

# 'BLESSINGS TAX' CALENDAR

<p><b>1</b> Russian orphans live up to 16 years inside an institution instead of with a PARENT. Give 2p for every year of your life lived in the care of a parent or guardian.</p>	<p><b>2</b> Many orphanage leavers will not have a BED to sleep in tonight. Give 5p for every bed in your home.</p>	<p><b>3</b> Give thanks for ID DOCUMENTS that validate our place in the world. Give 5p for each birth certificate, passport or drivers licence you possess.</p>	
	<p><b>4</b> Orphanage leavers often possess only one change of CLOTHES. Donate 1% of what you spent on yourself the last time you bought clothes!</p>	<p><b>5</b> Orphanage leavers don't always have access to a WASHING MACHINE. Give 25p for every washing machine and tumble dryer in your home.</p>	<p><b>6</b> The EDUCATION orphans receive is very basic. Donate 2p for every year you spent in school, college and university.</p>
<p><b>7</b> Orphans leave orphanages being called 'Graduates' even though they don't leave with any QUALIFICATIONS. Donate 5p for every subject you received a qualification for during your education.</p>	<p><b>8</b> Orphans do not leave orphanages with a BANK ACCOUNT or regular finances in place. Give 10p for every bank account, savings or pension fund you own.</p>	<p><b>9</b> MICROWAVES are a cheap and easy way for orphans to prepare food especially in Transition Homes. Give 15p if you own one!</p>	
	<p><b>10</b> If an orphan is fortunate enough to be issued a government room they will struggle to fill it with FURNITURE. Give 20p for each sofa in your home.</p>	<p><b>11</b> Finding REGULAR PAID WORK for orphans is extremely hard. Give 1p for every year of your life that you have earned a wage.</p>	<p><b>12</b> Luxuries such as TV's are impossible for most orphanage leavers to afford. Give 10p for every television in your home.</p>
<p><b>13</b> Orphanage leavers have MOBILE PHONES they cannot use because they can't afford to 'top-up' or pay for a contract. Give 20p if you have a mobile phone that you CAN use!</p>	<p><b>14</b> Many of us will take part in exercise or art classes, ACTIVITIES an orphanage leaver could never afford. Give 10p for every activity you attend weekly.</p>	<p><b>15</b> Most of us have access to a car or public TRANSPORT whereas our young people rely on their Mentors to get about. Give 25p for every vehicle owned in your family.</p>	
<p><b>16</b> Love Russia Mentors teach and encourage our young people to keep Transition Homes hygienic and clean. Give 10p for every VACUUM CLEANER in your home.</p>	<p><b>17</b> Orphans never go on HOLIDAY but LR gave some a holiday experience in the form of summer camp! Give 25p for each holiday you've been on in the last year.</p>	<p><b>18</b> Most orphans will never have their BIRTHDAYS acknowledged while inside an institution. Give 15p if you or a member of your family have a Birthday this month.</p>	
	<p><b>19</b> In Russia there is no NHS and MEDICAL CARE is an unimaginable expense for an orphanage leaver. Give 10p for each different reason you've seen a doctor in the last year.</p>	<p><b>20</b> Orphans are unlikely to own more than one pair of SHOES. How many do you own? Give 2p for every pair you have.</p>	<p><b>21</b> When temperatures dip as low as -30°C in Russia, it is vital that each orphan owns a WINTER COAT. Give 5p for every coat you have.</p>
<p><b>22</b> Most of us will be have known our Grandparents or Great-Grandparents. For an orphan, their family can be a mystery. Give 15p for all the GENERATIONS in your family that you know of and have met.</p>	<p><b>23</b> We choose when and which HOMES we have during our life. An orphan will be told or become homeless. Give 5p for each time you've moved house in your life.</p>	<p><b>24</b> Most of us learn to cook from our parents, orphanage leavers rely on their Mentors to teach them. Give 1p for every COOKERY BOOK in your kitchen.</p>	
<p><b>25</b> Rarely will we ever wonder where our next meal is coming from but FOOD is a daily concern for orphanage leavers. Give 1% of what you spent on your last weekly food shop.</p>	<p><b>26</b> Love Russia makes sure each Transition Home has a working SHOWER or BATH for the young people. Give 10p for each shower and bath in your home.</p>	<p><b>27</b> Nearly every home in the UK contains a COMPUTER. Orphans need access to a computer to do college work. Give 15p for each computer in your home.</p>	
<p><b>28</b> We have the opportunity to choose our government and some of the choices they make in our DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY. Give 20p if you voted in the referendum.</p>	<p><b>29</b> Love Russia helps to equip Transition Homes with COOKERS AND FRIDGES. Give 15p for every large kitchen appliance you own.</p>	<p><b>30</b> An orphanage leaver will not own a BIBLE unless they have been given a gift from a charity such as Love Russia. Give 5p for every Bible you own.</p>	

# 'BLESSINGS TAX'

The idea of this calendar is to remind ourselves of the many blessings we have in our lives. Our families, education, the food on our tables etc. It's a fun way to think about a serious message - that orphanage leavers have so little in comparison to most of us.

Over the next month, take a moment each day to think about that day's blessing, be thankful for it and pray for the orphanage leavers whose lives do not include such things.

If you'd like to take part in collecting the suggested daily gift, it could amount to a donation of around £10 - give it a go and see how blessed you are!

## EVERY GOOD GIFT AND EVERY PERFECT GIFT IS FROM ABOVE

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At the end of the month, add up the 'Blessings Taxes' you've collected and send your donation to:

**Love Russia, Manor Farm, Church Lane, Thrumpton, NG11 0AU**

or call: **0115 983 1100** to donate by card.

or visit the Transition Home Appeal page at **www.loverussia.org**

If you'd prefer to donate by bank transfer (30-93-20 00271628) please include 'Blessings Tax' in the reference.

**The funds raised will go towards a New Transition Home in the St Petersburg area and related projects. It will provide emergency shelter and short term accommodation for vulnerable orphanage leavers and young orphan mums who find themselves destitute.**

1. Parents
2. Beds
3. ID Documents
4. Clothes
5. Washing machine
6. Education
7. Qualifications
8. Bank accounts
9. Microwaves
10. Furniture
11. Regular Paid work
12. Luxuries - TVs
13. Mobile phone
14. Activities & Classes
15. Transport
16. Vacuum cleaner
17. Holiday
18. Birthdays
19. Medical Care
20. Shoes
21. Winter Coat
22. Generations
23. Homes
24. Cookery Books
25. Food
26. Showers & Baths
27. Computer
28. Democracy & Voting
29. Cookers & Fridges
30. Bibles

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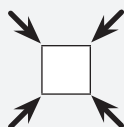
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For EVERY £1 donated, LOVE RUSSIA can receive 25p extra from the government.

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