

IDEAS FOR ENGAGING COMMUNITIES VIRTUALLY

ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE is an excellent opportunity to engage your community in the work of Episcopal Relief & Development. Here are some fun and creative virtual ways to help communities nurture children to their full potential!

1. **Let's Talk:** Use our Let's Talk conversation cards to start meaningful conversations with your family. Add to the discussion facts about Episcopal Relief and Development's work with **children** and our *Moments That Matter* program.
2. **Love Hunt at home:** Plan a scavenger hunt in your home or yard. Print, then hide cards with the 9 gifts that nurture children. Discuss how those gifts help the children in your family or church grow, and how you can help other children reach their full potential.
3. **Love Hunt in the community:** Plan a scavenger hunt in your community. Print the large size cards with the 9 gifts that nurture children. Have parishioners put them in their yard or hang them on their door. Safely walk or drive to find all the gifts.
4. **Acts of Love Toolkit:** Our Acts of Love Toolkit has ideas for children, teen and adults to share acts of kindness. By doing a simple act of love we can teach others about compassion and how easy it is to love others.
5. **Acts of Love Bingo:** Create a challenge in your community to see who can get BINGO first. Our Acts of Love Bingo card has ideas to share an Act of Love with your friends and family and raise awareness for **ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE**. An Act of Love can make someone's day special.
6. **Coloring Book:** Color Our World is a coloring book based on the FAMA cards our volunteers use in the field to teach caregivers the importance of nurturing children. Create a competition for the most colorful pages. Share them social media or in your newsletter with a link to donate to **ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE**.
7. **Social Media:** Find us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). Like our Episcopal Relief & Development's Facebook page and follow us on Instagram. Look through posts and share ones that resonate with you. Tag us anytime you engage with the **ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE** campaign and add our hashtag #1000DaysOfLove.

8. **Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday:** Organize a Sunday to celebrate Episcopal Relief & Development and **ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE**. We offer resources that include a sermon from The Right Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, Prayers of the People and a Proper Preface specific to Episcopal Relief & Development. Consider dedicating a special offering in support **ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE**.
9. Fundraising: Create a social media **fundraiser** through our **fundraising site**. You can set up an individual or team fundraiser for birthdays anniversaries or a churchwide event. You create your page, set a goal, invite friends or add a team of supporters. We have step by step **instructions**. Share your fundraiser on Facebook and include a link in your weekly email.
10. Pray: Pray for our important work and our partners worldwide. Use our new **Worship Resources**, with assets for your faith life including a full service, Liturgy of the Word and Holy Eucharist, A Children's Chapel Service and the Daily Office. These resources focus on justice for children and can be used with the **ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE** campaign.
11. **Stories:** Watch the **video** about Catherine, one of our volunteers working in Zambia. Discuss why her work is so important to young children. Learn how you can support volunteers like Catherine through **ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE**.
12. Youth Activity: Ask your church's young people to come up with 1,000 Acts of Love. Post them on social media, in your e-news and share them with the congregation. Use our **Act of Love Toolkit** to get started, there are ideas for all ages.
13. Host a virtual Silent Auction: Seek donations from church members and local businesses. Donate the money raised in honor of **ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE** to celebrate your congregation's partnership with us.
14. Popcorn and Movie Night: Use an app like House Party to invite friends and family for a popcorn and virtual movie night. Find a movie that relates to the work we do around the world, and ask everyone to purchase a ticket as a donation to **ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE**.
15. Children's Christian Education: Participate in an **Abundant Life Garden Project** for children to learn about the work of Episcopal Relief & Development. Coming in Spring 2021 we will have a fully virtual version of the Abundant Life Garden Project that will include a new Facilitators Guide and **ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE** addendum.
16. Monthly Giving: Become a **monthly donor and sustainer** for **ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE** to support our work with children.
17. **Subscribe** to our bi-monthly newsletter, The Love Letter, to learn about our work and share it with your friends.
18. Share News: Talk to people about the organization and our life saving work with children.

19. Virtual Talent Show: Organize a virtual talent night with your church. Invite all members to showcase their skills. Ask your audience to donate to **ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE** for admission to your virtual event.
20. Alternative Giving: Instead of birthday, anniversary or holiday gifts, ask your friends and family to donate to **ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE** or purchase a gift from our [Gifts for Life](#) catalog. Look for the **ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE** logo for gifts that support our work with children.
21. Mother's Day and Father's Day: Encourage friends and family to support parents and children through [Gifts for Life](#). Look for the **ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE** logo for gifts that support our work with children.
22. Skip Lunch: Challenge your congregation to skip a lunch, to stand in solidarity with those children struggling with hunger and to learn more about our programs during that lunch hour. Donate your lunch money to **ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE**.
23. 1 for 1000 Days: Save a certain amount of money each day, whether it is \$0.10 or \$10.00 for 1,000 days. Donate your savings to **ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE**.
24. Drink Water: Drink only water for a week. Often, we take for granted our access to clean water. Donate the money you would have spent for coffee, soda or other drinks to **ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE**.
25. Virtual Display Board: Create a PowerPoint for your church or community event. Use the resources in the [toolkit](#) to create an engaging display and provide information about our programs at your virtual coffee hour or host an education evening.
26. Art Night: Have an art night for children and ask them to draw or create anything that they think represents **ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE**. Create a virtual gallery using a photo sharing app. Hold an auction during virtual coffee hour for the beautiful pieces of art.
27. Walk-a-Thon: Host a COVID-safe walk-a-thon. Children, Youth or Families can pledge to walk a certain distance for a donation to **ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE**.
28. Give it up! Get sponsored to go without something. Give up speaking for a day, computer games for a week, chocolate for a month, or give up magazines for the whole of Lent! Donate the money you saved to **ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE**.
29. Book Club: Start a book club that focuses on social justice related issues and download resources from our [website](#).
30. What ideas do you have? Use your creativity and have fun! Go to our [website](#) for materials and resources to engage your congregation and community. Be sure to share your engagement with us. Email us at 1000daysoflove@episcopalrelief.org with your photos and stories.