

BREAD FOR THE WORLD'S 2018

## OFFERING OF LETTERS:

# FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS



Every day, millions of people in the United States and around the world feed and support their families through lifesaving programs funded by our government. We are making progress toward the end of hunger, but we live in challenging times.

Globally, hunger has been cut in half over the past 25 years. However, world hunger increased last year, mainly due to a surge in violence in some countries. In the United States, 1 in 8 Americans lives with the risk of hunger, including approximately 13 million children. Too many Americans still struggle to put food on the table.

Our great democracy gives all Americans access to powerful decision makers. We are all like Esther in the Old Testament. Just as Esther was called to be an advocate with the king of Persia for her threatened people, we are called to raise our voices to urge our leaders in Congress to protect programs for people who struggle with hunger.

And we join Esther in urging our nation's leaders to sustain the food assistance and child nutrition programs that are a lifeline to millions of Americans—and that help children do better in school and in life.

By raising your voice through Bread for the World's 2018 Offering of Letters: For Such a Time as This, you can urge Congress to continue investments in programs that improve the lives of people struggling with hunger in the United States and around the world.



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HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. For more than 40 years, Bread for the World's members have helped win bipartisan support for measures that address the causes of hunger. Each year, thousands of churches from many different faith traditions take part in the Offering of Letters.

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You can provide hope and opportunity for people living with hunger.

You can help persuade Congress to invest in programs that help overcome hunger and poverty. Handwritten letters are still the most effective way to make your voice heard in Washington, D.C. And your letter will be amplified by the tens of thousands of letters written by others as part of Bread for the World's 2018 Offering of Letters.

[Date]

**SAMPLE LETTER**

Dear Sen. \_\_\_\_\_, or Dear Rep. \_\_\_\_\_,

As Congress works on the fiscal year 2019 budget and spending bills, I ask you to invest in and protect key programs that will reduce hunger and poverty.

Our country and the world have made progress against hunger and poverty in recent decades. I want you to continue to invest in programs like SNAP and tax credits for low-income workers. Continued funding for programs that reduce hunger and poverty around the world are also important to me.

My faith calls me to urge you to make public investments that will move us toward the end of hunger.

Sincerely,

[your name]

[your address]

[city, state, ZIP]

I want to join others who have committed to praying for an end of hunger. Please send me—free of charge—*Daily Prayers to End Hunger*.

Enclosed is my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to support the work of Bread for the World.

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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