

Suggested Hymns

The following list of hymns is a start in your efforts to locate appropriate hymns from your own religious tradition that bring the message of hope and giving that organ and tissue donation and transplantation provide.

- "I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath"
- "Amazing Grace"
- "Bless Me Now"
- "Come, Sinners, To the Gospel Feast"
- "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"
- "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

Bulletin Inserts

Here are some short paragraphs that may easily be inserted in weekly bulletins regularly distributed to the congregation.

Give the gift of life. April is National Organ, Eye and Tissue Donor Awareness Month. Our congregation supports organ, eye and tissue donation as the gift of life and the expression of highest humanitarian ideals. We ask that all members of congregation consider this gift in the name of Christ, who gave His life so that we might have life in its fullest.

Our congregation supports and encourages organ, eye and tissue donation as the ultimate gift of one person to another. April is National Organ, Eye and Tissue Donor Awareness Month. Take a moment to discuss organ, eye and tissue donation with your family. Please consider making this great gift in God's name.

To think of others in our hours of grief and sorrow is truly compassionate and selfless. Please consider the gift of life—organ and tissue donation. Our congregation supports this gift in the spirit of love and generosity. Remember to discuss your feelings about organ, eye and tissue donation with your family.

How do we respond to the blessings God has bestowed on us? How do we deal responsibly with the gifts God has given us? To think only of ourselves is to squander our lives. But to respond gratefully means we praise God with our lips and our actions. To respond gratefully is to realize that all of life is God's, and we are called to care for it and share it. With these thoughts, we ask you to consider giving so that others may live. Give the gift of life—organ, eye and tissue donation.

Our congregation recognizes the life-giving benefits of organ, eye and tissue donation and encourages its members to sign and carry donor cards. By doing so, they attest to their commitment upon death to giving organs and tissues to those in need as part of their ministry to others in the name of Christ, who gave his life so that we might live.

Consider how simple acts may change the lives of others who have great need. You can go online to DonateLifeLA.org, complete a registration brochure or let them know at the OMV when getting your ID or license. In doing this, you are demonstrating a willingness to give life to others after you no longer live. Think of it for others in need.

Over one hundred thousand individuals are in need of vital organs and tissues. For many, the chance to live a full life won't come unless all of us consider organ, eye and tissue donation. Discuss organ and tissue donation after worship with your family and friends. Help others find a chance to live a full life. Share your life, share your decision, be a donor!

For many bright, young, talented people, the chance to live a full life rests with all of us, for some of them will die unless we consider making a great gift. Those in need of organs, eyes and tissues number in the thousands. An untimely death awaits those who do not receive organs and tissues that now are simply wasted in death. After worship, talk with your family and friends. Think about giving a full life to others when your own life ends. Consider a great gift; be an organ, eye and tissue donor.

Every year thousands die because a virtually free gift is too seldom given. Those who die are bright, young, talented people with years of living ahead ... except for organ failure. The gift of life—organs and tissues—is one that costs only the decision to give, yet that decision can literally mean life or death to someone in need. Organ failure could affect us all. All of us should consider giving organs, eyes and tissues after our lives have been lived.

After worship, discuss organ, eye and tissue donation with family and friends. Let them know that you understand the need for organs and tissues among those who rely on transplantation to live. For us, the only cost is giving, for the gift is life. Share your life; share your decision.