

“DON’T GIVE UP — GIVE!”

Lent is a season of preparation for Holy Week and Easter. During the season of Lent, Christians meditate on the suffering that Christ endured on their behalf and reflect upon their own Baptism and what it means to live as a child of God. Many Christians give something up for Lent as a way of remembering and personalizing the great sacrifice that Christ made on the cross for our sins. This year why not “give” instead of, or in addition to, “giving up” something.

Below you will find a calendar that starts on Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, with suggestions for giving throughout the Lenten Season.

All donations should be placed in the Christian Helping Hands box in the narthex. Let’s really make a difference this Lenten Season.

February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			14 Ash Wednesday 1 jar of peanut butter if you’re thankful you have the freedom to attend worship	15 1 jar of jelly if you’re thankful for your church family at Epiphany	16 1 box of cereal if you’re thankful for your children	17 1 jar of spaghetti sauce if you’re thankful for your spouse
18 1 bar of soap if you said a bad word last year	19 1 container of dish soap if you’re thankful that you are washed in the blood of Jesus	20 1 package of paper towels if you’ve gossiped about someone this month	21 1 can of soup for every TV you have in your house	22 1 box of Jello or pudding for every grandparent you currently have	23 1 package of cookies if you have a sweet tooth	24 1 can of tuna fish for every fish you caught last year
25 1 package of toilet paper if you’re working to “clean up your act”	26 1 bottle of syrup if you’ve said something sweet about someone this month	27 1 tube of toothpaste if you’re working to watch what you say	28 1 toothbrush if you’ve said something unkind about someone this year			

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 1 box of mac 'n' cheese for every computer you have in your house	2 1 box of band-aids if you're thankful for your health	3 1 bottle of mustard if you have faith greater than a mustard seed
4 1 jar of mayo if you watched the Super Bowl last month	5 1 can of coffee if you're thankful for another day in this world	6 1 box of tea if you need some calm in your life	7 1 bag of pasta for every cell phone owned by your family	8 1 deodorant if you want to keep your friends close	9 1 can of carrots to open your eyes to what God has done for you	10 1 bottle of ketchup to "catch up" with God's Word
11 1 baby product (food, diapers etc.) if you love babies	12 1 bottle of shampoo if you need to be clear-headed	13 1 can of chicken if you're afraid of anything	14 1 bottle of salad dressing for every vegetarian you know	15 1 box of crackers if you haven't lost your "saltiness" (Matthew 5:13)	16 1 box of cereal for every child you have	17 1 jar of jelly to help you "spread the Word"
18 1 container of fabric softener if you'd like to be treated more softly	19 1 Hamburger Helper if you've been helped this month	20 1 box of pancake mix if you've ever eaten breakfast for dinner	21 1 bag of rice for every wedding you attended last year	22 1 can of beans if you like music	23 1 box of cornbread mix because Jesus is the bread of life	24 1 jar of peanut butter to help God's Word stick in your heart
25 1 bottle of cooking oil if you're eating out today	26 1 bottle of mouthwash if you've ever said something you regretted	27 1 box of Kleenex if you had a cold last year	28 1 container of laundry detergent to brighten someone's day	29 1 package of cookies if you gave up sweets for Lent	30 Donate something sugar-free if you know someone with diabetes	31 Donate something today in recognition of the sacrifice Jesus made
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