

Mission Service Activity of the Month

September 2023: KEEP MY TEACHING

Let's support and encourage teachers in our schools. Share with them that they are appreciated and are being lifted in prayer.

Put together Encouragement Gifts for Teachers. Ideas could be a bag for each teacher that contains individual items, or it could be an envelope with a small gift card from a local coffee shop or fast-food restaurant.

- Select a school that you can bless.
- Contact the office to find out how many teachers are on staff.
 Consider including secretaries, principals, and other support staff.
- Purchase or have an ingathering of gift sacks and a variety of items to include such as snacks, lotion, and eye masks or purchase gift cards from a local business.



At your group meeting, write personal notes on notecards to include with each gift. Thank the teacher for his or her contribution to the student's growth and love for learning. If you choose to recognize teachers in a Christian school, you could include Bible verses for example: *Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us* (Titus 2:7–8). In the note, remind teachers that they are a blessing to the children and parents of the community.

Optional: Take pictures of this service activity and submit them to share on your district website or in your district newsletter!

Gospel Focus

Keep my commandments and live; keep my teaching as the apple of your eye; bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart (Proverbs 7:2–3).

Devotion as You Plan

As you plan this service activity, you may want to share with your ladies the devotion: <u>Day By Day – Growing</u> in the Lord. This devotion reminds us we should continue learning all our lives.

Prayer as You Plan and Prepare

Lord Jesus, in Your mercy, guide and lead us as we study Your Word daily. Help us to understand what it means to continue to learn and grow spiritually, in our relationship with You and others. May the Holy Spirit allow Christ's message to abide and be alive in our hearts. Thank you, Lord, for the teachers who touch the lives of young people each day, and bless their teaching. Amen.

