

An Advent of HOPE



Most Advent Calendars present us with a gift each day leading up to Christmas.

This **Advent of HOPE** Calendar is, instead, a Gratitude and Giving countdown to Christmas.

The purpose of the Advent of HOPE is two-fold:

- 1) to remind us of the gifts we already have** - the simplest things in life that bring us little bits of HOPE every day, which we often take for granted ; and
- 2) to encourage us to take positive action** - in this case, to collect a small monetary gift - to help bring HOPE to our neighbours in need who do not have access to many of these simple things.

Each daily question is a reminder of a 'gift' most of us enjoy every day. *Each item is also an example something that our clients at Streets Alive Mission do not have access to on a daily basis.*

If you are able to say YES to that day's question, set aside \$5 for that day (or \$2, or \$1, whatever works for your budget). In the 24 days leading up to Christmas, those daily small amounts will grow into a larger sum, that, when donated to the programs at Streets Alive Mission, will help to provide access to many of these items for our clients - your neighbours - and will bring HOPE to those in greatest need right here in Lethbridge.

Day 1: Were you able to brush your teeth this morning?

Day 2: Do you have a means of transportation?

Day 3: Did you have a warm bed to sleep in?

Day 4: Do you have a hat or scarf to wear when it's cold outside?

Day 5: Did you have access to a winter coat?

Day 6: Did you have a clean pair of socks to put on this morning?

Day 7: Do you have shampoo/conditioner or soap?

Day 8: Were you able to use a bathroom anytime you needed to today?

Day 9: Did you have access to a telephone?

Day 10: Were you warm last night?

Day 11: Did you have a meal today?

Day 12: Do you have a pair of gloves or mittens?

Day 13: Do you have access to a TV?

Day 14: Are you able to purchase Christmas gifts this year?

Day 15: Do you have a Christmas tree?

Day 16: Do you have access to a computer?

Day 17: Do you get a Christmas meal?

Day 18: Do you have a mailing address?

Day 19: Are you getting a paycheck this month?

Day 20: Do you have more than one pair of underwear?

Day 21: Were you able to sit on furniture in your home?

Day 22: Were you able to go grocery shopping?

Day 23: Do you have clean clothes?

Day 24: Do you have electricity and hot water?