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A Holy (and FULL) Week For Church Leaders

For many church leaders, it doesn't get busier than Holy Week. From clergy to musicians, formation leaders, and administrative staff, everyone works overtime at the end of Lent to make sure the church community has meaningful experiences leading up to Easter.

Make a Holy Week Survival Care Package

Here are some suggestions for creating a care package for one (or more) of your church clergy and staff. This gift could be put together by children, youth, adults, or an intergenerational group.

If you have time, ask the group to come up with a list of prayers for the person during Holy Week. For example, you might pray that the person stays healthy and well fed during Holy Week. Then brainstorm what items you could include in the box to represent those prayers. Here are some ideas:

Care Package Items (Arranged by Prayer Intention)

May You Be Healthy

- Hand sanitizer or soap
- Water bottle for hydration
- Cough drops

May You Be Well Nourished

- Healthy snacks
- List of recipes for Holy Week with grocery list

May You Be Present

- Inspirational quote or Bible verse

(Make it a magnet: decorate, laminate, and glue magnet on the back)

May You Be Centered

- Candle
- Printed prayers
- Flowers

May You Be Caffeinated

- Gift certificate to coffee shop
- Tea

May You Be Rested

- Small pillow
- Bath bomb
- Essential oil

May You Feel Loved

- Chocolate
- Cards



Showing Appreciation

Consider surprising your ministry leader(s) with this gift, perhaps delivering it as a group to show how much you care. If you cannot make a care package, remember that a written card - or even a thoughtful email - can go a long way. Tell your minister, administrator, music director, or Christian educator how much you appreciate them. Keep them in your prayers for Holy Week.

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