

## Daily “Sacrifices” for Lent

Have you thought recently about all the things of life we enjoy and take for granted that people in other parts of the world rarely dream about, let alone experience? During this season of Lent we are offering you an opportunity to share your abundance with those less fortunate by making a daily donation to a special fund. The proceeds from this offering will be given to the United Methodist Committee on Relief’s Haiti disaster response fund. This special fund will go directly to those in Haiti who were affected by the earthquake in Haiti on January 12, 2010. Over 200,000 people died in that catastrophic event in the poorest country in the Americas. The average per capita income is less than \$2/day. 80% of Haiti’s citizens live in poverty. We will gather the proceeds from this offering on Easter morning.

The idea of this ministry is to make a small monetary sacrifice each day during Lent for a particular luxury we enjoy. By making a monetary donation we will have the opportunity to thank God for the bounty with which He has blessed us and also be able to make a difference in the life of Haitians who experience none of the comforts we have. What follows is a suggested donation amount for luxuries we enjoy each day of Lent, with the exception of Sundays and Ash Wednesday.

- 02-17-10, Ash Wednesday—attend an Ash Wednesday service
- 02-18-10, donate \$.20 for every 10 oz. of bottled water you drink today
- 02-19-10, \$.10 for each window in your house
- 02-20-10, \$.50 for each vehicle your family owns
- 02-21-10, Sunday—you deserve a break!
- 02-22-10, \$.25 for every TV set in your house
- 02-23-10, \$.10 each time you log on your computer today
- 02-24-10, \$.10 for each newspaper and magazine you subscribe to
- 02-25-10, \$1.00 for each time you eat restaurant food today
- 02-26-10, \$.10 for each T-shirt you own (maximum of 20)
- 02-27-10, \$.50 for every trip to Wal-Mart or the grocery store today
- 02-28-10, Sunday---you really deserve a break this week!
- 03-01-10, \$.50 for each vacation you’ve had in the last 12 months
- 03-02-10, \$.10 for each pair of shoes you own (limit 100)
- 03-03-10, \$.50 for each pet you own (\$.05 for fish)
- 03-04-10, \$.01 for every internet social networking friend you have
- 03-05-10, \$.25 for each bed you have in your house
- 03-06-10, \$.25 for each hour of TV you watch today
- 03-07-10, Sunday, whew, take another break

03-08-10, \$.10 for each email you receive today

03-09-10, \$.01 for every CD you own or song on your MP3 player (limit 1,000)

03-10-10, \$.05 for every pound you think you need to lose

03-11-10, \$.50 if you use your dishwasher today

03-12-10, \$.01 for every item of clothing you keep on a hanger

03-13-10, \$.25 each time you have a snack between meals today

03-14-10, Sunday—you're doing great, over halfway there...

03-15-10, \$1.00 if you have ridden an airplane in the last year

03-16-10, \$.50 if you take a shower today

03-17-10, \$.01 for each book you have in your house (200 maximum)

03-18-10, \$.50 if you take your vitamin(s)/medicine today

03-19-10, \$.05 for each Barbie doll and/or action figure in the house

03-20-10, \$.10 for each blanket you own

03-21-10, Sunday—take another break, two weeks to go

03-22-10, \$.25 for each bathroom in your house

03-23-10, \$1.00 if you have three meals today

03-24-10, \$.05 for each electrical outlet in your house

03-25-10, \$.05 for every text message you send and receive today

03-26-10, \$.25 for each soft drink or cup of coffee you have today

03-27-10, \$.10 for each bar or bottle of soap in your house

03-28-10, take a break, you're in the home stretch

03-29-10, \$.05 for each mile you drive today

03-30-10, \$.20 for every room in your house

03-31-10, \$.50 if you've been to the dentist in the last year

04-01-10, \$.25 for each Bible in your house

04-02-10, \$1.00 if you receive or give a hug today

04-03-10, \$1.00 if you feel grateful for the great abundance in your life

04-04-10, Easter Sunday!!! Bring your gift to church with you today!!