

Blessing Bag Ministry

Our new community outreach project is beginning on Shrove Tuesday. In the spirit of Matthew 25, we are assembling “Blessing Bags” for people to give out at red lights when they are approached by those in need. The special items in the bag include a resource list and message to let them know that we care, God is with them and they are loved. The bags also include small necessities such as water, socks, healthy snacks, and grooming items. Please help this outreach mission by donating money (use ___ line item in Realm Giving or note “Blessing Bags” on your check memo) or donate the following items (boxes located in Atrium):

- Reusable tote bags
- Gallon ziplock storage bags
- Bottles of water (16.9 fl. Oz.)
- NEW crew socks
- Toothbrush, travel size toothpaste and travel toothbrush holder (individual items or a set is available at Dollar Tree)
- Travel sizes of shampoo, conditioner, and body wash OR Full size (approx.23 oz) 3-in-one shampoo/conditioner/body wash (available at Dollar Tree)
- Chewy (not crunchy) granola bars, nutri-grain bars or protein bars
- Individual Squeezable applesauce pouches
- Individually wrapped (by manufacturer):
 - o Slim Jims
 - o Peanut butter or cheese filled sandwich crackers
 - o Cookies (single serving size)
- Individually wrapped sanitizer wipes

Each person attending the Shrove Tuesday event will be invited to fill and take with them a “Blessing Bag” to give to the next person in need that they see.

