

With his disciples during the Last Supper, Jesus prayed for oneness, connection, and unity (John 17:20–23). Perhaps he knew that understanding our oneness would be one of our greatest challenges as human beings. Through One Great Hour of Sharing, we connect visibly, effectively, efficiently, and powerfully as one to answer needs in God's family.

This calendar suggests a donation of coins or bills each day. Your household can decide what unit is best for your situation that day.

"We are one in the Spirit. We are one in the Lord. And we pray that all unity may one day be restored. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love!"

A Sharing Calendar

One Great Hour of Sharing

| | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| ONE WITH DISASTER SURVIVORS | 16 In sub-Saharan Africa, creating food stores, adopting drought-resistant seeds, and environmental protection efforts reduce the impact of droughts. Contribute one unit in thanksgiving! | 17 7 elementary school children died in the 2013 Moore, Oklahoma tornado, which packed winds faster than 200 MPH. Contribute one unit if today felt at times like a whirlwind. | 18 Rains following long droughts in Kenya caused flooding and land-slides. The dry land could not absorb the water. Contribute one unit if you remember playing with mud. | 19 "... that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm" (Eph. 6:13). Pray for those who have experienced natural disasters. | 20 Hurricane Sandy, the 2nd most-economically-expensive hurricane in U.S. history, affected 17 states. In New York City alone, 6,800 people sought shelter. Give one unit for each blanket you have. | 21 46,000 New Jersey homes were destroyed or majorly damaged by Hurricane Sandy. 39,000 New Jerseyites were still displaced 6 months after the storm. Give one unit for each bed in your home. | 22 Overwhelmed by 2013 flooding, Illinois residents received several thousand CWS emergency cleanup buckets. Contribute one unit for each hour of cleaning you did this week. |
| ONE WITH THE HUNGRY | 23 66 million primary-school-age children attend classes hungry across the developing world, with 23 million in Africa alone. Give one unit for each meal and snack you ate today. | 24 Almost 5% of U.S. households, including 15.9 million people, received emergency food from food pantries during 2010.* Give one unit for every 5 cans/boxes of food in your pantry. | 25 1 in 7 people will go to bed hungry tonight. Give one unit for each night last week that you were not hungry when you went to bed. | 26 "I am the bread of life," Jesus said (John 6:35). Give one unit to provide bread and rice for those in physical hunger. | 27 1 in 4 children worldwide are stunted by chronic malnutrition—their shortness a visible sign of the associated damage to brain development and overall health. Give one unit for each child you hold dear. | 28 1 in 4 children worldwide are stunted by chronic malnutrition—a visible sign of the associated damage to brain development and overall health. Give one unit for each child you hold dear. | 29 Hunger kills more people every year than AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis combined. Give one unit for each meal you ate out this week, or one unit to honor each guest you fed this week. |
| ONE WITH THE POOR | 30 More people escaped poverty during the 2000s than any other decade in history. Praise God and contribute one unit to help others escape. | 31 One-third of the people living in south Asia and one-half of people in sub-Saharan Africa live in extreme poverty, subsisting on less than \$1.25 per day. Can you contribute \$1.25, or a multiple of \$1.25, today? | 1 Poverty and hunger are key reasons for unauthorized immigration from Latin America to the U.S. Contribute two units to help address these root causes. | 2 Jesus prayed, "That they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have ... loved them even as you have loved me" (John 17:23). Contribute as your heart leads you. | 3 In Himachal Pradesh, India, women and girls walk an average of 2.7 hours to collect firewood for cooking and heating. Give one unit for the number of steps from your kitchen to your thermostat. | 4 More than 1 in 5 U.S. children live in poverty. Give one unit in honor of each of your young friends/children/grandchildren/nieces/nephews. | 5 Every day 800 women die from preventable causes related to pregnancy & childbirth with 99% of occurring in developing countries. Give one unit in thanks for each woman who has significantly mothered you. |
| ONE WITH THE OUTCAST | 6 More than half of refugee camps worldwide don't have the recommended minimum daily water requirement. 30% have inadequate latrine facilities. Give two units if your church has water & toilets. | 7 Life as a refugee can be fearful, anxious, boring, scary, tough, desolate, crowded, confusing, hopeless. Give one unit in gratitude if you experienced something of beauty or love today. | 8 Over 200 Haitian boss masons have been trained in earthquake-resistant building practices. Give one unit to continue the long term recovery following Haiti's devastating 2010 earthquake. | 9 "In Christ there is no east or west; in him no south or north, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth." Send your love with one unit. | 10 Some Syrian refugee families, to survive economically and to protect the girl's/family's honor, have sold their 13-year-old daughters to prospective husbands for \$5,000. Give one unit for each teenage girl you know. | 11 An estimated 27 million people are trafficked for sexual exploitation/forced labor. 75% of them are women and girls. Give one unit for each female in your family. | 12 Your dollar bills and coins help local people worldwide and make a difference for generations. Unite with others to stand as one with those in need as you give your concluding gift! |

* The most recent year for which statistics are available. Sources: Church World Service; Bread for the World; U.S. Census Bureau, Dept. of Agriculture, Dept. of State; NYC Government; United Nations; World Bank; The Atlantic; CBS; CNN; NBC; NPR; Time; Science Direct; The Washington Post