

Blessing our Best Gifts

Leader: Over the past _____ (*time period*), members of our _____ (*Mission Committee, SS Class, Youth, etc.*) have given to CWS Best Gift, helping families around the world. Today, we bless their work and dedicate this offering and these gifts to aid the continued work and ministry of Church World Service.

Let us pray. God of great love who taught us all compassion, we continue to share the blessings that we have received from you with our neighbors.

People: Who are our neighbors?

Leader: Those living in poverty, many forced from their homes due to natural or human made disasters need us to recognize them as God's children in need.

People: What do they need?

Leader: They often need the basic things that we take for granted: items to help maintain their health, such as clean water to allow for better hygiene, sanitation and improved health. They need food for their family, like goats and chickens, that multiply easily and serve as a staple in their diets. They need basic educational supplies, like pencils and paper, so their children can go to school and excel in the classroom.

People: How will this help?

Leader: Your gifts help to bring genuine and lasting change to those who need it most. The gifts we bless today represent our compassion for our brothers and sisters. With our gifts we send our love.

People: We bear witness.

Leader: The gifts will be a blessing to our brothers and sisters in need. They will be a witness to God's love in this world.

People: We send our Love.

Leader: We acknowledge that we first received this love from God and pray that in so sending it God's grace will spread far and wide.

People: This is our prayer.

Leader: Bless the givers, the gifts they share, the work of Church World Service in delivering the gifts and the lives of all who receive our gifts. With God's great love, Amen.

ALL: AMEN