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Toolkit: Join Pope Francis' Day of Prayer to End Hunger

December 10, 2013

Pope Francis has announced that he is leading a global day of prayer to end hunger on Tuesday, December 10. Join NETWORK in accepting this invitation. Then, put your prayers into action by calling on Congress to prevent hunger and suffering by preventing budget cuts to the program formerly known as Food Stamps, now the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Sample Bulletin and/or Pulpit Announcement

On Tuesday, December 10, Pope Francis is asking us to create “a wave of prayer” to end to hunger. The prayer wave will begin at noon local time in Tonga, and will progress around the world until it reaches American Samoa 24 hours and more than 164 countries later. Please join the prayer wave by taking a moment to pray at noon on Tuesday, wherever you are. Then, put your prayer into action by calling your representative in Congress at 1-888-410-0619. Tell your representative to protect the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) from further budget cuts. If you wish to receive a text message reminder on December 10, text the word “NUNS” to the number 877 877.

Suggested Script for Your Call to Congress on December 10:

Hi, my name is _____ (name) from _____ (city), and I am a part of _____ (faith community/ organization.) As a person of faith and your constituent, I call on you to do everything you can to prevent any further cruel cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program beyond the ones families already experienced in November. The SNAP program is a lifeline for struggling families, as 76% of the people the program serves are children, seniors, or people with disabilities. As you prepare to make decisions about the Farm Bill and the federal budget, I pray you will prioritize people who are most vulnerable in our nation, remembering that the measure of our nation's greatness is how we treat those who are struggling.

Suggested Prayer and Reflection Resources

Resources from Bread for the World: <http://www.bread.org/help/church/worship/prayers/>

Resources from Catholic Charities USA: <http://www.scribd.com/doc/115625853/Reflection-On-Poverty-and-Hunger>

Flip to the next page for a sample bulletin insert.

Pray & Act to End Hunger

**Don't forget to pray on
December 10th!**

To get a text message
reminder, text the word
"NUNS" to the number
877 877.

To get an email reminder,
sign yourself up at
networklobby.org/hunger

Join with Pope Francis and people across

the globe at **NOON** local time

Tuesday, December 10

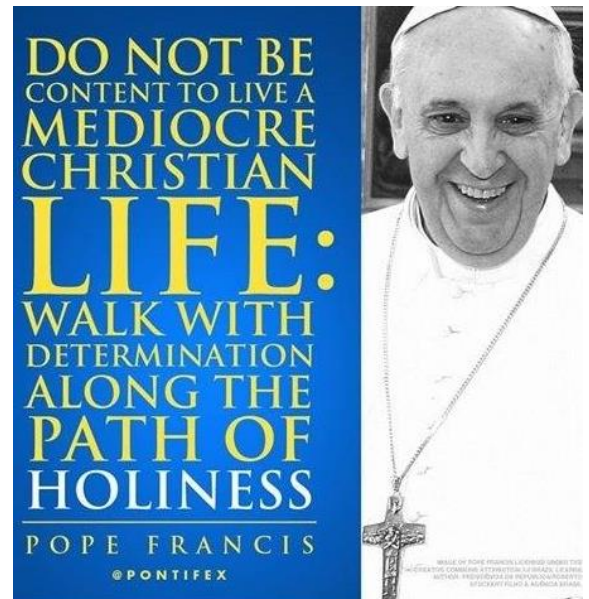
After you pray, put your prayer into action
by calling Members of the U.S. Congress at

1-888-410-0619

Encourage Congress to prevent hunger.

Here's what you might say:

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