

Operation Manna (OM) Offering Sunday - Worship Suggestions

For the designated Sunday, we encourage deacons and worship planners to find ways to enhance the offering time in order to help promote the work of Operation Manna. Here are some suggestions but feel free to find what will work best in your church!

- 1) **PRAYER:** Please pray for the eight (8) Operation Manna partners, connected to churches like yours across Canada. Pray that they will be able to impact their communities with the love of Christ. Pray also for your own members, asking God to lead them into their own community and connect with people in Jesus' name. This can be part of a congregational prayer or prayer of dedication at the offering time.

- 2) **THE WORSHIP SERVICE:** Consider planning the worship service around the theme of "loving our neighbours" or "inviting the stranger in", as displayed on this year's OM brochure. We believe that God desires to work *in us* and *through us* to show His love to others. Some suggested bible verses or themes could be: *Deuteronomy 10:19, Matthew 5:14-16, Matthew 25:31-46, Matthew 28:16-20, John 20:21, Phil. 2:12-16.*

- 3) **A STORY:** Hearing from those directly involved with and impacted by an Operation Manna partner ministry can be very meaningful. Possible speakers could be: *a past or present OM partner in your area; a DMC Board Member, an OM Committee Member.* We suggest asking someone to share a story and testimony the week prior to the offering.

- 4) **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:** You will find some suggested bulletin announcements below. Please plan to use these and ask one of your deacons to verbally announce these during the services leading up to the offering.

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Operation Manna (OM) Offering Sunday Bulletin Announcements

Use these suggested Bulletin Announcements to get the word out about Operation Manna in your church!

April 15 (OR 3 WEEKS BEFORE) Operation Manna 2018 Campaign: On Sunday, May 6, we will join together with CRC's across Canada to take an offering for Operation Manna (OM), a program of Diaconal Ministries Canada. OM helps create and grow local ministries that reach out into communities across Canada with the love of Christ. Learn more about this program by visiting the DMC website at diaconalministries.com. -*The Deacons*

April 22 (OR 2 WEEKS BEFORE) Operation Manna 2018 Campaign: *What happens when we join in helping Operation Manna (OM)?* OM is a program of Diaconal Ministries Canada that helps create and grow local ministries that reach out into

communities across Canada with the love of Christ. When you give, it's not just another offering to another cause; it's about the **people** who will be reached *through* your gift. On Sunday, May 6, we'll take an offering for the OM Program. To learn more, visit the DMC website at diaconalministries.com and watch the 2018 OM Partner Video there OR on their Facebook page (@diaconalministries). -
The Deacons

- April 29 (OR 1 WEEK PRIOR) Operation Manna 2018 Campaign:** Today we'll have the opportunity to watch an inspiring video that shows how OM is connecting CRCs like ours with what God is already doing in Canadian communities. Jubilee CRC in St. Catharines, ON, and a group of CRC's in Vancouver, BC, are approved Operation Manna partners who are running ministries that reach out to refugees. Please pray for the OM Program this week and the ministries supported through it and consider giving generously for the OM offering that will take place **next week**. Visit diaconalministries.com or DMC's Facebook page (@diaconalministries) for more information. -*The Deacons*
- May 6 (OR THE DESIGNATED SUNDAY) Operation Manna Sunday:** This is it! Today we will collect the Operation Manna offering. Your generous gift will help ministries and Canadian CRCs like ours love and bless their communities in the name of Jesus. Again, this isn't just another offering to another cause; it's about the **people** who will be reached *through* your gift. May each of us give as we have been blessed. The brochure/bulletin insert you received today has more information on the OM Program and Diaconal Ministries Canada. You can also make a one-time donation or become a monthly partner on our website: **diaconalministries.com**. -*The Deacons*
- May 13 (OR THE SUNDAY AFTER) Operation Manna Sunday:** Thank you for your incredible generosity in support of the Operation Manna (OM) Offering last week Sunday! **Together your church collected \$_____**. Our prayer is that God will multiply these gifts so that many more churches and ministries across Canada will be equipped to be a healing presence and a doorway of hope in their local community. Please continue to keep your Deacons and these Deacon-owned ministries in your prayers. If you were away last week and would still like to donate, or to find out more about OM, please visit **diaconalministries.com/donate-now** today! -*Diaconal Ministries Canada*