



As A Family We Pray For Each Other



THE MISSION AIM

To know that we can pray for other Christians.



KEY VERSE

Ephesians 6:18: "And pray in the spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests."



Pre-Mission Activity



Supplies Needed

- Option 1: pieces of wrapping paper, pencils or pencil crayons
- Option 3: as many newspapers as possible (some newspaper companies will give papers away if you need them, or check in with local schools as they may have some papers available for use at the end of the day)

Directions

DO: Choose one of the following options:

1) **DO:** As the recruits come in give them a piece of wrapping paper and have them write or draw what they did to share the love of Jesus using their Spiritual gifts. OR

2) **SAY:** Last week we talked about how important it is to use our gifts to share the love of Jesus. This week we will be talking about how important it is to pray for our world-wide family. So, this next activity will challenge us to work together.

DO: Human knot—Have the recruits stand in a circle. Then have each one take the hand of someone across the circle from him/her, then have him/her do the same thing with someone else across from them. Once everyone is holding hands the task is to stay connected and try to untangle themselves so that they are in a circle again. (For best results use between six and 10 children for each circle).

3) **SAY:** Last week some of you used the newspapers to search for prayer requests. Today we will be using the papers as well so let's get familiar with the paper today.

DO: Scavenger Hunt—Divide the recruits into teams or use individuals (depending on the number of papers you have). On "go" have the recruits search for something in the paper (i.e. find the comics). Then give the first person/team to raise up their paper a point. Continue with other parts of the paper...find a coloured photo, find news from another country, find news from your city, find a picture of an animal, find an advertisement, etc.



Mission Uplink 1



Have ready YouTube playlist: "Season 1 – Partners In Mission Episode 3: As A Family We Pray for Each Other"

Play "Partners In Mission (S1) Episode 3 (1/4)". Episode begins with the *Ready to Serve* theme song, followed automatically by the MISSION # 1 VIDEO. Pause the video when the MISSION # 1 CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete Mission # 1.

If using PPT for video, have PIM-Episode_3-Pray_For_Each_Other.pptx ready and play slide one. Pause on the MISSION # 1 CARD so you and your recruits can complete Mission # 1.



Mission #1



Supplies Needed

- Key verse written out on large paper for the recruits to see—**Ephesians 6:18 "Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests."**

OPTION 1

- Slips of paper to put inside balloons which give reasons that we are to pray for other believers (listed below – **include both the statement that is written in bold and the script included below in each one**), blow up the balloons and attach with a string long enough to be tied around the recruit's ankle; repeat each reason until there are enough balloons for each child (review helps the recruits to remember anyway)

Paper # 1 – **In prayer we call on God to provide protection and care for those who serve Him.**

"Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering." Hebrews 13:3

Think of Hussin who could be killed if the wrong people find out that he is a Christian. There are people who are in prison around the world who are there because they told someone about Jesus. There are people who have been hurt because they are Christians; there are people who are really tired because they never stop telling others about Jesus.

Paper # 2 – **In prayer we call on God to help people face challenges in their lives.**

Paul says that God had delivered him from almost dying AND that the people in the church at Corinth helped him and his team by their prayers. (2 Corinthians 1:10-11) Perhaps their prayers gave Paul and his friends strength. God protected them from more harm and gave them courage to continue to tell others about Jesus in answer to the prayers of the people at the church in Corinth.

Paper # 3 – **In prayer we call on God to give people opportunities to tell others about Him.**

In the Bible Paul says, "And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it



clearly as I should." (Colossians 4:3, 4) We pray for people to have a chance to tell others about Jesus at the perfect time and with the right words.

Paper # 4 – In prayer we call on God to help people understand the truth of His Word.

2 Thessalonians 3:1 says, "...pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honoured, just as it was with you." Sometimes people listening to us don't quite understand the love that we want to share about Jesus and even mix it up, so we ask Him to help them to understand and to keep what is said true.

Paper # 5 – In prayer we call on God to keep people safe when they are delivering the message about Him.

It says in 2 Thessalonians 3:2, "And pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men, for not everyone has faith." As we will find out later today, some people who share the love of Jesus are actually hurt for sharing their faith. We need to pray for their protection.

Paper # 6 – In prayer we call on God to help people share His love courageously.

Ephesians 6:19 says, "Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel." It can be scary to tell others about the love of Jesus so we pray that people would not be afraid.

OR OPTION 2

- Same as above but have just six balloons stuck to a backing that can withstand having darts thrown at it
- Darts

OR OPTION 3

- Same as above but put the slips of paper in envelopes and hide them throughout the room, church, garden



Mission Assignment

SAY: Recruits, you have had a very busy couple of weeks learning about what it is to be "Partners in Mission" and letting everyone know what it is to be a part of the family of Jesus. One thing that we are called to do as part of this world wide family is to pray for other believers. We really have no choice, the Bible says in Ephesians 6:18 "Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests." So, let's find out what our mission is right now. Michael has given us a hint. Drum roll please. (Have the recruits do a drum roll).

SAY: (Reading mission card from satellite uplink), "Recruits, your mission is to search the Bible to find out why we should pray for other believers."

DO: Choose one of the following options:

Option 1) Have each recruit tie a balloon around his/her ankle. At "go" the recruits will go around and try to pop each other's balloons. When there is only one player left he/she can pop his/



her balloon. Have the recruits go around and pick up all the balloon pieces and papers with the reasons to pray on them. Make sure each recruit has a paper from the balloons. Sit together and have recruits read their slip of paper while a writer writes the reason for prayer on a piece of chart paper for all to see.

OR

Option 2) Have the balloons stuck to a large Styrofoam (or soft backing) and choose individuals to come up and throw a dart at a balloon to pop it. That individual could then read the attached reason for praying. Have a writer write the reason for prayer on a piece of chart paper for all to see.

OR

Option 3) We have hidden six (you may want to double up on some) envelopes around the room (gym, church, garden). On “go” your task as a team is to find as many of them as possible in two minutes. Once the envelopes have been found, have readers read them aloud while a writer writes down the reasons that we pray.

SAY: Later today we will be looking at some real situations that will require us to pray for safety, courage, and understanding of some of the believers around the world.



Mission Uplink 2



YouTube: Play “Partners In Mission (S1) Episode 3 (2/4)”. Pause the video when the MISSION # 2 CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete Mission # 2.

PPT: Click to advance to next slide. Pause video when MISSION #2 CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete Mission # 2.



Mission #2



Supplies Needed

- Paper and writing tools to use in creating a group collage
- Large sheet of Bristol board, glue, scissors for a large group collage (or a few sheets if you want the recruits to create more than one collage)
- Many current newspapers and magazines (Just for Kids, The Salvationist) for kids to look through and cut out headlines/pictures of items of prayer OR copies of The Salvation Army Year Book that recruits can use to create their own headlines
- Write out the websites below for the recruits to take home (leave a space for additional websites) AND include Ephesians 3:14-21 written out in full for them on the same page
- Computer and projector for viewing some websites with the recruits—check the set up ahead of time and go on to the following websites to be sure that you can get the sites that you want: kidsofcourage.com or teachingkidsnews.com or vomcanada.com



It is ideal to actually look up the sites together but if it's not possible to have computer access use the following information to create cue cards of current information about Christians and situations around the world to be prayed for AND try to look up some of the information for yourself that is more relevant to the population you live in (i.e. if you live where there are many Filipino immigrants, etc.):

1) Lee lived in North Korea as a child. His father was put in prison because someone heard him talk about liking Americans. Lee didn't understand what had happened. Lee heard about Jesus on a secret radio broadcast. He didn't understand much at the time but then he became a Christian. He moved from North Korea and went to South Korea where he could live out his faith more. He is now an adult in South Korea and he and some friends fill special balloons with Bible verses and float them in the air praying that they will arrive in North Korea and that people will find out the truth about Jesus. (kidsofcouragemag.com).

2) Mark, a 6 year old Christian living in Iraq started school for the first time. Most of his neighbours are not Christian. Many Christians have left Iraq because they are hurt because of their faith. Mark's family is staying. At school Mark started to tell his friends to pray in Jesus' name and he began telling Bible stories at recess. As a result, kids started taking his toys and a teacher even singled him out to cause him trouble. He now has no friends to play with except his sister. But, he is standing tall and not backing down on his faith. In fact, through encouragement and prayer from his family and church he is praying for others to be healed. Please pray for him and other Iraqi Christians. (kidsofcourage.com)

3) Christianity is restricted in China, meaning that people cannot obtain Bibles or other literature and it may be dangerous to worship there. Missionaries are illegal in China but still, through the prayers of many people there are Chinese people who are getting saved. These Christians worship in house churches that are not approved by the government. Please pray that the Chinese people will come to Jesus and be protected from harm. (kidsofcourage.com)

4) Christianity is restricted in Somalia. Very few Somalis are Christian. If they are, they keep their faith secret. Christians who openly share the love of Jesus are in danger of seriously being hurt because of their faith. Even with these risks, some Somalis are becoming Christians. Somalia has also had a very difficult time with famine and they are in desperate need of prayer. (kidsofcourage.com)

5) In 2011 The Salvation Army celebrated its 10th anniversary in Romania. Please pray for the four corps there and the laundry project which is helping to meet the needs of the gypsy people there. (The Salvation Army Yearbook, 2011).

6) Pray for the South America East Territory of The Salvation Army. The Territory is seeking to strengthen its leaders, train pastors and grow thrift stores so that The Salvation Army can keep running all of its programs. (The Salvation Army Yearbook, 2011).



Mission Assignment

SAY: Well recruits we have a bit of an idea of why we need to pray for other believers but as Michael said, we need to find out where we can find information to make our prayers specific. God likes it when we are specific in our prayers. Let's find out what our mission is. (Reading mission card from satellite uplink), "Recruits, use the resources you have to find out what you can pray for believers around the world."



SAY: Our verse for the day says that we should pray on all occasions. That means that when you are on the internet, reading a newspaper or magazine, looking at an ad at the bus shelter that you can be praying for people and situations.

DO: Complete the following tasks with your recruits:

- 1) Show the recruits some of the information on the websites and have them write a headline of something to pray for or draw a picture that shows the prayer request for others (this will eventually be used for a collage) OR if you are using the cue cards, have some recruits read the information on the cards and have them write headlines or draw pictures. Ask the recruits if anyone else has websites that they know of which would be good for this task. Hand out the business cards with the three websites listed so that they can refer to them throughout the week.
- 2) Hand out the newspapers and magazines and have recruits either individually or in small groups look through them to find articles that show people in need of prayer. As they find articles have them cut out the headline, article or picture.
- 3) Using the pictures and headlines that have either been created or cut out, have the recruits create a collage to show all of the prayer needs that they have found for believers and others around the world.

SAY: We have found out many prayer needs and ways that we can find out about people's prayer requests. Later on today we will be using our collage to pray for our "Partners in Mission" wherever they are. Let's get back to the Recon Team and hear what they have to say.



Mission Uplink 3



YouTube: Play "Partners In Mission (S1) Episode 3 (3/4)". Pause the video when the PRAYER HUDDLE CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the prayer huddle.

PPT: Click to advance to next slide. Pause video when PRAYER HUDDLE CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the prayer huddle.



Prayer Huddle



Supplies Needed

- Collage ready for prayer huddle

Directions

SAY: As Michael said, "prayer changes things." It is our job to pray hard for the believers around the world so that they can be protected, encouraged, strengthened, given the words to say, helped with their challenges. Let's take some time right now to pray. I'm going to get out our prayer collage and we will stand around it to show that we stand around other believers in love and support. Anyone who feels comfortable can pray for one of these situations or people. If you don't feel comfortable praying out loud, say one of the headlines that you see or pray in your head.

DO: Conclude the prayer time with someone reading Ephesians 3:14-21.





Field Mission Project



YouTube: Play "Partners In Mission (S1) Episode 3 (4/4)". Pause the video when the RTS SHIELD appears and remains on screen as you and your recruits complete the Field Mission Project.

PPT: Click to advance to next slide. Pause video when RTS SHIELD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the Field Mission Project



Supplies Needed

- Papers with websites and Ephesians 3:14-21
- Field mission options written out for the recruits

Mission Project

SAY: We have learned a lot today about the needs of believers in this great big world. We have been reminded that we are to pray in the Spirit on all occasions and we have found some resources out there that we can use to pray specifically for others. This week we need you to get involved in encouraging others to pray because prayer is our secret weapon. Here are some options for you to get started in sharing prayers with others.

DO: Hand out papers with these options written out for the recruits.

1) Introduce a friend to one of the websites that we saw today, look up information on the site and then create a prayer chain of prayers with them OR trace your hands on paper, cut out the paper and write a prayer for the world-wide believers on each finger. Pray aloud Ephesians 3:14-21 together when you are finished.

2) Together with a friend or family member go through the newspaper and cut out headlines or pictures that show people in need of prayer. Create a prayer collage together. Pray aloud Ephesians 3:14-21 together when you are finished.

SAY: Have a great week and remember to use the tools around you to find out the needs of others and then pray.



Squad Leaders be send your recruits a reminder to encourage others through prayer.

NOTES

Websites to share with recruits:

OperationWorld.org (How to pray for others around the world)

TeachingKidsNews.com (Readable and teachable news for students in grades 2-8)

