

# Thanksgiving

## BASKETS



### SUGGESTED ITEMS TO INCLUDE IN YOUR BASKET

Total Meal (including Turkey) will cost about \$75.

Optional decorations will cost about \$10.

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- Turkey 10-12 lb (1.5/person) if you don't know how to buy a turkey just add a gift card to the basket so the family can buy their own. (\$15)
  - Dinner Roast (For Vegetarian, \$15)
  - Celery (1 bunch)
  - Gravy
  - Onions (2)
  - Potatoes (5 lbs)
  - Dinner Rolls (1 doz)
  - Green Beans (2 lbs, frozen or fresh)
  - Butter (4 sticks)
  - Mushroom Soup (1 can)
  - Pie (Pumpkin or Apple)
  - Onion Rings (1 can)
  - Whip cream (1 can)
  - Milk (1 gal)
  - Martinelli's (2 bottles)
  - Sweet Potatoes/Yams (4)
  - Thanksgiving Plates/Napkins
  - Brown Sugar (1 box)
  - Any size pumpkins (for decoration)
  - Marshmallows (1 bag)
  - Fall Candle
  - Stuffing (1 box)
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\*Please contact the **recipient** if you would prefer to focus on their specific wishes or needs for a hearty meal. A "basket" can be a paper grocery bag, cloth bag, box, basket etc.

## WHEN YOU CALL THE RECIPIENT

Gauge the conversation. You don't have to say everything on the script. It is simply a guide for your conversation if you get stuck somewhere. Since the families are aware they will be receiving a call, they will most likely be open to speaking with you. Be sure to be energetic and friendly.

- My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am from the Loma Linda University Church.
- How are you today?
- You recently signed up for Thanksgiving baskets and my family will be working with you to make sure we are able to provide exactly what you need for the holiday.
- Would you mind sharing your family's favorite meals with me?
- Are there any particular food items that you would like to have for your Thanksgiving dinner?
- Are there any food items or dietary restrictions in your family?
- Thank you for speaking with me today and I will be in contact with you. Have a nice day. Goodbye

## WHEN YOU DELIVER A MEAL

We encourage you to really engage with the recipient. Granted, some people may be shy or may not wish to return the warmth. Fair enough. But it's great that you're meeting them halfway. While it can feel uncomfortable meeting new people, there's no need to feel awkward. Some people may feel ashamed of receiving help. Be reassuring. Say "Thank You" and let them know you're so glad you can do this for them.

- Hi, my name's \_\_\_\_\_, and we're from the Loma Linda University Church. We're here to deliver the Thanksgiving Basket.
- How are you?
- Tell me about your family? Do you have a lot of family here? (Don't ask about their work some of them might be on welfare or unemployed)
- I noticed (something about their house/yard) I really like it.