

# DAY 3

## Rise & Revive

**Theme Verse:** “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself.” Matthew 22: 37-39

### DEVOTIONAL

**READ:** The Year of The Lord's Favour - Luke 4:16-21

As Canadians we are incredibly privileged. We have access to clean water, food and shelter, all of which we take advantage of on a day-to-day basis. God calls every one of us to serve those in need, speak for those who don't have a voice, and love one another no matter your differences. In Luke 4:16, we find Jesus in his hometown reading to everyone from the scroll of Isaiah in the local synagogue. As Jesus is reading, He is speaking to how the spirit of God was upon Him as He helped the poor, the captives, the blind, and those who were oppressed.

As followers of Jesus, we should always aspire to be more like him, but going through the list, we may find certain difficulties and challenges along the way. With God's help, there is a vast number of ways in which we too can bring help to those in need. Throughout the world one of the most common reasons for diseases

are unsanitary conditions. There are numerous infections that occur daily in third world countries due to bacteria and poor hygiene alone. This asks the question, “What can we do about this?” There are small ways we can ensure proper hygiene for those in need to show we care. One way we can make a difference is by donating soap to the Love Stinks Campaign. Another way is by showing someone in need how much God loves them and cares for them. It doesn't matter how big or small the act of kindness is, you're always making a difference.

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### STINKY ISSUE:

#### DISEASE & SANITARY CONDITIONS

Would you believe that every year diarrhea and acute respiratory infections cause the death of more than 3.5 million children less than five years of age? It's true. But check this out: If hand washing was made possible through the

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One of the greatest

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to anybody.

—Mother Teresa

means of readily available bars of soap, these figures would be cut down by at least 50%. If you do the math, that means that soap has the potential of saving over 4,500 children's lives per day.

Research (Fewtrell et al., 2005) shows that if widely practiced, hand washing with soap can actually reduce diarrhea by almost 50% and respiratory infections by a whopping 25%. Washing our hands with soap is a privilege that every child should have access to for protection against hand-transmitted diseases.



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## CHARITY MAKING A DIFFERENCE



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Mennonite Central Committee works alongside local churches and communities in more than 50 countries carrying out disaster relief, sustainable community development, justice and peace-building work in the name of Christ. MCC also seeks to build bridges to connect people and ideas across cultural, political and economic divides.

MCC provides bars of soap in every kit to assist families in their greatest time of need. These kits are sent to hospitals, orphanages and refugee camps in countries where soap is expensive or difficult to obtain.

## LOVE CHALLENGE

### **SOAP 4 HOPE — COLLECT BARS OF SOAP**

Imagine the difference that one bar of soap makes in a child's life. Now imagine the difference it makes in 4,500 children's lives each day. When we put into perspective how accessible those bars of soap are in our own lives, it makes me wonder; how much am I willing to risk? Take a moment and ponder not only this opportunity and challenge, but the difference it can make to a child, family, or entire village. If you're looking for extra bars of soap, we encourage you to ask family members, knock on doors in the neighbourhood, and get your friends involved. Let's risk together and give above and beyond this year!

### **SOAP SPECIFICATIONS:**

New bars of bath or laundry soap: All sizes and brands of bar soap are welcomed. Please leave in wrapper.

### **DROP-OFF LOCATION:**

Drop off your soap to:  
**71 George St.  
Brockville, Ontario.**

You'll find bins of soap located on the front porch. The soap that is collected will be shipped to the Mennonite Central Committee and then to the world.



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Soap is used by MCC to  
assist with health kits,  
newborn/birthing kits,  
and relief kits.