

A Sharing Calendar

It's Remarkable What Your Gift Will Do.

One great hour of sharing

SUNDAY

“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also,” said Jesus (Matt. 6:21). God treasures you! Give one coin for each year you’ve known that God loves you.

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

Worldwide, an area larger than Ireland is deforested each year, contributing to topsoil erosion and climate change. Give one coin for each tree around your church or home.

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

In one year, 2.9 million people died from AIDS, impoverishing many families and orphaning many children. Give one coin for each child in your neighborhood.

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.

Life expectancy in the U.S. is 78 years; in Swaziland, 32; Liberia, 41; Afghanistan, 44; Sudan, 50. Give a coin of thanksgiving for each family member or church member more than 50 years old.

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.

Yearly, a half million women die from treatable complications of pregnancy/childbirth. Give one coin for each mother with an infant in your church or neighborhood.

“It is you the Lord has chosen ... to be his people, his treasured possession” (Deut. 14:1–2). Give a coin in thanks for your treasured possessions.

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

More than 1 in 4 adults cannot read or write. Two-thirds of them are women. Give one coin for each teacher you have treasured.

Each day almost 16,000 children die from hunger-related causes—one every five seconds. Give one coin in thanksgiving for each child in your family or church.

More than 17 million people in Africa are infected with river blindness, which can be treated with modern medicine. Give one coin for each pair of eyeglasses, contacts, and sunglasses your family owns.

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

One tsunami alone in this decade killed approximately 400,000 people and displaced 1.6 million. Give one coin for each time you peacefully visited the ocean, a lake, or a pond this past year.

Two million children die from diarrhea every year. The cost of one movie ticket plus pop-corn could provide oral rehydration therapy for 11 children. Give one coin for each movie you have seen this month.

Worldwide, 126 million children work under unsafe conditions. Give one coin for each board game or video game your family owns.

Almost one billion people live on less than \$1 per day. Yet over the last 15 years, the proportion of people living in this extreme poverty has decreased. Give three coins in thanksgiving for this progress.

Blankets may offer refugees their only protection from the weather, carry their few possessions, and give some privacy in crowded refugee camps. Give one coin for each blanket your family owns.

Every three seconds a child dies of an illness preventable with simple immunizations or medicines that their families couldn’t afford. Give one coin for each vaccination your family has received.

The average distance women in developing countries walk each day to fetch water is 3.6 miles. Give one coin for each carpeted room or hallway in your home or church.

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

Half the population of the developing world lacks basic sanitation. Give three coins in thanksgiving if your home, school, or workplace has a clean restroom with running water.

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.

Both urgency and joy pervade the work of One Great Hour of Sharing. The calendar above highlights some of the challenging situations we address when extending care to God’s treasured people in the U.S. and around the world. Each day suggests a donation of coins. Your household can decide what coin is best for your situation each day.

“We must not, in trying to think about how we can make a big difference, ignore the small daily differences we can make which, over time, add up to big differences that we often cannot foresee.”

—Marian Wright Edelman, lifelong advocate for children

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 Carter Center