

Sample Speech for Compassion Partners

When You Have 10-15 Minutes to Share

Hi! My name is [Host'sFirstname]. It's so great to see everyone here.

Today is Compassion Sunday. Our church is joining with churches across the country in a movement to release children from poverty around the world. We are speaking out and sharing their stories, as well as the life-changing impact that Compassion sponsorship makes in the lives of children and their sponsors.

I want to start by introducing you to Ablavi. Take a look at this quick video ...

[show video]

Wow. You heard Ablavi say that they had no money and no food. Night after night, this beautiful girl went to bed hungry because her family was so poor. The video didn't show you this, but Ablavi's father had to go to another town to find work, leaving Ablavi and her mother on their own. Can you imagine? A single parent, raising kids without the basics of life? Wondering how you'll eat? Whether you'll be safe? If your children will starve? This story is overwhelming ... but it's so common.

In fact, there's a table set up [give the specific location] displaying information about children just like Ablavi who are waiting for sponsors. After Ablavi was sponsored, her mother said, "We are so happy because now we have left poverty behind forever."

That is the power of sponsorship. It's why I partner with Compassion.

[Insert your own personal message here. Perhaps include what led you to begin partnering with Compassion, what role you play and how God has changed you through your experience.]

My involvement has helped me better understand God's heart for the poor and suffering. Matthew 25:35-36 says, *"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me ..."* This is what Jesus calls us to do!

And it's why I'm inviting you to find a child of your own to sponsor today. Your sponsorship is unique and child-specific. It's a special relationship where you can exchange personal letters with the child and your gifts directly support the little boy or girl you have chosen. Many sponsors choose their child based on name, age or country.



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What if you could release a child from poverty forever? If God is calling you to help a child, would you please come see me at the sponsorship table?

Compassion is a trustworthy organization that has been around for more than 60 years. It's a Christian ministry with very high financial integrity and accountability. They only work through local churches in poor communities. My partnership with Compassion not only supports their mission to release children from poverty in the name of Jesus, but it also helps local churches minister to the poorest of the poor in their communities. Compassion meets physical needs like hunger, clean water, education and health care. But they also introduce children to Jesus. It's amazing, and I want you to be part of it.

The impact of sponsorship is real — sponsorship will change not only the life of your child, but YOUR life, too! I am a different person today than I was before I got involved with Compassion. I pray for children in poverty. I give more of my time and resources. And I volunteer more. God has certainly used my involvement with Compassion to change me ... and I know He would use it to change you as well.

There are too many children waiting for us to stand up for them. Let's do that today!

Thank you for your time. I look forward to talking with you more at the table.

