

An Advent of Gratitude

This calendar is to remind us of the gifts we already have, what we often take for granted, what we can and should be grateful for. Each daily reminder includes a suggestion for payment, a small monetary gift that in 24 days will grow into a donation.

- Dec 1 Pay 0.25 for each woman in your family who graduated from high school.
- Dec 2 If you rode in a car today, pay \$1.00. Pay \$2.00 if you drove the car.
- Dec 3 Count the light switches in your house. Pay 0.25 for each one.
- Dec 4 How many pairs of shoes and/or boots do you own? Pay 0.10 per pair.
- Dec 5 If you have never experienced having your electricity or heat shut off due to inability to pay the bill, pay \$5.00.
- Dec 6 If you have travelled outside of Canada, pay \$2.00. Pay an extra \$2.00 if you have travelled within the past six months.
- Dec 7 Pay \$2.00 if you've bought a gourmet coffee in the past month.
- Dec 8 If you went to work today and earned an income, pay \$2.00.
- Dec 9 Pay \$1.00 for every refrigerator/freezer in your home.
- Dec 10 Count every cell phone in your home. Pay \$1.00 per phone.
- Dec 11 If you graduated from university, pay \$1.00 per degree.
- Dec 12 How many televisions do you have? Pay \$1.00 per TV. Pay \$1.00 extra if you subscribe to Netflix.
- Dec 13 Open your pantry. If there is more food than you can consume in two days, pay \$2.00.
- Dec 14 Pay \$2.00 if you have more than one bank account. Pay an extra \$2.00 if you have investments that earn income.
- Dec 15 If you slept in a warm bed last night, pay \$2.00.
- Dec 16 If you have visited your doctor this past year, for something relatively minor, pay \$2.00.
- Dec 17 Count the faucets in your home. Pay 0.50 per faucet.
- Dec 18 If you've bought gifts for others this season, pay \$1.00. If you added 'a little something' for yourself, pay an extra \$1.00.
- Dec 19 If your home has more than 25 books, pay \$1.00. If more than 50, \$2.00.
- Dec 20 If your parents had a high school education, pay \$1.00. If one attended college or university, pay \$2.00. Pay \$3.00 if both attended.
- Dec 21 If you are travelling more than 100 km for Christmas festivities, pay \$1.00. Pay \$2.00 if you are confident your vehicle will get you there.
- Dec 22 Count the coats in your closet. Pay 0.25 per coat or jacket.
- Dec 23 Pay \$2.00 if you can name more than five people who love you.
- Dec 24 If you have a pet, pay \$2.00. Pay an additional \$2.00 if you have more than one.

*Please donate your total to **Centre 454 (454 King Edward Ave., Ottawa, ON K1N 7M8)** so they can continue to serve those less fortunate than you.*