the Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday team, or by another lay leader or the rector.
- **Collect a Sunday offering.** If you have pew envelopes available, place them in the pews for the special offering. Offerings can also be made using the bulletin insert response form or the response envelope included in the [Lenten Meditations booklet](#). Let the congregation know about the importance of their contribution.
- **Include a special sermon and prayers** in your service.