

CGWM Thank Offering Service Template

This is meant to serve as a template for you as you craft a Women's Ministries worship service. Please ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and consider those who will worship with you as you use this guide to plan your service. Added dramas and special music can enhance your service of worship to our great and mighty God! Feel free to choose a theme and Scripture that is appropriate for your congregation/women's group.

Theme: A Sacrifice of Thanks

Prelude:

Call to Worship: Psalm 107 as a responsive reading (bulletin insert below)

Songs of Praise: (Choose songs that are appropriate for your congregation/women's group)

A Thousand Generations - Brenton Brown

10,000 Reasons – Matt Redman

In Christ Alone – Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

What A Beautiful Name - Ben Fielding, Brooke Ligertwood

Great Are You Lord - David Leonard, Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan

Give Me Jesus - C. S. Brown

What a Friend We Have in Jesus - Joseph Scriven, Charles Crozat Converse

Fill My Cup, Lord - Richard Blanchard

To God Be The Glory - Fanny Jane Crosby, William Howard Doane

Wonderful Grace of Jesus - Haldor Lillenas

Prayer:

Fellowship Greeting:

Thank Offering:

A brief explanation of Thank Offering:

Grace Pierson, the founder of Churches of God Women's Ministries (formerly known as Women's Christian Service Council) established Thank Offering in 1954. Women were encouraged to drop a few coins in their canisters each day along with a prayer of thanksgiving. Since that time, more than \$2 million has been collected and distributed to advance the Kingdom through various ministries all over the world.

CGWM has been working to innovate our Thank Offering process. Because an attitude of gratitude is pleasing to the Lord, we want to continue to promote this worthwhile practice. Over the past several years, we have noticed a significant drop in participation, though, so we have had many discussions about updating our Thank Offering process.

We added online giving as an alternative to the coin bank offering for those who prefer that method. We are committed to encouraging women of God in the daily practice of giving thanks to the Lord. For those who do not want to use the coin bank, we suggest keeping a gratitude journal. Each day, write a short thank-you note to the Lord. At the end of the year, that would be 365 days of thank offerings. We suggest a gift of just \$.10 per day, which would total \$36.50 for the year, although women are free to give any amount the Lord should lead them to give.

Why should you write it in a journal instead of a quick prayer of thanks? Writing a short thank-you note to the Lord will take less than two minutes a day, but you will have a record of what you are thankful for. Over time, you begin to think more deeply about what you are thankful for and develop a lifestyle of gratitude. A side benefit is that generations from now, a family member will be able to remember you as a woman with a thankful heart

Thank Offering is collected in each local women's group early in May and is sent to the CGWM regional treasurer. The regional treasurer sends 60% of the Thank Offering to the General Conference Women's Ministries, and the 40% remaining will be dispersed as decided by each region. Originally used only for missions, it now encompasses many ministries of the church.

2025 Thank Offering Disbursement

It is exciting to report that our 2025 Thank Offering totaled \$15,200.43 . Of that, \$9,120.26 was disbursed to the following ministries supported by CGMW:

Leadership Training	25%	\$2280.00
Winebrenner Seminary	25%	\$ 2280.00
Haiti Physical Therapy School	20%	\$1824.00
Venezuela Bible School	15%	\$1368.00
Nursing Scholarships in South Central Asia	15%	\$1368.69
Total		\$9,120.26

In 2026, the National CGWM Thank Offering will be disbursed as follows. A pamphlet is available that describes each ministry in more detail.

- Women's Leadership Development (25%).
- Winebrenner Female Students (25%)
- Physical Therapy School in Haiti (20%)
- Nursing Scholarships in South Central Asia (15%)
- Venezuela Bible School (15%)

Song: (as Thank Offerings are presented) Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart - Don Moen

Prayer of Blessing for the Thank Offering: Lord, we come into your presence to thank you for the many blessings you have given to us throughout the year. We pray that you would receive our offerings of

thanksgiving. We ask that you would multiple this offering and give us wisdom to use it in a way that would glorify your kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Regular Offering:

Prayer for the Body:

Song before Message: choose a song that is appropriate for your congregation/women's group

Speak, O Lord - Keith and Kristyn Getty

Ancient Words - Ronnie C. Jr. Freeman, Tony W. Wood

Scripture: "Sacrifice thank offerings to God, fulfill your vows to the Most High, and call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me. Those who sacrifice thank offerings honor me, and to the blameless[d] I will show my salvation." Psalm 50:14-15; 23

Message:

Closing Song:

By Our Love - Christy Nickels

Jesus Messiah -Chris Tomlin, Daniel Carson, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves

God, You're So Good - Brooke Ligertwood, Scott Ligertwood, Kristian Stanfill, Brett Younker

I Love to Tell the Story - Katherine Hankey and Will Fischer

Postlude:

Additional Song Options:

Glory to His Name - E. A. Hoffman

I'd Rather Have Jesus

Yesterday, Today and Forever - Albert B. Simpson

Nearer My God, To Thee

Revive Us Again - William P Mackary

I Feel Like Traveling On - William Hunter

Joy Unspeakable - Barney E. Warren

You Are My All in All - Dennis Jernigan

Whom Shall I Fear - Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Scott Cash

Indescribable - Jesse Reeves, Laura Story

My Victory - David Crowder

Trust in You - Lauren Daigle

God is on the Move - Ian Eskelin, Mikey Howard, Cliff

Williams, Tony Wood

Chain Breaker - Zach William

Psalm 107

A Responsive Reading for Thank Offering Sunday

READER 1: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

PEOPLE: Let the redeemed of the LORD say this -- those he redeemed from the hand of the foe, those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south.

READER 1: Some wandered in desert wastelands, finding no way to a city where they could settle. They were hungry and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away.

READER 2: Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He led them by a straight way to a city where they could settle.

PEOPLE: Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

READER 1: Some sat in darkness and the deepest gloom, prisoners suffering in iron chains, for they had rebelled against the words of God and despised the counsel of the Most High. So he subjected them to bitter labor; they stumbled, and there was no one to help.

READER 2: Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress. He brought them out of darkness and the deepest gloom and broke away their chains.

PEOPLE: Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men, for he breaks down gates of bronze and cuts through bars of iron.

READER 1: Some became fools through their rebellious ways and suffered affliction because of their iniquities. They loathed all food and drew near the gates of death.

READER 2: Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress. He sent forth his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave.

PEOPLE: Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men. Let them sacrifice thank offerings and tell of his works with songs of joy.

READER 1: Others went out on the sea in ships; they were merchants on the mighty waters. They saw the works of the LORD, his wonderful deeds in the deep. For he spoke and stirred up a tempest that lifted high the waves. They mounted up to the heavens and went down to the depths; in their peril their courage melted away. They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their wits' end.

READER 2: Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress. He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed. They were glad when it grew calm, and he guided them to their desired haven.

PEOPLE: Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men. Let them exalt him in the assembly of the people and praise him in the council of the elders.

READER 1: He turned rivers into a desert, flowing springs into thirsty ground, and fruitful land into a salt waste, because of the wickedness of those who lived there.

READER 2: He turned the desert into pools of water and the parched ground into flowing springs; there he brought the hungry to live, and they founded a city where they could settle. They sowed fields and planted vineyards that yielded a fruitful harvest; he blessed them, and their numbers greatly increased, and he did not let their herds diminish.

READER 1: Then their numbers decreased, and they were humbled by oppression, calamity and sorrow; he who pours contempt on nobles made them wander in a trackless waste.

READER 2: But he lifted the needy out of their affliction and increased their families like flocks. The upright see and rejoice, but all the wicked shut their mouths.

EVERYONE: GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD; HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER!