

Suggested Service Order

Note: please contact the office of the Nazarene Foundation at 913-577-2983 or info@nazarenefoundation.org to get brochures and response cards that you can put in the bulletin.

1. Introduction

Today is what we are calling “Legacy Sunday.” Legacy Sunday is a chance for us to talk about generosity, stewardship, and planned giving (creative ways to give back to God).

2. Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, we recognize you as the owner of all and giver of all blessings. Let us also recognize that you have blessed us to bless others. Today, we bring you our open hearts to hear your Word and to put it into practice. May the actions of our lives and the words of our mouths honor you always. Amen.

3. Song Suggestions

“God of This City” by Chris Tomlin

“Blessed Be Your Name” by Matt Redman

“How He Loves” by David Crowder

“Rescue the Perishing”

“Be Thou My Vision”

“I Surrender All”

4. Bible Reading

At the occasion of the giving of gifts to build the temple, David said:

“Wealth and honor come from you;

you are the ruler of all things.

In your hands are strength and power

to exalt and give strength to all.

Now, our God, we give you thanks,

and praise your glorious name.

“But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. We are foreigners and strangers in your sight, as were all our ancestors. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you. (1 Chronicles 29:12-16)

5. Offering Prayer

Dear Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we thank you for the way you have blessed us in our lives. We look forward to this time of giving back what was never ours in the first place. We know you will use these gifts to further your Kingdom, and we pray for those who will be reached with your message because of the faithfulness of your people. Amen.

6. Sermon (Model Generosity or Covenantal Trust)

(Visit nazarenefoundation.org/legacysunday for sermon outlines.)

7. Special Offering Introduction

Today we're going to take a "special offering," but we're not asking for money. We'd like you to consider what you've heard today and tell you about an organization that can help you plan your giving both now and in the future.

The Church of the Nazarene Foundation can help you if you want to give either money or non-monetary gifts to our church or other Christian organizations. One way to think of their services is that they help individuals give gifts that won't fit in the offering plate, like stocks and bonds, real estate, crops, livestock, or other items. They can also help you give through in creative ways such as trusts, bequests, charitable gift annuities, endowments, and many others.

If you are interested in receiving more information from the Foundation, please fill out the response form in your bulletin and put it in the offering plate.

Closing Prayer

Dear Lord, we pray that you will place a passion in our hearts for those in our community who need to hear the good news. For children in our town who go hungry at night. For students who want to go to a Christian college but cannot afford tuition. For people who have no access to running water. We pray that you will turn our hearts to you and remind us that our resources are all yours, and make us good stewards of what you have given us. Amen.