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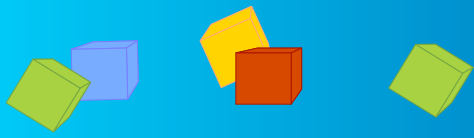
2009

A 10 Day

prayer guide
for the

Global Day of Prayer

21 - 30 May 2009



Welcome

Hi Kids,

Over the last eight years we have seen the biggest ever wave of prayer rising from Africa and flooding across the whole world. The Global Day of Prayer in 2008 was the largest prayer meeting planet Earth has ever seen, with Christians praying in over 214 nations. I am sure that record is going to be broken in 2009!

On 31 May 2009, as the sun rises across each time zone in the world, if you pray, you will be joining millions of other Christians responding to God's words of 2 Chronicles 7:14 ...

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land" (NIV)

Our mighty God, the one and only true God, our awesome Creator, our majestic King, our loving Heavenly Father – is waiting to be called upon. He is waiting for a generation who will stand and say "Here I am, Lord, send me!"

Let's add our voices together on the Global Day of Prayer – one body, one church – let's ask God to turn our nations, turn the world – back to Jesus!
Come on kids, let's pray!

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How the Global Day of Prayer came about

In the year 2000 many Christians in Cape Town, South Africa, felt God calling them to gather people together for a day of prayer and repentance. That day, halls and stadiums all across South Africa were filled with people praying.

Soon this call to prayer multiplied and spread across Africa, until millions of Christians were praying in every country of the Continent – all meeting to pray on the same day of the year.

Then the call went out from Africa to the rest of the world, and the result was the first Global Day of Prayer in 2005.

It was estimated that 200 million people joined in, across the whole world.

The movement is growing and growing. From big stadiums to small villages and private homes, Christians are uniting in prayer for Christ's glory and to bless the nations.

The Global Day of Prayer in 2009 will be held on Pentecost Sunday, 31 May. Will you join in?



10 days,

then 1 day,

then 90 days!

10 days of Prayer 21 – 30 May 2009

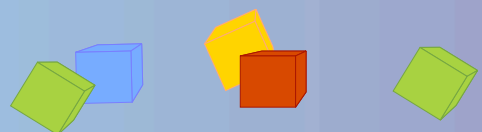
21 May is called “Ascension Day” which marks the day Jesus was taken up into heaven (Acts 1:9-11). His disciples then spent 10 days waiting in an upstairs room until the day God sent His Holy Spirit to them. We are being asked to spend 10 days in prayer to prepare for the Global Day of Prayer.

The Global day of Prayer – 31 May 2009

On this day, Christians all around the world will come together to pray – in stadiums, halls, churches, villages, and homes. Television, radio and the internet will also help to connect people on the day.

90 days of Blessing 1 June – 29 August 2009

After the outpouring of the Holy Spirit Jesus' disciples were transformed and went out in the power of the Holy Spirit to transform the world. During these 90 days Christians are being encouraged to make themselves available to God to be used by Him to bless and transform their communities.



Why Pray? 4 Good Reasons

1

God wants you to talk to Him.

Well, think about it – if you had a friend, a **best** friend, and you never talked to him, what kind of friendship would that be? You can talk to God about **anything** and **everything**.

2

We **MUST** pray

If we want to take a tip from the prophet Samuel in the Old Testament, who said that if he **didn't** pray he would be sinning against the Lord, another good reason to pray is that we **should** (1 Samuel 12:23)

3

God is **WAITING** for us to pray

As powerful as God is, He has chosen to use our prayers to change things, which means He often doesn't act unless we ask Him to. He is **waiting** for our prayers.

4

We **NEED** to pray

You don't have to be smart to know that there are a lot of problems in the world today. Lots of people are poor, suffering, dying, doing bad things, etc., and they need God's help. We **need** to pray!

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Thanks for answering god's call to pray We know He is going to bless you as you spend time with Him. He loves it when His children pray and take time to listen to His voice as well. So, go for it! Go change the world with your prayers! (Don't forget to have a journal or notebook with you so that you can write down what you feel, or what God says to you)

- ✚ **RISING GENERATION**
- ✚ **PEACE OF CHRIST**
- ✚ **HOLY SPIRIT**
- ✚ **REPENTANCE**
- ✚ **BLESSING OF CHRIST**
- ✚ **CALL OF GOD**
- ✚ **UNITED PRAYER**
- ✚ **GLORY OF JESUS**
- ✚ **HEALING OF CHRIST**
- ✚ **KINGDOM OF GOD**

We would love your hear from you!

Please tell us what you experienced as you prayed, either on the Global Day of Prayer, or during the 10 days leading up to it.

Please write to us at feedback@kidspray.org.au



How to Use this Prayer Guide

PRAYING BY YOURSELF

You can take as long as you like each day to pray! There is enough information we think for you to pray for an hour, but even 10 minutes will still be a great help to God.

Why not make yourself a special journal or scrapbook for the Global Day of Prayer? You can use or adapt the "Prayer Room Ideas" to have some fun being creative

PRAYING WITH OTHERS

If you can pray with your family, your church, or your friends during the 10 days, I am sure you will find that really helpful. You could plan your own special meeting, or pray every day with your family, or suggest your children's church prays together.

Why not set up a special prayer room – at church or in a part of your house - for the Global Day of Prayer? You will find some ideas below.

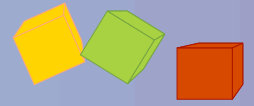
HOW TO USE THE GUIDE

Each day is divided into 4 sections as follows:

- 1 Praying for the church and the world**
A different subject each day, based on the Lord's Prayer, with ideas of how to pray
- 2 Praying for Neglected Places**
A suggestion for praying for people in the "neglected places" of our world. (You could pray for a different issue or nation each day, or pray for one issue or nation for the whole 10 days)
- 3 Prayer Room Ideas**
A daily suggestion, or choose from the list, or create your own. We hope you will enjoy being creative
- 4 Personal Prayer**
There is a section to help you spend time in personal prayer every Practise praying the Lord's Prayer every day, and spend time in God's presence, listening to His voice, hearing His heart, and what He may want to say to you



GOING TO THE NEGLECTED PLACES



Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed,

Is 58:7 Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter— when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

You, and your prayers, can make a difference! Here are some suggestions of how you can “put feet to your faith” and be the answer to your own prayers in a practical way in your own locality.

Have a look at the list below, and ask the Lord where He would like you to aim your prayers, and if possible go and be His “hands and feet”, to make a difference in His name in the “neglected places”.

If you live in a poor area then you may have many choices, but if you do not obviously have the poor around you, then there are other options, e.g. helping in a shop or ministry which helps the poor.

Whether you can offer your help for just an hour, or a day, or some time every day during the 10 days, it doesn't matter. Do what you can.

Here are some further suggestions:

Volunteer your time to help in any way needed

Take a gift – of food, or clothing

Pray (make sure you do this sensitively, and as the Lord leads you)

If you are able to help more than once, you might like to do these things in order, i.e. help first time, take a gift the second time, and offer to pray the third time.

Just a caution – it is wise to make sure you are safe, and depending on your age, you may need to have an adult with you, so please only make your plans with the advice of your parents/leaders.

Remember, it is more of a blessing to give than to receive, so go give and be blessed.

...And have fun!!



“NEGLECTED PLACES”

Orphanage or Children's Home

Children's Prison or Detention Centre

Shelter or Refuge for the Homeless

Soup Kitchen for Homeless

Prison Ministry

Other Ministry which helps the poor

Aged Care Home

Op Shop or Charity Shop

Neighbours in need

Single Mums

Widows

Elderly

Disabled



PRAYER ROOM IDEAS

(Make sure you have supplies of Bibles, pens, pencils, paint, etc)

Prayer Posters - for issues, or nations

Look for photos, information, statistics, prayer needs
www.viva.org has information on children at risk
Research poor nations

The Cross

You could make a large cross, and have small stones or pieces of wood to write names on - to place at the foot of the cross and pray for the unsaved. Or make individual crosses to write names on.

World Map or Country Maps

Mark or attach cards/stickers to those nations you have prayed for

Drawing

Have a huge drawing place for those who want to draw their prayers or draw pictures they receive from God

Whiteboard / Paper

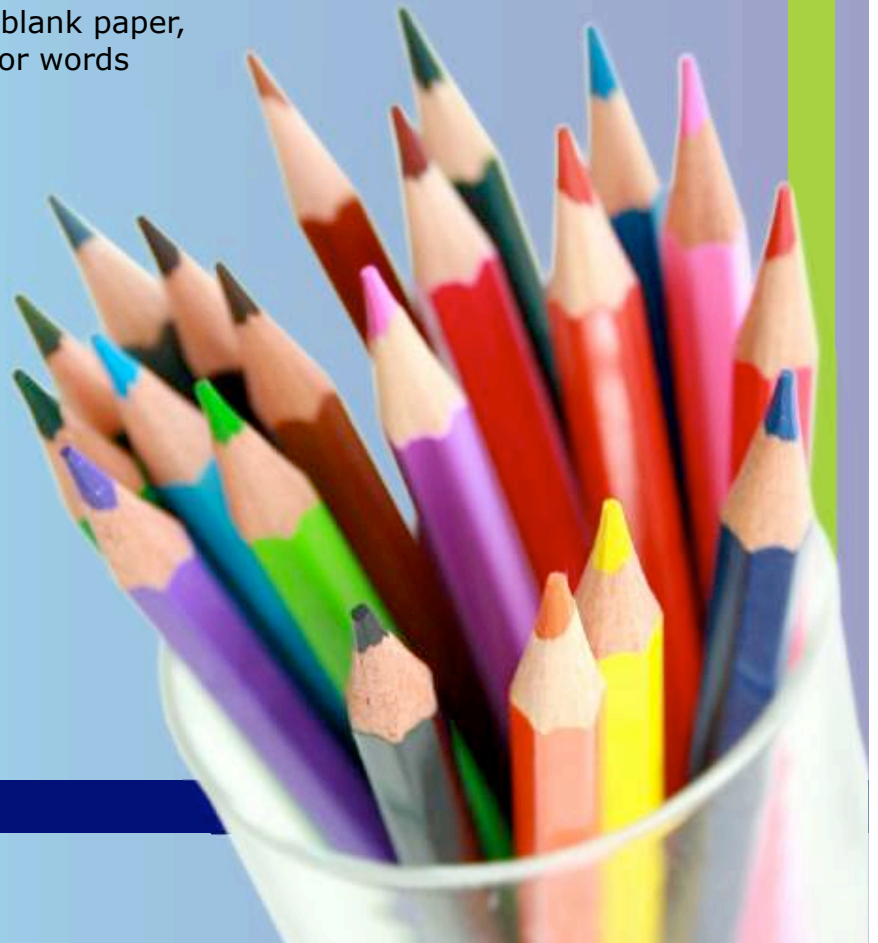
Have a large space, whiteboard or blank paper, where people can write Scriptures or words received from God

Prayer points

Hang cards on strings, e.g. from the ceiling

Special corner

Create a special place to "identify" with the poor, e.g. newspaper to sleep on, photos of the poor and needy



Revive*Our Father who is in heaven...***The Church and The World**

- Pray that God would revive and unite His people as one family before Him.
- Pray that Christians would be convicted of their personal sins; that they would repent and return to God as Father, learning to obey and trust Him more
- Pray that more people would pray and understand the need for persistent prayer for God to change our world

Neglected Places

Pray for children in orphanages, and for children who have lost fathers or mothers, through death or separation/divorce

Prayer Room

Start praying for those you know who don't know Jesus. Write their names and take them to the cross

Personal Prayer

Ask God to show you any sin in your life. Is there anything you do which He does not like? Ask His forgiveness. Spend time listening to His voice. What is He saying to you?

Reveal*...sanctify Your name...***The Church and The World**

- Pray that the Goodness of God would be lifted up and shown to the whole world.
- Pray that God would be revealed as greater than every false god and that He would be known as the one and only true God.
- Pray that the word of God would be proclaimed in every people and place across the earth.
- Pray for the Bible to be translated and made available in every language.

Neglected Places

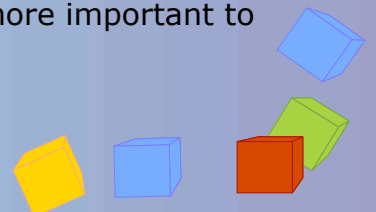
Pray for children in prison, or in detention centres - especially that they would hear and know the Truth of the Gospel, and that the Truth would set them free

Prayer Room

Choose an issue (e.g. street kids, child soldiers, the poor) and start making a prayer poster

Personal Prayer

Ask God if there are any "idols" in your life, e.g. anything which is more important to you than Him. Spend time in His presence. Ask Him to speak to you.



Rule*..May Your kingdom come...***. The Church and The World**

- Pray that many more people would be drawn to Jesus Christ by the power of the gospel and would live their lives loving and following Him as King
- Pray for God's people to be Christlike and live a Holy Spirit filled life
- Pray that Jesus would be Lord over our cities and every part of society.

Neglected Places

Pray for the homeless, especially children who live on the streets. Pray also for those who work with and minister to them.

Prayer Room

Set up or spend time in your special corner, with newspaper, some photos, anything else, to help you identify with the poor, hungry and homeless

Personal Prayer

Ask God how you can demonstrate God's Kingdom here on earth. Ask if there is someone He wants you to pray for or witness too. Put on some quiet music and let Him talk to you and show you His love.

Transform*...and may your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven...***The Church and The World**

- Pray that God would use His people to bring transformation and change to all areas of business, arts, education and government.
- Pray for government leaders that they would have God's wisdom and bring changes that increase righteousness and justice.
- Pray for righteousness, peace and the joy of Christ's Kingdom to be shown to the whole world by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Neglected Places

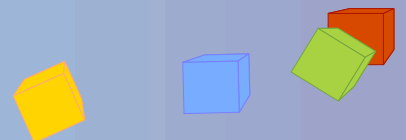
Pray for people in Aged Care Homes and for those caring for them. Pray that they would know God's love and that they would be well cared for. Pray that the gospel would be heard and many would come to Christ.

Prayer Room

Research and pray for a poor nation. Ask God for a Scripture to pray over that nation, or a song to sing as a prayer.

Personal Prayer

Ask the Lord if there is something He wants you to do today. Ask Him to help you to be obedient, especially to your parents. Let Him show you His will - ask Him to talk to you about His plans for your life.



Provide*...Give us this day our daily bread...***The Church and The World**

- Pray for the basic needs of food, water and health care for the poor, the sick, refugees and children across the world.
- Pray that God would use Christians as agents of healing and change in our world, with the Holy Spirit's help, bringing forth abundance, justice and peace
- Pray that God would enable His people to break patterns of poverty and bring blessing in their communities
- Pray for Christians and others working towards eradicating disease. Pray for those who are helping and ministering to victims of diseases such as HIV/AIDS.

Neglected Places

Pray for the poor in your neighbourhood or city/town/village. If you know poor people personally, pray for them by name.

Prayer Room

Draw or paint a picture for God, thanking Him for all He has done for you or given you.

Personal Prayer

Why not fast something today? If you can't fast a meal, try going without something which you enjoy, e.g. chocolate, television. Spend some time in God's presence, thanking Him for everything He has blessed you with.

Forgive*...Forgive us our sins...***The Church and The World**

- Pray for the Spirit of God to move on the hearts of people; that they would see how God is grieved and how their lives are destroyed by sin.
- Pray that the power of the Holy Spirit would enable people to abandon patterns of sin, and have the strength to resist and come out from under the control of the powers of darkness.
- Pray that the world would recognise and repent of sins that bring about war, poverty and injustice.

Neglected Places

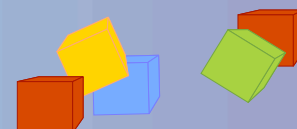
Pray for those who are lonely, e.g. widows, single parents, street kids. Pray for anyone you know personally who may be lonely

Prayer Room

Research some information on child soldiers, or ask God to show you their needs, and make prayer points to hang in the prayer room.

Personal Prayer

Ask God if there is anything you need to ask His forgiveness for today. Spend time in His presence, worshipping Him.



Reconcile*...as we forgive those who sin against us...***The Church and The World**

- Pray for a wave of grace and forgiveness to sweep across the earth, and that relationships would be restored
- Pray for places where there is war, that there would be acts of forgiveness, demonstrating God's desire to end all wars.
- Pray for broken homes, that broken marriages would be restored and that relationships of children with their parents would be renewed.
- Pray for grace, strength and endurance for Christians who are suffering persecution in our world.

Neglected Places

Pray for children who have no access to education, and who have to work, especially those who are forced to work like slaves.

Prayer Room

Pray for all your friends and family. Pray at the cross for those who are not Christian, and ask God for Scriptures or words for those who are.

Personal Prayer

Ask God if there are any relationships you have which need healing. Ask Him to help you to forgive or to release forgiveness. Spend time meditating on what Jesus did for you on the cross.

Lead*...and lead us not into temptation...***The Church and The World**

- Pray that Christians would be so in love with Jesus and want to please God that they would not be tempted by the ways of the world.
- Pray for God's people to continue walking in the light of His ways and wisdom in order to fulfil His purposes throughout the earth.
- Pray that Christ would guide leaders of business, education and government, so that corruption would be overcome

Neglected Places

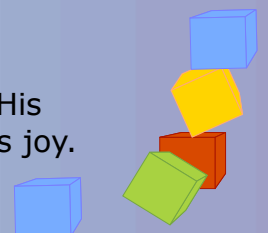
Pray for people in prison, or for criminals in your nation. Pray that they would hear the gospel, receive Jesus and "turn from their wicked ways"

Prayer Room

Write on your whiteboard/paper all the things you can think of which tempt children/young people today to go against God. Then pray for your generation that they would be strong against temptation.

Personal Prayer

Talk to God about the things which tempt YOU from time to time. Ask for His strength. Look up Nehemiah 8:10 and spend some time thinking about His joy.



Overcome*...but deliver us from evil...***The Church and The World**

- Pray that God would restrain Satanic powers, reveal the truth of the Gospel, and set people free to follow Christ.
- Pray that people would be set free from idolatry, witchcraft, demonic oppression, and depression.
- Pray for Christ to break powers of darkness which corrupt and dominate businesses, governments and cities.

Neglected Places

Pray for the sick, especially those affected by HIV/AIDS

Prayer Room

Make a prayer poster with information on HIV/AIDS and other diseases which affect children in the world today.

Personal Prayer

Ask God to show you who you can pray for who needs healing. Thank Him for your health. Spend time soaking in His presence and allowing Him to heal any hurts in your heart.

Glorify*...for Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.***The Church and The World**

- Pray for an increase of the signs and wonders of Christ's kingdom in the earth
- Pray that Christ's power will be seen in the humility and compassion of His people.
- Pray that Jesus would be honored openly, worshipped extravagantly, and glorified globally.

Neglected Places

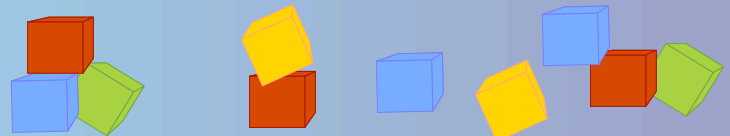
Pray that revival, with signs, wonders and miracles, would break out in all the neglected places, e.g. orphanages, prisons, refuges, on the streets.

Prayer Room

Make FIRE symbols, with orange/red/yellow paper or pens, or make a FIRE painting, or flags. Cry out for His revival fire to touch your nation, and the world.
Worship Him!

Personal Prayer

Pray that God would use you to lead your generation to Jesus. Ask Him for radical obedience and boldness to share His love and His power in sharing the gospel and praying for others.



The Global Day of Prayer

So you've prayed for 10 days, are you ready to join the largest prayer meeting on planet earth?

Pray with your church

Plan special portions of your Pentecost Sunday service to be devoted to prayer.

Creative content could include:

Announcing that millions across the world are gathering to pray for Jesus' glory and the transformation of the nations.

Read aloud the "Prayer for the World" as a congregation.

Share reports of how people have been praying during the ten days.

Plan how your prayers will continue during the 90 days of blessing following Pentecost.

Tune into the broadcast

There will be multiple, live, united prayer broadcasts from different parts of the earth, reporting hourly on the day's progress. **Broadcasts are available by:**

Satellite downlink

Cable television

Radio

The Internet

Go to www.globaldayofprayer.com to learn about times and media in your area.

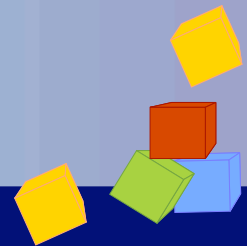
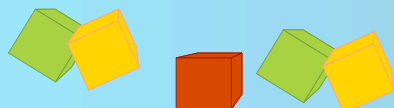
Gather the Tribes

On the afternoon and evening of Pentecost all over the world, Christians from many diverse streams are planning to gather in schools, Universities, public stadiums, auditoriums, and open squares. We will gather to worship and pray for healing and blessing in our nations. We are gathering beyond the walls of our church buildings so God's power can be seen in public.

Help organize a gathering in your city or, Invite Christians

to your home.

* Register your gathering



A Prayer for the World

The following prayer was prepared by different prayer leaders. It has been translated in many languages, many of them available at www.globaldayofprayer.com. The prayer will be prayed in unison at every Global Day of Prayer gathering. As you read these words, you will be part of a 500 million strong Amen that will shake the heavens.

Prayer for the World

“They lifted their voices to God with one accord...”—Acts 4:24

A Prayer for the World 31 May 2009

Almighty God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

Together with believers all over the world, we gather today to honour and glorify Your Name. We bow before Your throne and acknowledge that You are the Creator of heaven and earth. There is no one like You, holy and righteous in all Your ways. We submit to Your authority as the King of the universe. We pray with one voice to enthrone You in our hearts and to honour You before the world.

**Congregation: Lord God, You alone are worthy
of our praise and adoration. We worship You.**

Our Father in heaven,

Thank You for loving the world so greatly that You gave Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross for our sins, so that we could be reconciled to You. We are grateful to call You Father and to be called Your children because of our faith in Jesus Christ our Saviour. Nothing can separate us from Your love.

**Congregation: Thank You Father for adopting us into Your family.
We now cry, Abba Father!**

Lord Jesus Christ,

You alone are worthy to open the scrolls of history, for You were slain and have redeemed us to the Father by Your blood. We confess that You are Head of the Church and Lord of all heaven and earth. May people from every tribe and language become Your followers. Let Your kingdom be established in every nation of the world, so that governments will rule with righteousness and justice. May Your gospel be made known to every person.

May Your blessing bring transformation among every people.

And may Your Name be great, from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**Congregation: Jesus Christ, You are the Saviour of
the world and the Lord of all.**

Father of mercy and grace,

We acknowledge that we have sinned and that our world is gripped by the power of sin. Our hearts are grieved by injustice, hatred, anger and violence. We are shamed by oppression, racism and bloodshed in our land. We mourn the loss of innocent life in abortion, war and terrorism, persecution and senseless murders. Our homes are broken by selfishness and immorality. Our lives are polluted by greed, idolatry and sexual sin. Our churches are divided by rebellious pride.



Prayer for the World

Continues...

Spirit of the living God, We confess that we can do nothing apart from You. Be poured out upon all flesh. Transform the Church into the image of Jesus Christ. Release Your power to bring healing to the sick, freedom to the possessed, comfort to those who mourn and release for those who are oppressed. Come and melt the hearts of people to love again. Answer the call of the homeless, the hungry, the helpless and the dying. Enfold orphans, widows and the elderly in Your arms. Display Your mercy and provide for our needs. Give us wisdom and insight for the complex problems we face today. Help us to use the resources of the earth for the well-being of all. Pour Your love into our hearts and fill us with compassion.

**Congregation: Holy Spirit, we need Your comfort and guidance.
Come and transform our hearts.**

Lord Jesus Christ,

Because You were dead, but are now risen; and because the Father has given You a name above all names, You will defeat all powers of evil. We pray for the tearing down of strongholds and ideologies that hinder and resist the spreading of the knowledge of God. We resist the plan of the enemy to keep nations in darkness. Remove the veil that covers the peoples. Restrain the evil that promotes violence and death. Bring deliverance from demonic oppression. Break the hold of slavery, tyranny and disease.

Fill us with courage to preach Your word fearlessly; and give us a spirit of intercession to pray for the lost faithfully.

Congregation: Almighty God, deliver us from evil and the Evil One.

King of Glory, Come to the nations of the world. We welcome You to finish Your work in our cities, our peoples and our nations. We now lift our voices in unison with believers from Africa and Asia, from the Middle East and Europe, from North and South America, and from Australia and the Pacific Islands – together we cry:

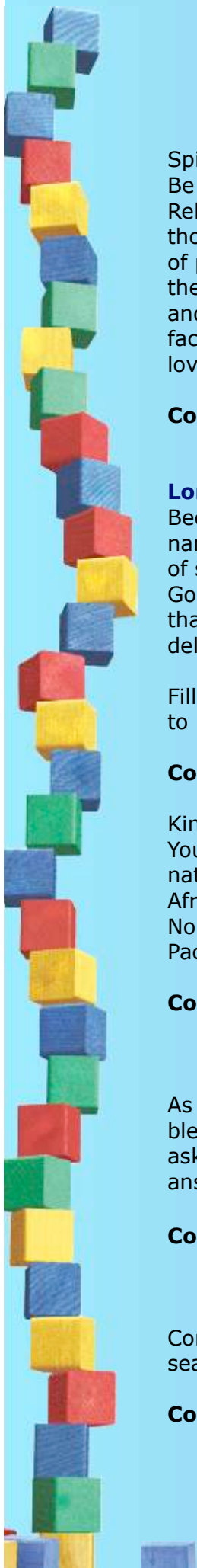
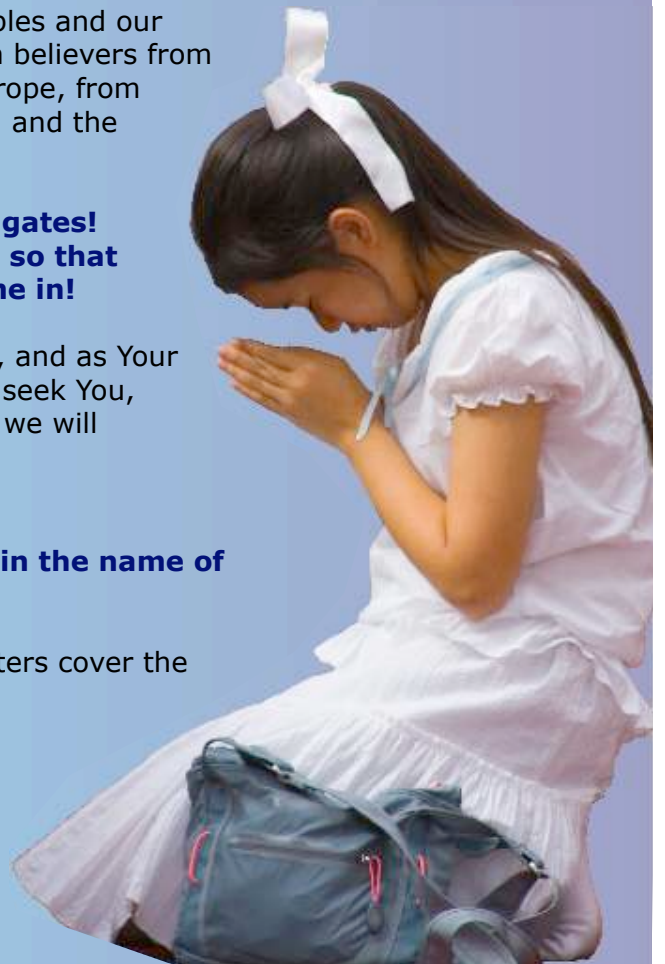
**Congregation: Lift up your heads, O you gates!
Be lifted up ancient doors so that
the King of glory may come in!**

As Your deeds increase throughout the earth, and as Your blessings abound to all the nations, they will seek You, asking, "Who is this King of glory?" Together we will answer:

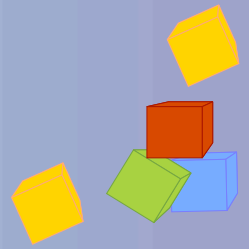
**Congregation: He is the Lord Almighty!
Blessed is He who comes in the name of
the Lord!**

Come fill the earth with Your glory as the waters cover the sea. The Spirit and the Bride say:

Congregation: Amen! Come Lord Jesus!



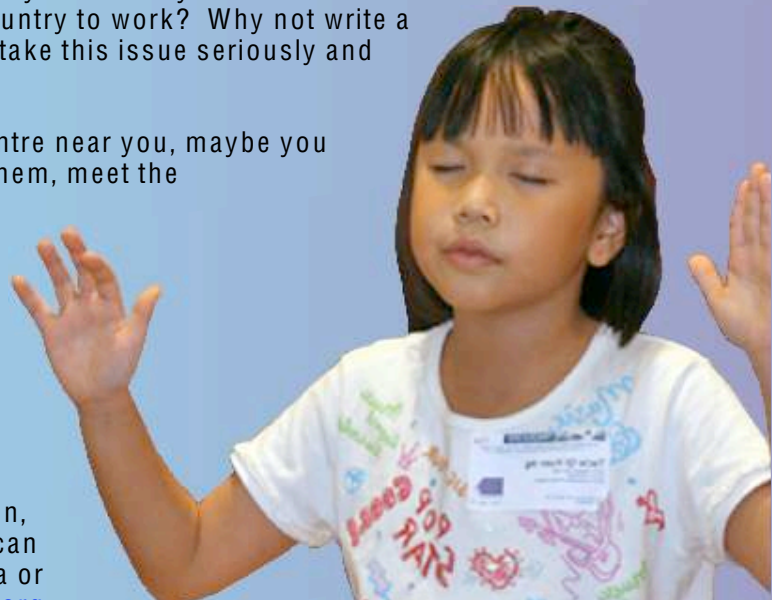
90 days of Blessing



Becoming the answer to your own prayers ...

Here are some ideas of how you could put hands and feet to your prayers in your own community. Of course, God would love it if you keep on praying and studying the Bible regularly as well! Imagine what would happen if 500 million people gave an hour a week to serve their community in some way – what an impact that would make on the world!

1. Find out what your local church, or churches, or mission organizations, or business leaders might be doing, and see if you can help
2. Find out if there is a local ministry that helps children. Could you, your Sunday School or youth group raise money to help them in these 90 days?
3. Does the problem of child trafficking affect your country? Are children in danger there or do they end up in your country to work? Why not write a letter to your government asking them to take this issue seriously and protect children from traffickers.
4. If there is a children's home or drop-in centre near you, maybe you could arrange for a group of you to visit them, meet the leaders and find out how you could pray for them specifically. Or you could just pray for them anyway for the 90 days.
5. Perhaps you could help to let other people know about the issues facing children at risk – many people have no idea what is happening. You could make some posters for your church or school. You could draw, or find, pictures of child soldiers, child labourers, children in prison, etc. and write on some information. You can find more information in an encyclopaedia or if you have the internet, from www.unicef.org



You can also join in the World Weekend of Prayer for Children at Risk on 6 and 7 June 2009, when millions of Christians will be praying for children around the world.

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