

10 Day Prayer Guide for Children



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2 Chronicles 7:14

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Hey Kids,

Thanks for praying through these 10 days leading up to the Global Day of Prayer. Let's pray for the church worldwide, but also for children in need in our world. For the first 8 days there is a prayer suggestion based on the Millennium Development Goals. These are taken from a Viva prayer resource (www.viva.org). Your prayers can make a difference! Have fun being creative as well. You might want to have a prayer journal or notebook handy too.



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Preparing Your Heart

Firstly, it is a good idea to prepare your own heart before you pray, to make sure there is nothing stopping you hearing from God as you pray. He does love to show you how to pray!

The following steps will help you to prepare your heart, and are taken from *"Kids Pray!"* by Jane Mackie (used with permission).

If you don't have time for all of them, Steps 1 and 2 are the most important. They are not a formula but some principles based on Scripture, e.g.

James 5:16 "The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective"

Psalm 24:3-4 "Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart."

Psalm 66:18 "If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened"

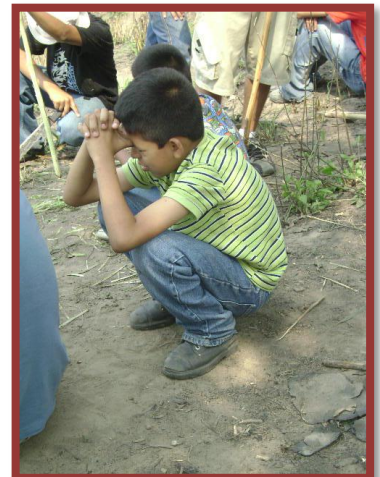
Step 1 – Get Rid of the Junk (sin)

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you answer these questions: Did I disobey my parents today? Have I told any lies, stolen anything? Have I hurt anyone? Has anyone hurt me? Is there anyone I need to forgive? Anything else? Tell God you are sorry for these things and ask Him to forgive you.

Step 2 – Relationship Check

Firstly with God: Have I been putting God first in my life? Have I trusted Him fully? Have I been spending time with Him? Have I been reading the Bible enough?

Then with others (family, friends ...) – you may have already done some of this in Step 1. Where you need to, ask God for His forgiveness, and His help, in your relationships.



Step 3 – Praise and Worship

Your praise and worship is important, and above all, it pleases God very much! You can praise Him by singing, or expressing your thanks to Him in words.



Step 4 – Get Rid of Your Own Thoughts, Ideas and Plans

Make sure there is nothing on your mind that would stop you hearing His plans during your time with Him.

Step 5 – Receive the Holy Spirit

Invite the Holy Spirit to come and guide you – it is as simple as that!

Step 6 – Get Lost, Devil!

James 4:7 says that if you submit yourself to God (which you have just done) and resist the devil, he will flee from you. So tell him to leave now in Jesus' name.

Step 7 – Wait, Then Listen

At this point if you have time just listen for a while to see if God speaks to you.

Step 8 – Go For It!

Now pray or write in your journal whatever is on your heart.



Baptize us!

DAY 1

THURSDAY : 17 May 2012

WAIT FOR THE PROMISE

[Jesus said:] "You will be baptized with the Holy Spirit!" (Act.1:5)

PRAY FOR THE CHURCH:

- ✝ That believers would unite in prayer
- ✝ That God would pour out His Holy Spirit on all people
- ✝ That the church would repent of disobedience and unbelief
- ✝ That the church would obey God and increase in faith

PRAY FOR CHILDREN:

The word "baptized" reminds us of water. Many children in developing countries don't have clean water, or air, where they live. How would you feel about drinking water that could make you sick?

Write the words **"CLEAN WATER AND AIR"** down the left side of a blank piece of paper, and use each letter to begin a prayer request. Here are a few to get you started:

Lord, I pray that ...

C – children would be taught to stay away from dirty water that could make them ill

L – leaders would make sure drains are built so that children don't have to play in dirty water

E – everyone would try not to pollute the air and water that people have to breathe and drink

now do your own.....



Empower us!

DAY 2

FRIDAY : 18 May 2012

BE MY WITNESSES

[Jesus said:] "You will receive power..." Acts.1:8

PRAY FOR THE CHURCH:

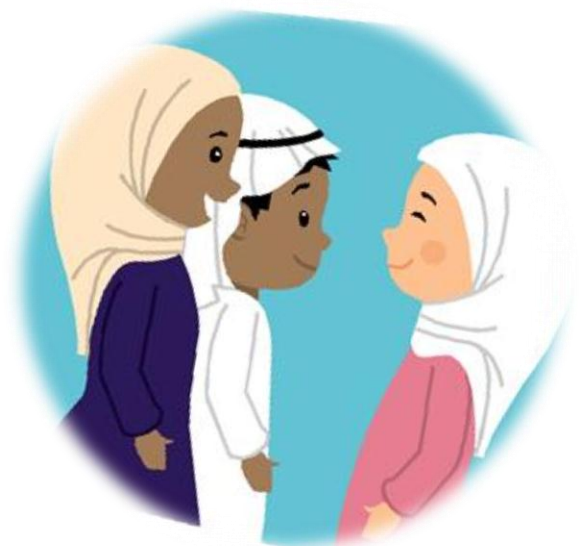
- ✝ That the lives of believers would be powerful to reach troubled and needy people for Jesus
- ✝ That people's gifts would be powerfully be used by God to change a hurting and corrupt world
- ✝ That the Holy Spirit in us would impact the world for God

PRAYER FOR CHILDREN:

The word "**power**" reminds us that in many countries around the world girls are treated as though they are less important than boys, and women therefore have less power. Girls are less likely to go to school and often have to stay at home to help with chores or work to help bring in money.

Take a blank piece of paper and trace your hand. Cut it out and look at it. You can't tell whether it is the hand of a girl or a boy or what colour skin the person has. The hand might be a different size than other hands, but it shouldn't be treated differently.

Use your paper hand to write a prayer for women and girls around the world.



Sanctify us!

DAY 3

SATURDAY : 19 May 2012

BE HOLY AS I AM HOLY

[Jesus said:] "I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you." Joh.15:16

PRAY FOR THE CHURCH:

- ✝ That the church would grow and mature with faithful leaders
- ✝ That the church would be holy, humble, simple and honest
- ✝ That the world would see Jesus as ordinary believers make a difference where they live and work

PRAY FOR CHILDREN:

"Fruit" reminds us that many children go hungry every day. Many don't even have a proper place to sleep at night. Imagine never being able to spend more than a dollar in a day. How would you eat? What would you wear? How would you get to the places you need to go?



Take two paper plates, or draw 2 circles that look like plates and cut them out.

On one plate draw pictures of food you like to eat, or cut out some pictures of food from old magazines and stick them on. Pick up the empty plate and hold it. Imagine someone else picking up the plate of your favorite foods and eating them. Your plate is empty. How do you feel?

Ask God to help the hungry children around the world – you can write your prayer on the empty plate if you like.

DAY 4

SUNDAY : 20 May 2012

Guide us!

KNOW THE TRUTH

[Jesus said:] "He [the Spirit of Truth] will guide you into all the truth." Joh.16:13

PRAY FOR THE CHURCH:

- ✠ That the church would be bold to tell the truth about Jesus, that He is the Way, the Truth and the Life.
- ✠ That Christians would be strong in their knowledge of Jesus Christ
- ✠ That through the testimonies of Christians and the message of the Gospel, the spiritual blindness of the world would be healed

PRAY FOR CHILDREN:



"Knowing the Truth" reminds us of education. There are many children in the world who are unable to go to school, and would love to! Imagine what life would be like if you had never been to school: you wouldn't be able to read a book, look at a magazine, write a letter, or use the internet. You wouldn't be able to read this!

Find a clock and give yourself exactly one minute to gather anything you see that could be used in a classroom or to teach others.

When the time is up, count the number of items you collected. How many different things did you find?

Think how fortunate you are to have access to things like paper, pencils and books.

Take the number of items that you collected and pray that number of times for children around the world to be able to get an education.

DAY 5

MONDAY : 21 May 2012

Convict us!

REPENT AND BELIEVE

*[Jesus said:] "When He [the Holy Spirit] comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment."
Joh.16:8*

PRAY FOR THE CHURCH:

- ✝ That anointed teaching and preaching would reach unbelievers and hard-hearted sinners, that they would repent and give their lives to Jesus
- ✝ That the world would experience God's kindness through a humble church that loves and does not judge or criticize
- ✝ That Christians would not be selfish, but submit themselves to God and obey the voice of the Holy Spirit

PRAY FOR CHILDREN:

The word **judgment** reminds us that all of us one day will die. Do you know that some children don't even know if they will live until their fifth birthday? Around the world babies and young children die every day because they and their families are too poor to get the food or the medicine they need to survive.

Take a blank piece of paper and fold it in half.

Use the front to draw a design for a birthday card – as a reminder that many children won't live to see their next birthday.

On the inside of the card write a prayer for a child in a country without much food or medical help.

If your family or school sponsors a child or project you could even send the card to show the child that you are praying for them.



DAY 6

TUESDAY : 22 May 2012

Comfort us!

TAKE HEART, I HAVE OVERCOME

[Jesus said:] "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper [Comforter]." Joh.14:16

PRAY FOR THE CHURCH:

- ✝ For Christians who are persecuted and attacked in countries where they are not allowed to share their faith
- ✝ That politicians, religious leaders and judges who play a part in persecuting Christians would come to know Jesus
- ✝ Pray especially for strength and perseverance for Christians who are suffering from persecution, that God would also meet their needs and comfort them

PRAY FOR CHILDREN:

The word "comfort" reminds us that millions of children suffer or die from diseases like HIV AIDS and malaria every year. This is very sad.

When we cut our knee or finger we put a plaster, or Band-Aid, on it. Unfortunately serious diseases won't go away if you put a plaster on them.

If you have some plasters you could write on them the name of different diseases or sicknesses that are affecting children around the world to help you to pray.



Pray that God would bring His comfort to children suffering through sickness and disease, for those who are sick, but also those who have family who are sick, or children who have lost mothers or fathers through diseases.

Pray also for better education about diseases and for better ways of protection in the future.

DAY 7

WEDNESDAY : 23 May 2012

Unite us!

BE ONE SO THE WORLD MAY BELIEVE

[Jesus prayed:] "...that they may all be one, just as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that You have sent Me." Joh.17:21

PRAY FOR THE CHURCH:

- ✚ That the Holy Spirit would bring greater unity between believers of different races, languages and cultures
- ✚ That the Church would learn what it means to really love one another
- ✚ That the Church would join together, share their gifts and resources, and work together to reach the world for Christ

PRAY FOR CHILDREN:



From these words of Jesus we can know that Jesus wants us to work together. You have probably had times when you've needed help to do something. Who do you ask – a friend, a brother or sister, your mum or dad? Well, it's the same for the people trying to help children who are poor, hungry or sick. They can give children much better help if they work together with other people who are trying to achieve the same things.

If you have some paper clips, try joining them together and see how long a chain you can make. If each paper clip represents a person or organization, see how much farther they can reach! Some groups don't know what others are doing. Pray as many prayers as you can that people would work together to help children.

Pray for any individuals or organisations that you know who are helping children.



DAY 8

THURSDAY : 24 May 2012

Deliver us!

OPEN THEIR EYES

[Jesus said:] "I am sending you to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God; that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in Me." Acts.26:18

PRAY FOR THE CHURCH:

- ✝ That the message of Christ's victory over evil would be spread far and wide to all people groups, languages and nations
- ✝ That people would be set free by the power of the Gospel message from sins that holding them captive
- ✝ That the truth of God's word concerning Jesus would touch the lives of people believing in wrong gods, or no God, and set them free to believe in Him.

PRAY FOR CHILDREN:

"Open their eyes" reminds us that much of the world is blind to the issues affecting children around the world. One problem is that many children do not have mothers to look after them. Lots of mothers are too poor to get medical help when they are pregnant or when they give birth, and may get very ill and even die. Others have to work very long hours in order to provide for their children, and so are hardly ever around to take care of them.

Find some pictures of yourself as a baby. As you look through them think about how your mum looked after you when you were in her tummy, and make a list of five things she did for you that you are thankful for.

For each photo say a prayer for mothers and babies around the world whatever their situation. We want mums to be able to be cared for before and after their children are born, so that more children can get the love and attention they need.



DAY 9

FRIDAY : 25 May 2012

Teach us to pray!

BE A HOUSE OF PRAYER

[Jesus said:] "...will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night?" Luk.18:7

PRAY FOR THE CHURCH:

- ✝ That the church would remember we have a God who answers prayer and pray more!
- ✝ For a greater understanding of waiting on God for Him to lead
- ✝ That the church would unite in prayer led by the Holy Spirit
- ✝ That the church would understand the urgency of the times and ask for God's mercy and grace for ourselves but also our communities and nations

PRAY FOR CHILDREN:

We are living in times where we are seeing an increase in disasters, like earthquakes, floods, fires, terrorism, etc. There is an urgent need to pray.



Take a daily newspaper, or take pictures/stories from the internet, and make a prayer poster. Look for things that have happened or are happening which you could pray for.

Ask the Holy Spirit to show you how to pray – your prayers will make a difference!



DAY 10

SATURDAY : 26 May 2012

Set us apart!

GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PROCLAIM

"While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me..."
Acts.13:2

PRAY FOR THE CHURCH:

- ✝ That the Church would hear God's call and be obedient to reach the world for Him, wherever they are placed
- ✝ That God would provide spiritually, emotionally, physically and financially for those who are reaching people for Christ in different cultures
- ✝ For Christians who are working in countries where it is difficult or unlawful to share about Jesus; for visas and jobs for them, and God-given opportunities to share the Gospel with people.

PRAY FOR CHILDREN:

God wants us all to "go into all the world" and talk about Jesus. This message is for children too. Children often can't physically "go" to share about Jesus, but you can still share with those around you, at school or in your community, as God gives you opportunities. You can also pray!

There are many, many children praying around the world today, even children in orphanages in India, China and Africa. There is a worldwide movement of God happening right now because God is calling children to pray and make a difference with their prayers. Children are seeing transformation through their prayers. You can join that movement right now, right where you are.

Today, pray for children around the world, that they would hear God's call to pray and start making a difference in their world through prayer.

Ask God yourself what He wants you to do. Maybe He wants you to pray for your friends; you could write down some names of friends who don't know Jesus, and ask God to give you opportunities to share with them.

Spend some time listening to God. Let Him speak to you and show you what you can do. You may be surprised! Above all – do what He says!



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27 May 2012

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Pray with One Voice

Today millions of people all around the world will be gathering to pray together.

Join some other kids and pray with them for the World from Habakkuk 2:14

“that the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea”

