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Any mother suffers when her child suffers. But often a poverty-stricken mother experiences the grief of knowing she can do nothing to help.

In Guyana, Naomi Luhkay cries as she watches her malnourished son, Bevon, lying listlessly on a mattress. The 9-year-old boy lacks the vitality of healthy children. But without adequate shelter, income and a steady source of food for her five children, Naomi loses hope with each passing day.

Seeing her children on the brink of starvation — and not being able to help them — causes Naomi great pain. “When I have nothing to give, it hurts,” the suffering mother says. During these trying times, Naomi’s tears fall in response to her children’s. “I don’t know what to do. I feel that maybe there is no better for me,” she laments.

Naomi’s tears represent those of thousands of mothers across Latin America and the Caribbean who pray for a way to sustain their children. These anguished mothers share the pain Mary must have felt as she helplessly watched her Son suffer on the cross.

As Easter approaches, we can commemorate our Lord’s ultimate sacrifice by responding to the suffering of the poor. A few generous donors have opened their hearts to families like Naomi’s and pledged to match, dollar-for-dollar (up to \$500,000), any money we raise before Easter Sunday to help feed hungry children and their families.

Your gift today will bring lifesaving food to those who cry out in hunger. And through this special Matching Gift challenge, your gift will be doubled to help twice as much.

Please, do what you can to help feed those who are hungry and suffering. May God continue to bless you for helping to answer the cries of the poor.

*“For He rescues the poor when they cry out, the oppressed who have no one to help.” (Psalm 72:12)*