

THE
Episcopal
CHURCH



September 17, 2017 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost (A):

For Such a Time as This: School Meals and SNAP Funding

The presiding bishops of the Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America called us to Pray, Fast, and Act on the 21st of each month. This month we urge prayer, fasting, and action to protect funding for school meals and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) – also known as food stamps.

On September 21, Join the EPPN and the presiding bishops of The Episcopal Church and The ELCA as we:



PRAY for our nation's elected leaders to stand with those who struggle to receive their daily bread.

“Give us openness of soul and courageous, willing hearts to be with our sisters and brothers who are hungry and in pain. We ask for your intercession on behalf of every person hungry for earthly food and hungry for the taste of the Spirit of God. We give thanks that we can be part of that intercession.”

–from *Sharing Abundance*, Episcopal Relief and Development



FAST to call attention in our own minds and actions to the plight of hungry children in our nation.

Share on social media using #PrayFastAct and @TheEPPN. On the 21st, post a picture of a dinner place setting with the reason you are fasting this month.

ACT by urging our elected representatives to support strong funding for school meals and SNAP.

Prepare yourself for action on the 21st of September by read the Office of Government Relations' one-pager on school meals and SNAP funding: <http://bit.ly/FSATSeptember> . As a church, let us lift our voices on the 21st and ask our members of Congress to protect funding for school meals and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Look out for the #PrayFastAct action alert on Friday, September 21, and join us as we pray, fast, and advocate together.