

Walk in Newness of Life

Join the Society of St. Andrew (SoSA) in feeding our hungry brothers and sisters as you feed your spirit during the Lenten season, *Walk in Newness of Life*. This devotional booklet contains daily scripture readings, reflections, and prayers written for SoSA for 2018 by more than 40 people of faith, laypersons, missionaries, and pastors, across the United States and beyond. Set aside a few minutes each day from Ash Wednesday (February 14) to Easter (April 1) as a spiritual discipline, to focus throughout the season on your own needs for forgiveness and renewal.

As part of your Lenten spiritual discipline, commit to making a financial contribution to the Society of St. Andrew. Perhaps you will set aside your pocket change every day at day's end. You might give an amount equivalent to what you spend for fresh fruits and vegetables each week, or a few cents per meal. Some families even choose to tithe their food budget throughout the season. Your gift, in any amount, will provide healthy food to hungry people, at a cost of just over 3¢ per serving.

Promote Society of St. Andrew's Lenten Devotions and Giving Program Within Your Congregation

Order one booklet for each participating household. Paper-saving alternatives include daily e-devotions (emailed devotions) and e-books, available at EndHunger.org/Lent.

Request free coin banks for each household, if you wish to use them. (By ordering only the quantity of materials you need, you will help keep SoSA's overhead low and ensure that your congregation's gifts go directly to putting nutritious food on the tables of those who need it most!)

Use the bulletin insert sheet and weekly announcements (enclosed) to keep the Devotions and Giving Program in front of your congregation throughout the weeks of Lent.

Use the pew envelopes, inserted with each bulletin (enclosed) to allow your congregation to put their donation to the Society of St. Andrew in the envelope and put it in the offering plate. Your church could then send those checks and envelopes to SoSA.

Put a "stamp of approval" on the program by seeking the support of your pastor, missions committee, and church board. Encourage your pastor to participate personally and to be "front and center" recommending the program to the congregation.

Receive gifts generated through SoSA's Lenten Devotions and Giving Program on Maundy Thursday, Easter Sunday, or the Sunday following Easter. Send a single check for the total amount contributed, made out to Society of St. Andrew, to the address below, noting "Lenten offerings" on the memo line.

Good Friday Fast

Many congregations, house churches, and small groups wish to add an additional spiritual discipline during Holy Week by participating in a **Good Friday Fast**. SoSA makes available a booklet of reflections and prayers to accompany a 24-48 hour period of purposeful abstinence from food between Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday. The physical hunger participants experience during their fast is a powerful reminder of the 42 million Americans and nearly 1 billion people throughout the world who live with hunger daily.

Order one copy of the Good Friday Fast booklet, *Three Days to Change the World*, for each participating household.

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Society of St. Andrew Lenten Devotions & Giving Program

Ash Wednesday, February 14 —The ashes placed on our foreheads this day remind us that our lives are brief, and that all we are and all we have come from God, our Creator. Begin your Lenten time of daily reading, reflection, prayer, and giving today by using *Walk in Newness of Life*, the devotional booklet prepared for you by the Society of St. Andrew, a nationwide ministry focused on feeding spiritual and physical hunger.

Sunday, February 18. Today's culture, influenced by media, wants us to be "receivers" of everything. In today's devotional *Go to Give* you can reflect on the blessing of service to others. Continue your Lenten time of daily reading, reflection, prayer, and giving, using *Walk in Newness of Life*, the devotional booklet prepared for your use by the Society of St. Andrew.

Sunday, February 25. Being Born Again? In *Walking in Newness of Life*, our Lenten devotional booklet from Society of St. Andrew, today's writer asks us to consider that our new life change may not be dramatic, but rather a gradual growth experience.

Sunday, March 4. *Walk in Newness of Life*, today's devotion shows the point-of-view change from a sense of duty, to a sense of blessing. The Society of St. Andrew, challenges us to remember our desperate 42 million children and adults here in the United States who struggle to put enough food on the table each day. Does your daily spiritual focus this season include giving? Every 30¢ you set aside for Society of St. Andrew will put ten servings of healthy food on the plates of those who need it most, giving both you and them, a blessing!

Sunday, March 11. Today's devotional writer in *Walk in Newness of Life*, our Lenten devotional booklet from Society of St. Andrew, asks us to consider what we're pursuing—and to know that God will give the prize. Is hunger running rampant in your neighborhoods? Consider giving today to the Society of St. Andrew, a nationwide ministry focused on feeding spiritual and physical hunger. Every \$1 provides 33 servings of nutritious, fresh food to the hungry!

Sunday, March 18. People all around us are trying to get their day's duties completed, and they're getting in my way! Today's devotional asks us to fill God's prescription for a right spirit in us. In 2017, the Society of St. Andrew mobilized more than 30,000 volunteers to glean (pick, dig, or gather) and bag fresh fruits and vegetables to feed hungry people across the United States, sharing more than 80 million servings of nourishing food. During your devotional time this week, ask God to fill His prescription for us, to not grow weary in doing what is right – helping brothers and sisters in the United States and around the world have enough to eat.

Palm Sunday, March 25. As you read and pray through this week's devotions in *Walk in Newness of Life*, think about renewal – of commitment, physical renewal, and spiritual renewal. Picture the joy of people who once were hungry, moving through renewal to someone who can now help others. Remember those, for whom hunger is not yet conquered, but still a daily reality. Your gifts to the Society of St. Andrew will help fight the battle with hunger.

Easter Sunday, April 1. Resurrection Day! When the ladies visited the tomb and first saw the resurrected Savior! Jesus, though, planned for others to be resurrected also. This is truly why this is not just a day to rejoice and celebrate, but to anticipate when we will have this experience also! As you make your financial gift for Society of St. Andrew that you have set aside during the Lenten season, do not let your spiritual discipline come to an end. Plan now to continue a daily time of prayer, scripture reading, and faith-growing throughout the year.