

Fostering a love for reading is important for children everywhere. This pledge drive is a way for families to encourage their children to read regularly and give to those in need.

Children will work with mentors to set a daily reading goal with an adult mentor that is challenging, but also appropriate for the child's reading level and ability. Goals can be defined in minutes, pages, or chapters. The ultimate goal of this activity is to challenge kids to collect mentor initials for as many lanterns as possible.

































Reader Info:		Mentor Info:	
Name:		Name:	
Age:	Grade:	Relationship:	
Goal:		Start Date:	
I Will Read:		<input type="checkbox"/> Minutes <input type="checkbox"/> Pages <input type="checkbox"/> Chapters	Every Day!
Start Date:			

After establishing a goal, participating children will ask family members or other adults in their life to pledge a monetary donation for each milestone reached. For example, a loved one might pledge \$5 for every chapter of a book that a child reads during a 30 day period. Other loved ones might pledge more or less. Please see the included pledge tracker and pledge request forms for more details.

All donations will go to Mercy-USA's Lanterns of Literacy Book Drive which will provide struggling readers from low-income communities with age appropriate literacy kits. Through participation in the Read-a-Thon Pledge Drive, families can contribute financially to a worthwhile cause while also fostering a love for reading in their own households.

Your mentor will initial a lantern for each completed reading goal during a 30 day period!

I completed _____ Lanterns in 30 Days!	Completion Date: _____
Need more pages? Feel free to download more on our website!	Mentor Signature: _____

Reader Name:	Lanterns Earned:
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Have an adult help you keep track of your pledges!

Use the chart below to keep track of how many pledges you get! At the end of the month, an adult can help you add up your pledges and ask everyone who pledged to donate for each lantern you earn.

Pledging donors can donate directly to Mercy-USA via our website or through the mail! See the section below for details about how donations can be made!

Thank you very much for working so hard!



Donor Name	Pledge Amount	PledgeType			Total Pledge	Date Collected
	\$ /Lantern	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash	<input type="checkbox"/> Check	<input type="checkbox"/> Card	\$	
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Total Pledges Collected:					\$	

<p>Donate Online!</p> <p>You can donate quickly and easily on our website:</p> <p>https://mercyusa.org/lanterns-for-literacy</p>	<p>Scan the Code Using your Phone!</p> 	<p>Donate by Mail or Call Us!</p> <p>Mail Donation to our main office:</p> <p>Mercy-USA for Aid and Development 44450 Pinetree Dr, Unit 201, Plymouth, MI 48170 (734) 454-0011</p> <p>Be sure to label checks “<i>Lanterns for Literacy</i>”</p>
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Instructions

1. Have your reading mentor help you print out a copy of this pledge request form for each pledge that you get!
2. Fill in the blanks below for each pledge that you receive.
3. Give the completed pledge request letters to each of the donors. You can give it to them in person, mail it to them or even email it!

Dear _____
Donor Name

I hope you're doing awesome!

Write something from your heart for this person here:

Big thanks for helping me out with the Lanterns of Literacy Read-A-Thon sponsored by Mercy-USA for Aid and Development!

Guess what? I completed _____ Lanterns during the Read-A-Thon! It was really fun reading so much, especially knowing you were rooting for me.

You pledged to donate \$ _____ for each lantern I earned which equals \$ _____ in all!

You can donate your pledge using any of the three easy methods below this letter!

Mercy-USA will be using your donations to purchase literacy kits for struggling readers who do not have many books at home. I hope this will help them become better readers like me!

Thanks a bunch for believing in me,



Reader Name

Reader Signature

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