Gifts for Life Advent Calendar

**December 2013**

**Sunday, December 1**

1. **Gifts for Life**
   - *“Come let us adore him, and bend the knee, and bow before the Lord our Maker.”* ~ Psalm 97:1

2. **Today’s Litany**
   - *“Go and provide a stable source of food and earnings.”*

3. **Gifts for Life**
   - *Help us, Lord, to seek and serve others through our gifts and through our prayers.*

**Monday, December 2**

4. **Gifts for Life**
   - *Bless, O Lord, our day’s bread; bless our work and give us good health.* ~ Psalm 109:1

5. **Today’s Litany**
   - *“Blessings for food and livelihood, give me neither poverty nor riches, feed me with the food that I need.”* ~ Proverbs 30:8

6. **Gifts for Life**
   - *Community Garden: Sprout strong communities.*

7. **Today’s Litany**
   - *“Thank you, Lord, for shining your light of hope on all mankind.”* ~ Psalm 109:1

8. **Gifts for Life**
   - *Peace to you and your loved ones.*

**Tuesday, December 3**

9. **Gifts for Life**
   - *The United States experiences a range of natural disasters. Support disaster preparedness and response in affected areas.*

10. **Today’s Litany**
    - *“Blessings for food and livelihood, give me neither poverty nor riches, feed me with the food that I need.”* ~ Proverbs 30:8

11. **Gifts for Life**
    - *Disaster Relief Kits: Provide lifesaving necessities in times of crisis.*

12. **Today’s Litany**
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13. **Gifts for Life**
    - *Reforestation: Plant the seeds for long-term growth.*

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15. **Gifts for Life**
    - *We thank you, Lord, for inviting us to say yes to abundant life for all.*

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17. **Gifts for Life**
    - *Help us, Lord, to nurture babies and small children with clean water, food and health care.*

18. **Today’s Litany**
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19. **Gifts for Life**
    - *Care for Moms & Newborns: Protect vulnerable moms and their babies.*

20. **Today’s Litany**
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21. **Gifts for Life**
    - *Micro-Credit Loans for Women: Give women the tools to succeed.*

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**Wednesday, December 4**

25. **Gifts for Life**
    - *Bee & Honey: Give small farmers a taste of success.*

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27. **Gifts for Life**
    - *In many parts of the world, a water supply is miles away. Help a community gain access to clean water.*

28. **Today’s Litany**
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29. **Gifts for Life**
    - *Clean Water: Provide life’s most basic necessity.*

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31. **Gifts for Life**
    - *Band together and raise money for a high-impact gift like a village well.*

**Thursday, December 5**

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35. **Gifts for Life**
    - *Organize a Gift for Life Christmas cookie bake sale.*

**Friday, December 6**

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41. **Gifts for Life**
    - *In parts of India, the average monthly family income is $20. Give a loan to a low-income family for their small business.*

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45. **Gifts for Life**
    - *Take a Christmas Pageant collection to purchase bazaar animals from Gifts for Life.*

**Saturday, December 7**

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**Our Goal:**

In this Advent calendar, we’ve suggested some ways you can bring Gifts for Life to your parish during the holiday season. Write your goal below, and use the thermometer to gauge your progress throughout the month.

Visit www.episcopalrelief.org/toolkits for more fundraising resources and ideas.

**Please remember to share your accomplishments with us. Your parish could even be featured in next year’s calendar!**

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