

**WORLD
HUNGER:
GIVE IT
UP**

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Living Justice, Loving Mercy

SHOULD WE REALLY GIVE UP?

The facts are sobering. Each and every day 26,000 children die from hunger and poverty-related conditions. Around the world more than 850 million people struggle to get by on little; with food prices skyrocketing, even more people are at risk of falling into poverty and hunger. Every moment a father, a friend, a neighbor, a daughter suffers because of a preventable disease, because of a lack of clean water, because of drought, because of violence.

It is enough to make us want to give up. And maybe that's just what we should do.

Let's give it up.

But first let us remember the One in whom we stake our claim. Let's look to Christ in whom we have our faith and hope. The Christ who entered into our lives, into our broken and sin-sick world; the Christ who walked alongside the most miserable and despised; the Christ who took on our own suffering and showed us that even the bonds of death can be broken! Is not our hope, our joy, our striving in the God of new life? The God who gave up perfectly and completely—for us?

So let's give it UP! Let's give up the attitudes that run counter to what we know about our saving and serving Christ. Let's give up our cynicism that nothing can be done—for we know that through God great things have been done. Let's give up our time to walk alongside those who need a friend, our prayers for those who are living on the edges, our hands to service and our voices to advocacy. Let's give it UP to God, give in to God and give out to our neighbors.

For the next three weeks, CRWRC urges you to give it up. What amazing things we can accomplish together, through Christ, when we do.



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