

# Local Church Budget



“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” John 3:16 (NKJV)

What happened on the cross that Friday afternoon?

It depends on whom you ask! The religious leaders would say that a rebel blasphemer got what He deserved. The Romans might say that they had never crucified someone like that before, but they needed to keep the peace. Onlookers might say a good man and famous teacher was killed. John, the disciple, may say he lost his Best Friend.

Dr. Angel Rodríguez paints a profound picture: “On that Friday afternoon, God reached deep down into His own heart and then down through the ages and placed an exquisite offering, that of His Only Begotten Son, as a gift to you and to me, on the cosmic offering plate—the cross!”

Each time we give an offering we are reminded of the ultimate sacrifice. But our small contributions seem insignificant when compared to what

Jesus gave up for us. However, our offerings are not insignificant; they have purpose, they enable more people to know of the great love that Jesus has for us, they remind us of His generous love and they help us keep our eyes on what’s truly important in life. As we take time this Easter weekend to reflect on the greatest gift, the ultimate sacrifice, let’s give generously in response to what God has done for us so that others may have the precious gift of salvation.

## Appeal

Our offering today will support our local ministry, the on-the-ground work of spreading the gospel in our own backyard.

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## Prayer

Dear Lord, we thank You for Your goodness to us. May we not worry about tomorrow, but seek Your kingdom today, and live by Your promises.  
In Jesus name, Amen.