



Blessed by your faithfulness



A program for a Harvest Gathering in 2020

This program reflects on God's faithfulness throughout this year without precedents, celebrating this harvest season in a safe and meaningful way. Participants will contribute during this time of financial challenges by bringing canned goods/boxed items for 'blessing baskets' for families in need.

(If able to gather at the corps)

Decoration: Have fall/harvest items like pumpkins, cornstalks, and foliage garlands and fabrics with autumn color. Create a Blessing wall for families to take pictures *(without chairs or props due to COVID protocols)*.

Program:

Opening: A blessing prayer or poem
Song: The blessing *(Elevation worship)*
Show video of sacred dance appropriate with theme
Time of thanksgiving *(Testimonies or pre-recorded video clips from corps members)*
Scripture: Psalm 33:4 **"For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does"**
Devotion **"Blessed by your faithfulness"**

- I. We are blessed because God is our faithful companion
- II. God is our faithful provider
- III. God is our faithful restorer

Song: Great is thy faithfulness

Benediction:

Lord, we thank you for your faithfulness in our lives protecting us to this day.

We acknowledge your faithful companionship during our times in quarantine. We thank you for making a way for us to get closer to you.

We acknowledge your faithful provision during these times of financial uncertainty. You have made a way for us to receive help and to help others in greater need than ours. We thank you for the resources given to us. Help us to be good stewards of what you give us. All we have and are belongs to you.

We acknowledge your harvest in our hearts. We present ourselves to you as your children knowing that you will continue to protect us, to provide for us whatever we may need. We know we can approach your throne of grace to receive the appropriate help. We bless your name and give you thanks. Amen.

Harvest bag give-aways

In lieu of a fellowship reception, each family receives a Harvest bag on the way out with items for various activities to do at home. These can include crafts, autumn inspired recipes for cookies & pies, printable game ideas and hot cocoa mix or apple cider tea bags.

(If unable to gather at the corps)

Create a **"Blessing Drive-Thru"** where each family brings items for the 'blessing basket' to families in need, receive a pastoral blessing prayer and get their Harvest bag that will also include a printed program with song lyrics and devotion. The goal is for families to gather at home afterwards for a time of devotion and fellowship to thank God for His faithfulness this year.