

Justice for the "least of these"

Week One

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Isaiah 64:1-9; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

Sunday/27th: *Let your face shine, that we may be saved* (Psalm 80)

Monday/28th: *Give us life* (Psalm 80)

Tuesday/29th: *You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways* (Isaiah 64)

Wednesday/30th: *Grace and peace to you from God our Father* (I Corinthians 1)

Thursday/1st: *You have been enriched in every way* (I Corinthians 1)

Friday/2nd: *Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away* (Mark 13)

Saturday/3rd: **KEEP WATCH!** (Mark 13)

Week Two

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; Isaiah 40:1-11; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

Sunday/4th: *The Lord is faithful even when we are faithless* (Psalm 85).

Monday/5th: *He blesses the earth, not because we are good: He is* (Psalm 85).

Tuesday/6th: *God's Glory is irrepensible* (Isaiah 40)

Wednesday/7th: *Our plans and ideas fail, but His Word endures* (Isaiah 40)

Thursday/8th: *The Lord restores those He reproves* (Isaiah 40)

Friday/9th: *The lost await the compassion of his people* (2 Peter 3).

Saturday 10th: *God is faithful...after all* (Mark 1)

Week Three

Psalm 126/Luke 1:47-55; Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; 1Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

Sunday/11th: *God's mercy is the world's last proclamation* (Psalm 12)

Monday/12th: *God surprises us with new beginnings...listen for his whisper* (Luke 1)

Tuesday/13th: *God will soothe and recreate all that is broken in us* (Isaiah 61)

Wednesday/14th: *All who suffer great loss will experience great wonder* (Isaiah 61)

Thursday/15th: *We are the apple of God's eye and, so, can hold fast to his pleasure* (1 Thessalonians 5)

Friday/16th: *When our doubts overcome us we miss the opportunity of the Holy Spirit* (John 1)

Saturday/17th: *God frees us to be radically ourselves* (John 1)

Week Four

Luke 1:47-55; Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

Sunday/18th: *Having abundantly received, we are called to share* (Luke 1)

Monday/19th: *God "fills the hungry." What responsibility have we?* (Luke 1)

Tuesday/20th: *"Faithful Love"* (Psalm 89)

Wednesday/21st: *We do not need material things to endure*" (2 Samuel 7)

Thursday/22nd: *If God is with you, be bold and "just do it!"* (2 Samuel)

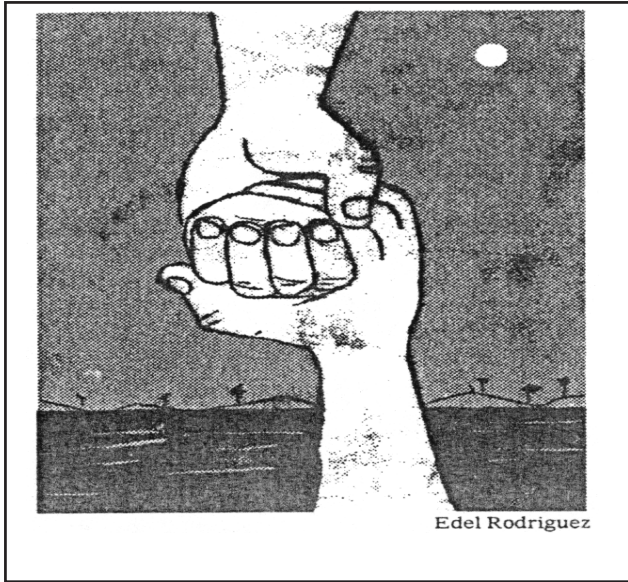
Friday/23rd: *For no word from God will ever fail* (Luke 1)

Christmas Eve/24th: *Do not be afraid, God is with you* (Luke 1)

Christmas Day/25th: *Good News! Great Joy! Peace on Earth!* (Luke 1)

2011 Advent Devotional Calendar

"I was hungry..."



"I was hungry" is a calendar-can wrapper of scriptures and quotes for Advent, 2011. They are intended for daily reflection, family devotions, congregational gatherings, etc. on the theme of overcoming hunger. They resonate common themes of justice for the "least of these," our brothers, sisters, children, and families in need.

What?

Why?

Most of us rarely spend a day with nothing to eat. Yet hunger is an everyday fact of life for millions of people everywhere. Lack of food and malnutrition is increasingly a problem for many of our neighbors—nearby and far away.

How?

Advent reminds us of those in need and encourage us to become involved in changing public policies tolerating hunger. It calls us to spiritual discipline including collecting at least 2 pennies each day for hunger-related ministries in our local churches and beyond (*)

Where & When?

Placed on our dining table during mealtimes, these quotes/scriptures supplement prayers of thanksgiving, stimulate discussion of opportunities for reducing poverty, and encourage action. Quotes with scriptures may be clipped to carry as reminders of their messages for us throughout each day.

Who?

"I was hungry" is produced by the Hunger Network in Ohio, a faith-based, not-for-profit organization dedicated to end hunger in Ohio through addressing its root causes and changing conditions leading to poverty. Four contributors represent a variety of faith communities: In order are **Lorraine Carlat** (Roman Catholic), **Paul and Terry Teasley** (Xenos), **Jackie Williams** (Episcopalian), **Skye Morrison** (United Methodist)

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* **2 Cents-a-Meal** (AKA "Prayers, Pennies, and Persuasion,") is a spiritual discipline recommended by the Hunger Network in Ohio within partner congregations. Church members collect pennies during family and congregational meals. Once accumulated (every month or so), collections are divided in half between direct service, such as congregational food pantries, and preventive hunger ministries, such as the Hunger Network in Ohio. To use the wrapper, copy with flip side ("I was hungry...") on 8.5 x 11" paper. With Calendar facing out, wrap and tape around a 16 to 20 oz. can for collecting **2 Cents-a-Meal**. Keep visible and handy on dining table throughout Advent.