

# World Hunger-Related Scriptures

*These are a few of the many scriptures that highlight our call to Abolish Poverty, End Suffering. Feel free to use these and others as part of your worship planning and personal meditation.*

## The Bible

**Isaiah 58: 10 NRSV** "If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday."

**Matthew 25: 37, 40 NRSV** "Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?"... And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

**II Corinthians 8:13, 14 NRSV** "It is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there be a fair balance."

**II Corinthians 9:8 NRSV** "And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."

**I John 3: 17,18 NRSV** "How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action."

## Book of Mormon

**Mosiah 1:49** "When you are in the service of your fellow beings, you are only in the service of your God."

**Alma 16:119** "And the Lord provided for them that they should hunger not, neither should they thirst; yea, and he also gave them strength, that they should suffer no manner of afflictions, save it were swallowed up in the joy of Christ."

## Doctrine and Covenants

**Doctrine and Covenants 59:4d.** "Yea, all things which come of the earth, in the season thereof, are made for the benefit and the use of man, both to please the eye, and to gladden the heart; yea, for food and for raiment, for taste and for smell, to strengthen the body, and to enliven the soul."

**Doctrine and Covenants 101:2f adapted.** "...for the earth is full, and there is enough and to spare; yea, I prepared all things, and have given unto all to be agents unto themselves."

**Doctrine and Covenants 163:4a.** God, the Eternal Creator, weeps for the poor, displaced, mistreated, and diseased of the world because of their unnecessary suffering. Such conditions are not God's will. Open your ears to hear the pleading of mothers and fathers in all nations who desperately seek a future of hope for their children. Do not turn away from them. For in their welfare resides your welfare.

**Doctrine and Covenants 163:11a.** God is calling for a prophetic community to emerge, drawn from the nations of the world, that is characterized by uncommon devotion to the compassion and peace of God revealed in Jesus Christ. Through divine grace and wisdom, this faith community has been given abundant gifts, resources, and opportunities to equip it to become such a people. Chief among these is the power of community in Christ expressed locally in distinctive fashions while upholding a unity of vision, foundational beliefs, and mission throughout the world.