## SPECIAL SUNDAY UMCOR SUNDAY OFFERING TALK

This offering talk is part of the UMCOR Sunday pastor and leader kit and connects with the theme "Embodying Compassion: Being God's Light." The offering talk can be adapted for your context and integrated into your worship service.

oday is UMCOR Sunday. We have an opportunity to embody compassion and be God's light for people who feel caught in the storms of life. We are partnering with other UMC congregations in a special offering to support The United Methodist Committee on Relief, an organization that acts on our behalf when there is a crisis in the world.

The funds we receive today join with those of millions of other United Methodists to help UMCOR cover the costs of doing business. From training volunteers to keeping the office lights on, the UMCOR Sunday special offering equips the organization to respond quickly when disaster strikes. Thanks to UMCOR's informed and reliable infrastructure, expert leadership and experienced volunteers, every dollar received is leveraged to work as hard as possible. When we give to support UMCOR, we embrace God's love and share abundant grace.

More than 50,000 people died when a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck Turkey last year.

UMCOR was able to respond quickly because it has a trusted partner in the region. Our support through offerings like UMCOR Sunday was transformed into tangible immediate help for survivors.

At a time when it may feel like we have lost so much, embracing God's love for us can shift our perspective to recognize and share abundant grace. Please embody compassion and be God's light by giving generously to support UMCOR Sunday.

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Gracious and loving God, on this UMCOR Sunday, we gather with open hearts and grateful spirits. Thank you for the opportunity to embody compassion and to be your light for those who are caught in the shadows of despair. Transform our offering into support for UMCOR's vital work, sharing your grace with those who need it most. Bless our gifts and empower us to serve others. Amen.

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