

# MoNdAy FuNnIeS

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Our attempt to help you smile every Monday Morning

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## Wisdom For The Week :

Peace is worth more than any power, especially in your own home.

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(Contributed by several people)

If you have a friend who works in the post office you surely will want to share this one with them.

There was this fellow who worked for the Post Office whose job it was to process all the mail that had illegible addresses. One day a letter came to his desk, addressed in a shaky handwriting to God. He thought, "Oh boy, better open this one and see what it's all about."

So he opened it and read: "Dear God, I am an 83 year old widow living on a very small pension. Yesterday someone stole my purse. It had \$100.00 in it, which was all the money I had until my next pension check. Next Sunday is Christmas, and I had invited two of my friends over for dinner. Without that money, I have nothing to buy food with. I have no family to turn to, and you are my only hope. Can you please help me?"

The postal worker was touched, and went around showing the letter to all the others. Each of them dug into his wallet and came up with a few dollars. By the time he made the rounds, he had collected \$96.00,

which they put into an envelope and sent over to her. The rest of the day, all the workers felt the warm glow of the kind thing they had done.

Christmas came and went. A few days later another letter came from the old lady to God. All the workers gathered around while the letter was opened.

It read, "Dear God, How can I ever thank you enough for what you did for me? Because of your gift of love I was able to fix a glorious dinner for my friends. We had a very nice day and I told my friends of your wonderful gift. By the way, there was \$4 missing. I think it must have been those thieving crooks at the Post Office."

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## Consumer Tips

So many people keep asking for a diet version of my famous Russian Christmas Tea drink that I developed one this year. Give it a try. It is actually hard to tell the difference

### Cordell's Famous RUSSIAN CHRISTMAS TEA

#### Recipes

RECIPE #1 (Normal)

RECIPE #3 (sugar free)

RECIPE #2 (more robust)

2 cups Orange Tang drink mix  
Orange Kool-aid

½ cup lemon-flavored drink mix  
Lemon Kool-aid

¾ cup white sugar (+ - to taste)  
any sugar Sub)

½ teaspoon ground cinnamon

½ teaspoon ground allspice  
ground cloves

2 cups Orange Tang drink mix

½ cup lemon-flavored drink mix

1½ cups sugar (+ - to taste)

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

½ teaspoon ground cloves

2 packages of

½ package of

1 cup Splenda (or

½ teaspoon ground

½ teaspoon

¼ teaspoon ground cloves  
ground allspice

½ teaspoon ground allspice

½ teaspoon

**OPTIONAL (If you do happen to drink tea and want to add it)**

½ cup instant tea powder

**DIRECTIONS:**

Mix the ingredients together (it will always look like some of the spices are separated out in the bottom of the dry mix )

Place 2 or 3 teaspoons (according to your taste) of Russian Christmas Tea mix in a cup  
Add hot water and serve

**NOTES:**

Keep the dry mix tightly closed in a container when not being used.

Splenda costs just a little more than sugar in 5 pound bags at CostCo. Price varies greatly between stores.

**FAMILY TRADITIONS:**

The thing we have done in the past is to make a big batch of it and then we put some of the dry mix in those little 1 pint or ½ pint jam jars that have the pretty grapes or other decorative glass on the outside of them. We put a really pretty ribbon and bow on it and a little card with the recipe on it (because they will surely ask later). Then we give them as gifts to our friends during the Holidays. Everyone seems to really like it. It has become a Holiday tradition at our house.

**FIND MORE WONDERFUL HOLIDAY DRINK RECIPES**

[http://directory.google.com/Top/Home/Cooking/Beverages/Dry\\_Mixes/?tc=1](http://directory.google.com/Top/Home/Cooking/Beverages/Dry_Mixes/?tc=1)



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