Thank you for taking part in The Society of St. Andrew’s 2023 Lenten Devotions & Giving Program. We’d love to hear from you: How did your congregation implement the program? How can we improve your experience in using the devotional booklet? Can you recommend someone to write for a future seasonal booklet?

Please write us a note on the back of this form, email church@endhunger.org, or call 800-333-4597. You may also report by completing the online report form at EndHunger.org/Lent. Please combine all gifts into a single check, noting “Lent 2023” on the check, and mail it to:

Society of St. Andrew • 3383 Sweet Hollow Road • Big Island, VA 24526
“REDEEMED”

Join The Society of St. Andrew (SoSA) in feeding our hungry brothers and sisters as you feed your spirit during the Lenten season with “REDEEMED”. This devotional booklet contains daily scripture readings, reflections, and prayers written for SoSA by people of faith, laypersons, missionaries, and pastors across the United States and beyond. Set aside a few minutes each day from Ash Wednesday (February 22) to Easter (April 9) as a spiritual discipline, to focus throughout Lent on your own season of life with “REDEEMED”.

This would be a perfect time, as part of your Lenten spiritual discipline, to commit to making a financial contribution to SoSA. Perhaps you will consider $1 a day, or 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 a healthy meal to hungry people at a cost of just over 15¢ per meal.

Promote The Society of St. Andrew’s Lenten Devotions and Giving Program in 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. Online only this year, SoSA makes available a booklet of reflections and prayers to accompany a 24-48 hour period of purposeful abstention from food between Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday. The physical hunger participants experience during their fast is a powerful reminder of the 40 million Americans and nearly 1 billion people throughout the world who live with hunger daily. Download your copy of the Good Friday Fast booklet online at endhunger.org
Ash Wednesday, February 22. 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 “REDEEMED”, the devotional booklet prepared for you by The Society of St. Andrew, a nationwide ministry focused on feeding spiritual and physical hungers.

Sunday, February 26. The season of Lent is a time of self-examination and sacrifice. The various ways Christians observe Lent are as diverse as our personalities! We can sacrifice to get closer to God or we can take on something. In today’s devotional A Redeemed Captive, we are reminded that we are all slaves to sin but redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ. Continue your Lenten time of daily reading, reflection, prayer, and giving, using “REDEEMED”, the devotional booklet prepared for your use by the Society of St. Andrew.

Sunday, March 5. In “REDEEMED”, our Lenten devotional booklet from The Society of St. Andrew, today’s writer of Released from Captivity, speaks about her failings being redeemed by the riches of God’s grace. What perceived failings in our lives could be redeemed to help heal a hungry, hurt and broken world? A donation of any amount to The Society of St. Andrew is a sacrifice that helps fill those broken hearts with hope, and a nutritious meal.

Sunday, March 12. In today’s devotion in “REDEEMED”, Tell It, the writer describes the feelings of helplessness we feel when the bills stack up and there’s no money coming in. The Society of St. Andrew challenges us to remember our desperate 40 million children and adults here in the United States who suffer from hunger, and struggle to put enough food on the table each day. Does your daily spiritual focus this season include giving? Every $3.00 you set aside for The Society of St. Andrew will put 26 healthy meals on the plates of those who need it most, giving both you and them a blessing!

Sunday, March 19. Today’s devotional writer in The Society of St. Andrew’s Lenten devotional, “REDEEMED”, writes Redemption, about her struggle to forgive herself for past mistakes and the futile regret. Jesus sacrificed all to forgive all our mistakes. Will you consider sacrificing today by giving to The Society of St. Andrew, a nationwide ministry with a vision to end physical hunger? Every $3 provides 26 meals of nutritious, fresh food for the hungry!

Sunday, March 26. Today’s devotion in “REDEEMED” is Let the Redeemed of the Lord Say So. The author tells a personal story of professing with our mouths of the “redemptive power in the matchless name of Jesus”. By feeding hungry brothers, sisters and children with your donations to The Society of St. Andrew, you are participants and witnesses to His redemptive power! During your devotional time this week, ask God to remind 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, April 2. Today’s devotion is titled Mutual Support for Community. The author writes about the Covenantal community described in Deuteronomy and how we are called to take care of each other, even those living on the margins. As you read and pray through this week’s devotions in “REDEEMED” remember you are part of a community on a journey to the cross during Lent with The Society of St. Andrew. Your support helps hungry families on the margins be more in control of their food insecurity! Remember those families for whom hunger issues are not yet resolved and still a daily reality.

Easter Sunday, April 9. Alleluia! He is Risen! Today’s devotion in “REDEEMED” is titled The Riches of God’s Grace. The author writes about God’s gifts of unending love and mercy and sharing those same gifts with other people in need. Your generous donations to The Society of St. Andrew are these gifts! Please make daily, healthy food possible for our hungry brothers and sisters because Jesus is alive and lives in you! Happy Easter!
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**Litany of Dedication**

*Use on Maundy Thursday (April 6), Easter (April 9), or the date designated by your church to receive gifts made by members or friends of the congregation through “REDEEMED” Lenten devotions and giving program of the Society of St. Andrew.*

Leader: Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, the past is gone, and new life is ours through your grace, mercy and redemption. Accept these gifts we bring to share life and hope and food with your hungry children.

People: We thank you for the good gifts that you have given us to share with all people.

Leader: We pray for those who struggle to make ends meet, for those who wonder where their next meal is coming from, and for every young child who does not have enough to eat.

People: Lord, hear our prayer. Guide our congregation to care for those in need.

Leader: We pray for those whose spirits are hungry this day, for those who feel far from you, and for those who do not know your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer. Feed and redeem our spirits, and help us share your love with others.

All: God of abundant love and infinite mercy, hear our prayer. Multiply our gifts to feed those hungry for food and those hungry for you. Help us redeem this hurting and fearful world by sharing your abundance and love. In the name of Jesus, our Risen Savior, we pray. Amen.