

# DOING OUR PART TO END HUNGER

Once poor and a domestic worker outside her country, Mercedita Cubar today is a leader among Filipino farmers. She is helping others grow more food for their families and communities, thanks to a World Bank program supported through funding from the U.S. government.

Here in the United States, Dawn Pierce was able to put her life back together after losing her job. With SNAP (formerly food stamps), she was able to buy groceries for herself and her son while she looked for another job. Now she's a licensed practical nurse, caring for senior citizens in seven assisted living facilities in Boise, Idaho.

These two women were able to succeed, in large part, because people in churches around the United States took a few minutes to write their members of Congress. Their letters urged Congress to adopt and fund programs that have helped people move out of poverty and feed their families. These hunger-fighting programs save money in the long run, and they reduce conflicts and instability caused by hunger and poverty.

In the fall of 2015, our country along with other nations committed to ending extreme hunger and poverty by 2030. To get on track to reach this goal, people from many religious traditions are urging Congress to pass a budget that sustains programs that help people get enough to eat.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus took five loaves and two fish and shared them with more than 5,000 people so that "all ate and were filled" (Matthew 14:20). In the end, there was such an abundance that 12 baskets were full of leftovers. As we rejoice in Christ's abundant grace in our lives, we are called to share in God's vision of a world where all people "will hunger no more" (Revelation 7:16).

**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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**Y**ou can help persuade Congress to make funding decisions that enable people in our country and around the world to feed their families. Hand-written letters are still the most effective way to make your voice heard in Washington. And your letter will be amplified by the tens of thousands of letters written by others as part of Bread for the World's 2017 Offering of Letters.

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## SAMPLE LETTER

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

As Congress works on the 2018 budget and spending bills, I ask you to make funding decisions that will put us on track to end hunger by 2030.

I urge you to adequately invest in programs like WIC, SNAP, tax credits for low-income workers, and international development assistance. These programs are helping millions of people escape from hunger.

We have made great progress reducing hunger and poverty in our country and around the world, but our work remains unfinished. My faith calls me to urge you to make public investments that will reduce and perhaps end 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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