

2018Haiti Lenten Water Bottle Calendar

(See reverse side for instructions)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Ash Wednesday Put a quarter in your bottle for each meal you eat today. Matthew 25:35	February 15 If your house is built of solid materials, put in 50 cents Matthew 7:24	February 16 If you have food in a pantry put in 2 quarters. Luke 3:11	February 17 Put a quarter in your bottle if you have a "guest" bedroom in your house. Luke 22:11
February 18 A day of rest. Go to Church and then do something fun with your family.	February 19 Put a nickel in your bottle for every pair of shoes you have. Matthew 15:22	February 20 If you eat meat today (a luxury in Haiti), put in a quarter. Luke 15:17	February 21 Life expectancy in Haiti is 55. Put a quarter in for every grandparent living. Psalm 71:9	February 22 Put fifty cents in if it is safe to drink water from your faucet. Matthew 10:42	February 23 Deposit one nickel for every electrical outlet you have in your house. Isaiah 9:2	February 24 Look at the temperature on your thermostat in your house and put in a penny for each degree. Matthew 7:24
February 25 A day of rest. Go to Church and then visit a friend.	February 26 Put a dime in for every window in your house. Acts 20:7-12	February 27 Students in Haiti often share pencils. Put a nickel in for every pencil you find. Psalm 10:17	February 28 For each TV deposit a quarter. Add a dime for each DVR or DVD player. Proverbs 14:31	March 1 Most Haitians can't afford books. Put a penny in for every book you have. Joshua 8:34	March 2 Almost all Haitian children walk to school—sometimes more than 5 miles. Put in a quarter if you go to school in a car or bus. Psalm 11:7	March 3 Most Haitians live in two room houses (sometimes 8 or more people). Put in fifty cents if you have your own room; 25 cents if you share a room. Proverbs 3:9-10
March 4 A day of rest. Go to Church and then visit someone in your family.	March 5 If you have a good chance of going to college (most Haitians don't) add a quarter. 2 Timothy 3:15-16	March 6 Most Haitians do not have access to a doctor. Put in fifty cents if you have a family doctor. Proverbs 17:22	March 7 Do you recycle? Put in fifty cents for yes and a dollar for no. Genesis 1:31	March 8 Novion, Haiti (where our sister parish is located) has no electricity. Put in a quarter if you do. John 8:12	March 9 Most Haitian kids have no games, put in a penny for every game or toy you have. 1 Timothy 4:12	March 10 People in the US need help too. Put a dime in if you are working our parish service day—a dollar if you are not. 1 Timothy 3:5
March 11 A day of rest. Go to Church and then play a game with your younger siblings.	March 12 Put in a quarter if you own a computer or ipad. Psalm 16:7-9	March 13 Haitian kids do not get an allowance. Put a quarter in if you do. Genesis 1:29	March 14 Most Haitian kids share their notebooks and paper. Put in a dime for every notebook you own. Acts 8:26-40	March 15 Celebrating a birthday is not common in Haiti. Put in a quarter if you have ever had a birthday party. Matthew 1:18-25	March 16 Most Haitians love to sing in Church. Put in a dime if you like to sing in Church and a quarter if you don't. Psalm 18:49	March 17 There is only one person who has a car in Novion (the parish priest). Put in a quarter for each car you have. Proverbs 19:17
March 18 A day of rest. Go to Church and then visit a nursing home	March 19 If you have a hot water heater add fifty cents. John 4:13-15	March 20 Most Haitian homes have dirt or concrete floors, put in a nickel for every carpeted room in your house. Proverbs 2:1-5	March 21 The only sport most Haitians know is soccer. Put in a dime for every sport you play. 2 Timothy 2:5	March 22 Put in a quarter if you have a bike. Proverbs 1:8-9	March 23 Few Haitians have a refrigerator. Put in a quarter for each one you have. Psalm 112:1-4	March 24 Put in a quarter for every time this week you complained about brushing your teeth. Most Haitians can't. Proverbs 31:9
March 25 A day of rest. Go to Church.	March 26 Like we do, Haitian kids cry when they are hurt. Put in a quarter if you have ever cried. 1 Samuel 1:9-11	March 27 Haitian kids like to laugh like we do. Put a nickel in for every time you laughed today. Job 8:21	March 28 Like us, Haitians love to have fun with their friends. Put in a quarter for every good friend you have. Sirach 6:14-17	March 29 Like us, Haitians love God. They try to serve God as best they can. Put in quarter for every act of service you did this week. John 13:12-15	March 30 Like us, Jesus died for the sins of the Haitian people. Put in a dollar for Jesus' love for all of us. Luke 23: 33-34	March 31 What more can you contribute to your water bottle to help the people of Haiti have a better life? Matthew 28:1-7
April 1 Easter Sunday-Return your bottle to Church!						

Note to Readers from the Haiti Committee:

First, let us give credit where credit is due. This calendar is adapted from one provided by Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles. It is designed to help you give a little more meaning and purpose to the water bottle collection we do every year during Lent. It is designed for parents to use with their kids, but anyone can use it and do the readings.

- 1) This is designed for parents (grandparents) and kids to do each day together. Read the calendar passage and the scriptural reference. Discuss as appropriate to your child's age. Some scriptures do tie directly with the content of that day, others are general passages that might deal with God's generosity or about our call to care for the poor.
- 2) Adjust the coin amounts as you see fit. If it says a quarter and you want to do a dime (or nickel or penny) that is fine. The amount isn't as important as the dialogue.
- 3) The first 5 weeks of the calendar describe all the things we have that most Haitians don't have, the last week (holy week) however is designed to show our common humanity. This is a great lesson to emphasize with your kids.
- 4) Use the pictures below to help your kids understand life in Haiti.



Bathing and doing laundry in the river



Cooking with charcoal



The reddish tint to hair is sign of malnutrition



Carrying produce to market



Haitian House



Girls Dancing at Mass



Carrying water from the river