

Blessing Box Dedication 1

Setup Suggestions

Arrange seven assorted candles (symbolizing the seven gifts of the Spirit) on a table covered with a purple cloth (symbolizing humility and reverence). Add a cup and saucer (symbolizing the overflowing cup of gifts) and a cross (reminding us of the sacrifice, love, and victory of Jesus Christ).



Scripture

James 1:17

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the God of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. "

Peter 4:10

"As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

Meditation

A poem entitled "Drinking from My Saucer" provides excerpts to emphasize the abundance of our gifts:

And as I go along life's way,
I'm reaping better than I sowed.
I'm drinking from my saucer,
'Cause my cup has overflowed.
I thank God for rich blessings,
And for mercies long bestowed.
I'm drinking from my saucer,
'Cause my cup has overflowed.
And may I never be too busy,
To help others bear their loads.
Then I'll keep drinking from my saucer,
'Cause my cup has overflowed.
—Author Unknown

"The giver of every good and perfect gift, our Shepherd, causes our cups to overflow (Psalm 23:5b). God's gifts are marked by kindness and helpfulness. Unlike shifting shadows, God does not change. The Lord is always the giver of good gifts.

"Each of us has received gifts of time, talents and money to share. By employing these gifts on behalf of others, we become agents of God's grace and we find our own gifts in greater measure. Then we, too, can keep 'drinking from our saucers.'"

Hymn

"Thank You Lord" #531 (Chalice Hymnal) or "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" #453 (Chalice Hymnal)

Litany

#451 (Chalice Hymnal)

Offering

Play softly or sing "Living for Jesus" #610 or "We Give Thee But Thine Own" #382 (*Chalice Hymnal*)
Give a brief explanation of the blessing boxes and what the money goes to fund. (on website)

Closing prayer of dedication

Dear God, giver of everything, use these gifts which we present. May they show forth your love and our faith in ways beyond our thoughts, sight and imagination. Make us one as we go forth in your service. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

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