

We Welcome You, Lord Jesus!

A CHILDREN'S COMPANION TO **SEEK GOD FOR THE CITY 2012**

We are going to pray for other people in our towns and neighborhoods and schools for 40 days in a row. Many Christians all over the world are praying for the people who live in their cities during the very same 40 days, using the same Bible verses that we will read as we pray.

When Jesus lived among the people of His town, He helped many of them by God's power. He helped the people who wanted Him and invited Him to make them different. Today, we can be the ones to invite Jesus to visit the people of our neighborhoods and towns. Many of them don't know Jesus yet. But Jesus wants very much to visit them and help them live with God's joy and blessing. Our prayers will help welcome Jesus to come closer to the people so that they can meet Him and follow Him too.

"WEEK" ONE, PART ONE:
FEBRUARY 22–FEBRUARY 25, 2012





Revival of the Church: We will begin our 40 days of prayer by praying for the people who already know God. We will pray with lots of hope for them to learn even more about Him. When our hearts wake up to new things about God, we love Him even more.

1

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 22

Praying to bring light

Read: Luke 1:76-78

Pray: Wherever You are God, You bring light and good. Your love comes like bright sunshine into the places of our hearts that are dark and have bad feelings. We want You to come with all your heavenly light and change us to be more like Jesus. People all over our city need You to come and chase darkness from their lives with Your great love. Help us be lights in our schools and with our friends. Come today, Lord. You are welcome in every area of our lives.

- Pray for God to gently show us the sin in our lives and to set us free.
- Pray that God would send His people into places that need His love and that we would do a good job sharing.

2

THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 23

Praying to slow us down

Read: Matthew 11:28-29

Pray: We are busy with stuff a lot of the time, Lord. We forget to listen and hear what You have to talk to us about. You invite us to come and learn all about how to know You better and better. You are so great but you still want to spend time with us and teach us to love other people like You do. We do want to know You and be more like You. Help us not be so busy that we forget that the things You care about are the most important.

- Pray for God to get our attention and slow our busy-ness down so He can teach us His ways.
- Pray for us to stop being proud and instead to be like Jesus.

3

FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 24

Praying to get well all over

Read: Mark 2:17

Pray: Jesus, You tell us You are like a doctor who cares for sick people. People who might be sick in their bodies or maybe they could be sick because their hearts are empty without You. Sometimes people don't have any idea that they are really missing You even though You so want to come and be their doctor. We all have places we want Your healing power. Come today, Jesus, into the hearts and bodies of all the sick people in our city – we need You.

- Pray for people to be tired of the same old sins and want to change.
- Pray for Jesus to change people with His love.

4

SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 25

Praying to scrub our hearts clean

Read: Mark 1:40-41

Pray: Lord Jesus, the man with leprosy had to live alone, far from his family and friends because his disease made him unclean. You loved him so much that You healed him right away when he asked. Today we want to bravely ask You to heal us from the things that make us unclean. Take away the mean and unkind things in our hearts that keep us far from You and from others. Scrub our hearts clean just like you healed the man with leprosy.

- Pray that people will want to be healed from sin more than anything else.
- Pray that people who feel like nothing will ever change or be better will come to know God's great love for them.

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"WEEK" ONE, PART TWO:
FEBRUARY 26–MARCH 3, 2012

February 26-March 3, Days 5-11: We are in the middle of 40 days of praying for other people in our towns and neighborhoods and schools. During this week we will ask God to renew the spiritual life of Christians. Our prayers will help welcome Jesus to come closer to many others so that they can meet Him and follow Him too.

5

SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 26

Praying to fill us up so we are running over

Read: John 7:37-39

Pray: You stood up long ago and asked a crowd of people if they were thirsty for God. You told them that You would give them a drink. Those people realized they needed a Holy Spirit drink from You. That one and only kind of water just comes from You. They got it – they needed Your special living, loving water to keep them filled up and running over to share with other people. We want that kind of drink today too – fill us up with You.

- Pray that people in our city would be thirsty for God.
- Pray that Christians would be like waterfalls of God's love to everyone they meet.

6

MONDAY
FEBRUARY 27

Praying to hang in there

Read: Luke 18:1

Pray: We know it is important to pray, and we want to pray. We've just been praying for six days and there are 33 more days we want to pray together with our family. That seems like a lot of praying yet to do and it is easy to want to give up. We are not strong enough to do it all by ourselves. Come, Jesus, and change our hearts so that we can hardly wait to pray. Help us hear You calling us to come and be with You and pray every day. Hanging out with You is worth it.

- Pray that we will have the stick-to-it-ness that we need, so that we can meet with Jesus every day.
- Pray that our churches and families will get together to pray this season.

7

TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 28

Praying to open a present

Read: John 17:22

Pray: Jesus, You say that You gave us the gift of Your glory in this scripture. That is an amazing present. We get to be like You – kind and loving, strong and majestic – and like a gift to all the people we know. Thank you for sharing who You are with us. Teach us how to be great presents – sharing Your wonderful gift of love to those who don't know You yet.

- Pray that Christians in our city do a good job of showing people who don't know You what You are really like.
- Pray that Christians in every church in our town will pray together and cheer each other on.





Revival of the Church: This week we will pray for the people in our city who already know Jesus. We will pray with lots of hope for them to learn even more about Him. When our hearts wake up to new things about God, we love Him even more.

8

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 29

Praying to have fun worshipping

Read: Luke 10:21

Pray: Today we want to remember that it is good and right to worship You in all kinds of ways. We can sing and dance, clap or play an instrument, or sit quietly and think; we can draw and paint our worship to You or lie down on our backs and watch the sky. You, God, can fill up our hearts with overflowing joy no matter how we worship. Just like Jesus we want to praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth. You made everything we see and everything we have, You gave us life. You are amazing and we worship You.

- Pray for Christians to worship with joy.
- Pray for people who are often sad to discover new joy as they worship You.

9

THURSDAY
MARCH 1

Praying to love God with all our hearts

Read: Mark 12:30-31

Pray: Lord Jesus, You don't hide what You want us to do – You tell us you want us to love You and love our neighbors with all our hearts. Your commandment is not always easy – it's hard to love sometimes. Our neighbors aren't always easy to love; we wonder just how to show someone Your love. Open our eyes so we can see like You, give us great ideas and show us creative ways to love other people.

- Pray for people to be encouraged by the way neighbors show love to one another.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to give us real love for people that are hard to love.

10

FRIDAY
MARCH 2

Praying to find lonely people

Read: John 4:16, 30

Pray: You care so much, Lord Jesus, for broken families and for lonely people that You try all the time to find them places and people to comfort them. Show people in our city today that You love them – no matter how their families became broken or why they are lonely. Give each lonely person a place in a home or in a church family. Show us how to recognize people who need Your love and let us be the ones to welcome them.

- Pray for people you know whose parents are divorced.
- Pray for God to heal the sad and lonely hearts of people who are separated from people they love.
- Pray that Jesus would bring peace into the homes of all the people in our city.

11

SATURDAY
MARCH 3

Praying to see Jesus

Read: John 1:14

Pray: Jesus, You came to live on earth long ago as a baby born in a stable – we are still surprised that the King of kings came like this! You lived in a neighborhood and in a family just like we do today. You understand us. We want to keep that surprised feeling of the way You came to earth and the truth of who You are right in front of our thoughts. Come and teach us more about Your grace and truth.

- Pray that people everywhere would love you more than anything else.
- Pray for God to show how amazing He is to everyone in our city.

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WEEK TWO:

MARCH 4–MARCH 10, 2012

March 4-10, Days 12-18: We are in the middle of 40 days of praying for other people in our towns and neighborhoods and schools. This week we will pray especially for people who do not know God. Our prayers will help welcome Jesus to come closer to many others so that they can meet Him and follow Him too.

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SUNDAY
MARCH 4

Praying to have opened eyes

Read: Matthew 13:15

Pray: Many people we know and see every day don't follow You, Jesus. Other people have said "no" when they have heard about You because they don't really know You. It's just like they are closing their eyes and covering their ears. They don't hear You or see You or realize that You love them. Please heal their broken places and the ways they are afraid to trust You. Open their eyes and ears to Your great love.

- Pray for people who don't yet trust Jesus to open their hearts to Him.
- Pray for someone in your family who doesn't know the Lord.

13

MONDAY
MARCH 5

Praying to find lost ones

Read: Luke 15:20

Pray: In this scripture-story the lost son had been gone from home a very long time and his father missed him. When the son came up the road the father could not have been more excited to have him back again. God, You are like that father who really loved his son even though he had been far away for a long time. We pray today for people who are like runaway sons and daughters to You, that they will come home to You and enjoy Your love. You can hardly wait.

- Pray that people who are far from You will come home to You.
- Pray for God to show how loving He is to everyone in our city.

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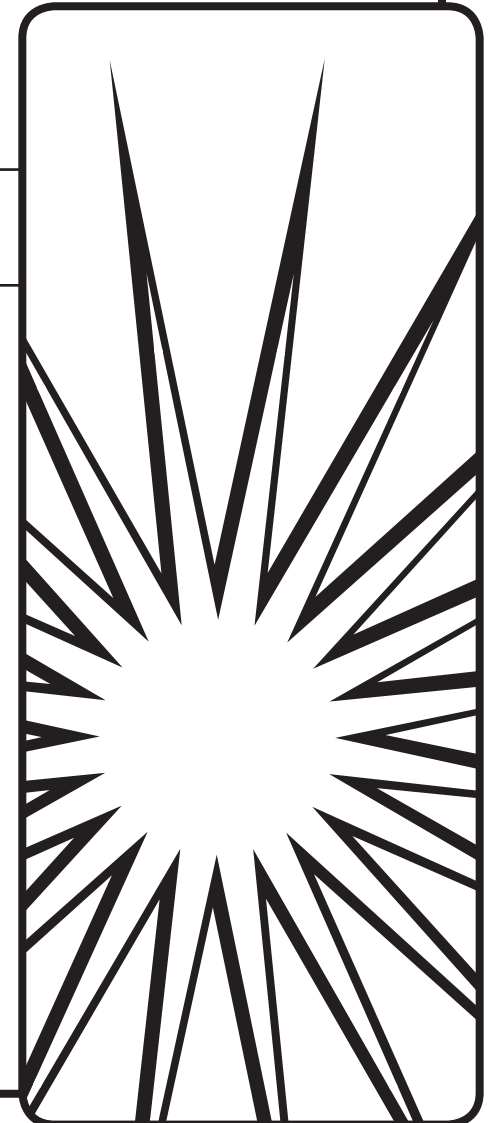
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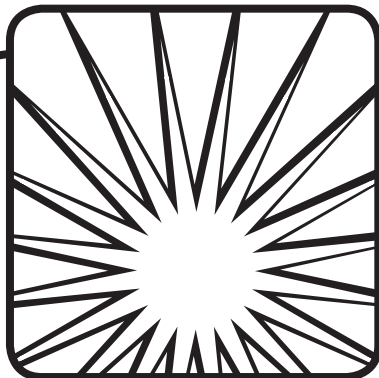
Praying to have mercy

Read: Luke 18:13-14

Pray: Just like the tax collector who asked that You would forgive him and welcome him into Your family – we ask for Your mercy. We've done things that aren't good and aren't pleasing to You. We've been mean and not fair sometimes like the tax collector. We are sorry and we ask You to forgive us. We want to change our ways. We trust that You will have mercy on us and that You always welcome us and love us.

- Pray that many people would pray for their city today.
- Pray for people all over our city to turn to God.





Spiritual Awakening: This week we will pray especially for people who don't yet know Jesus; that they would be like people who wake up and realize what they are missing. Loving God and serving Him is a good thing. All through history we know that when God's people pray for others they DO wake up and come to the Lord.

15

WEDNESDAY
MARCH 7

Praying to get some better food

Read: Luke 15:17-18

Pray: Jesus, the lost boy in this scripture suddenly realized he didn't have to eat pig food. He had a dad at home who loved him and would give him good food. There are people we know who don't understand that the unhealthy things they do aren't what You want for them. Show them the 'pig food' kinds of things they do. Help them to suddenly realize the truth too. Help them to choose to come to You and the good things You have for them just like the lost boy and his father.

- Pray for people to see that even if the life they have chosen is something like a pig pen, that He wants them home with Him again.
- Pray for everyone who needs to come home to start for home today

16

THURSDAY
MARCH 8

Praying to have new life

Read: John 5:25

Pray: Jesus, many people walk around looking alive but really their spirits are dead. The bad things they have done and the ways they have been hurt by others makes them not even know who You are or that You are calling them to a true and good life. Be loud, Jesus. So loud with your love that they hear You and know You and come to Your call.

- Pray for people who are asleep in their hearts to wake up to God.
- Pray for all the churches in our town to teach God's truth in ways that lost people understand.

17

FRIDAY
MARCH 9

Praying to overcome

Read: Luke 10:17-20

Pray: Jesus, You are the rescuer who saves people from all kinds of bad things. We trust You to be strong and to defeat all the power of the enemies of the lives You have planned for us and of all our friends. Come, Heavenly Father and move in your awesome power for all the people in our city who are stuck in the enemy's plans. You can do it! You are our Champion.

- Pray for freedom for people who are captured by the lies of the enemies of God.
- Pray that God's purpose for our city will soon be fulfilled.

18

SATURDAY
MARCH 10

Praying to have the best show and tell

Read: Mark 5:19

Pray: Jesus, You are doing amazing things all over our city in the lives of people we know and many that we don't know. We want to hear the stories. Would you give people courage to tell others all the good news about what You are doing? Help us not be shy. Instead, help everyone who knows You to share the stories of Your goodness and mercy. People will thank You and give You glory.

- Pray for the stories of God's goodness to be told all over our city.
- Pray for nobody who has a great God story to be shy but to tell their story everywhere.
- Pray for courage to tell someone a God story of your own today.

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WEEK THREE:

MARCH 11–MARCH 17, 2012

March 11-17, Days 19-25: We are in the middle of 40 days of praying for other people in our neighborhoods and schools. This week we will pray for God's peace to come in and change the places where there are troubles. Our prayers will help welcome Jesus to come closer to many others so that they can meet Him and follow Him too.

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SUNDAY
MARCH 11

Praying to reach every part of every city

Read: Luke 4:43

Pray: Jesus, You said that it was God's plan for His kingdom to come to every city. So that means people here and everywhere must hear Your word and Your stories of truth and know Your love. We pray today for this to really happen in our lifetime – we want people everywhere to know You. Give everyone who knows You a great idea today about how to help spread the good news.

- Pray that Christians really live with joy so that others are interested and drawn to Jesus.
- Pray that Christians do in our city the things Jesus did in His.

20

MONDAY
MARCH 12

Praying to heal hearts and change lives

Read: Luke 19:7-9

Pray: Jesus, You were a friend to Zacchaeus, even though he had done many wrong things. His heart was healed when You became his friend and he realized You loved him. He started to be a better person. Instead of cheating people he became honest and gave back money he had stolen. Come, Lord, to people in our city who need changed hearts. Show us how to be a friend to others the way You are a friend.

- Pray that Jesus would change many people's lives so that they use their money for good things to help people.
- Pray for people to be like Jesus and encourage their friends to be honest.

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TUESDAY
MARCH 13

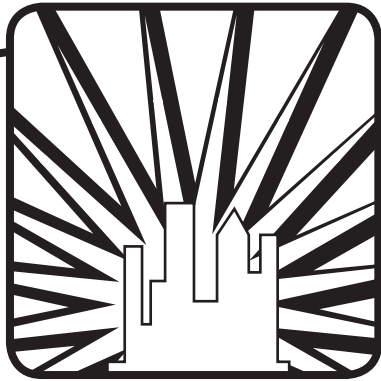
Praying to bring help

Read: Matthew 9:36

Pray: Jesus, there are people all over our city who need You like sheep need a shepherd. Sometimes they don't even know they are lost or that they need help. Some people are sick, some are just lonely, and there are many poor people who don't have things they need. They are like helpless sheep who need You to be their shepherd and the one who rescues them from their troubles. We pray that You will have compassion today.

- Pray for Christians to see the needs of poor people and find ways to really help them.
- Pray that Jesus would bring healing to broken families.





Transformation: This week we will pray for God to bring changes in the way people live all over our community. God is already helping people to change so that they can live with joy and peace.

22

WEDNESDAY
MARCH 14

Praying to find lost things

Read: Luke 19:10

Pray: Jesus, You came to find lost things. You told stories about lost sheep and lost coins and even about a lost son. You don't stop looking for people who are far away from You. You keep calling them and keep loving them. Lots of people in our town are lost and empty and unhappy and they need to be found by You. They are more precious than sheep or coins. Come today, Lord, and find them quickly.

- Pray for friends, family members and neighbors who are far from God.
- Pray that people would come to know God's truth instead of lies they have believed in the past.
- Pray that we would get to join with God as He finds and rescues people.

23

THURSDAY
MARCH 15

Praying to heal what needs healing

Read: Luke 22:50-51

Pray: Jesus, one of Your friends was frightened and confused and badly hurt another person. You healed the hurt man so he could hear You and know Your love. We can sometimes be hurtful, too. We have said or done mean things, hurting our friends or brothers and sisters. Even things that seem small can be so hurtful to people that it can keep them from knowing You. Ouch! That's not what we want. We really want people to know You and Your amazing goodness and love. Change us to be more like You.

- Pray that our actions and words to others would not harm, but help.
- Pray for people who feel like Christians have hurt them.

24

FRIDAY
MARCH 16

Praying to become like Him

Read: Matthew 9:13

Pray: Jesus, teach us to be good students of the things that are important to You. You love mercy and for people to really care for and serve one another. Not just when it is easy but all the time. It's Your plan for everyone who sins to be forgiven and for everyone who doesn't do the right thing to learn how to do what is best. It's Your plan for our lives to show others how great You are. Keep teaching us to be like You so we can love others like You do.

- Pray that Christians in our city would be known for loving one another well.
- Pray that our church would be known for being a safe place for hurting and broken people.

25

SATURDAY
MARCH 17

Praying to grow spiritual fruit

Read: Matthew 21:43

Pray: Jesus, You want to build Your people into an army of farmers. Instead of apples, pears and bananas Your plan is to have the people You love to grow more people who love You like farmers plant crops. People who love You can hardly help themselves – they just keep telling more people about You and Your goodness. The harvest will fill the world – not just baskets and barns. Help us be amazing farmers of Your word.

- Pray for God's kingdom to grow in our city like a healthy crop.
- Pray that Christians would show the fruits of God's Spirit in their lives: such as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

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WEEK FOUR:

MARCH 18–MARCH 24, 2012

March 18-24, Days 26-32: We are in the middle of 40 days of praying for people of our neighborhoods and schools. This week we'll pray that people from all the different groups, languages, races and cultures will come to know God. Our prayers will help welcome Jesus to come closer to many others so that they can meet Him and follow Him too.

26

SUNDAY
MARCH 18

Praying to find harvest workers

Read: Luke 10:2

Pray: Jesus, You say there are people all over the world who are ready to hear Your word and to become Your people. They are like a ripe harvest field. Some of Your harvest is in far-off countries. But there are also overlooked people and places in our city. We pray that You will send people who love You (like us!), as if they were harvesting farmers, to the people who are ready to hear about You in our city and in many other places around the world.

- Pray for harvesters in every school, business and neighborhood in our city and for many to go to other nations.
- Pray for churches to teach many of God's people to be great harvesters.

27

MONDAY
MARCH 19

Praying to make the Lord famous

Read: Matthew 6:9

Pray: Father in Heaven, we want Your name to be famous – for it to be the best known name all over the world. We want the name of our God to be honored and precious on every continent and in each country, in every neighborhood and home. We want who You really are to be recognized and dearly loved because You are God.

- Pray that people everywhere would know God's name and the wonderful things He is doing.
- Pray that the lies people have believed about God would be thrown out, and instead, that the truth about God would be known.

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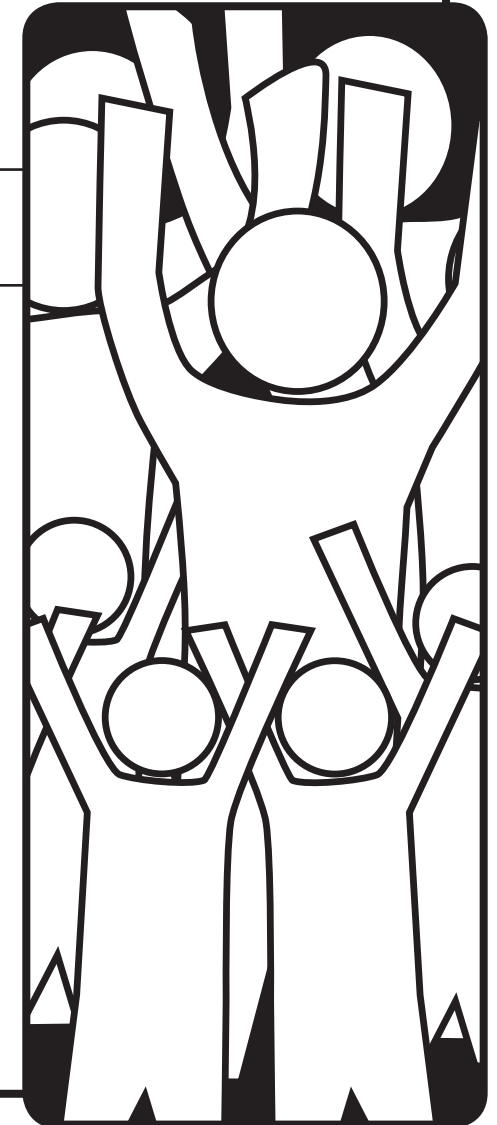
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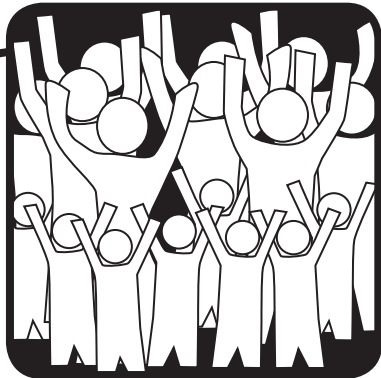
Praying to celebrate more

Read: Luke 19:37

Pray: Jesus, when people prayed and asked and trusted, and then saw Your miracles, they began to celebrate with joy. Seeing You answer prayer filled them with thankful praise. Show more people Your love for them as You answer their prayers. We want these kinds of celebration parties in our city. Show us how to be LOUD, like they were, in our thanks and praise for You.

- Pray that miracles and answered prayers would be what people talk about in our city.
- Pray that everyone in our town who is asking the Lord for something today would see signs of God's care.





Evangelization: This week we will pray for many people from every tribe and language and culture to hear about Jesus and to become loving, worshipping followers of Jesus. Some of them have come to our country from distant lands. God desires each of the peoples to enjoy knowing and loving Him.

29

WEDNESDAY
MARCH 21

Praying to bless our leaders

Read: John 18:37

Pray: Wow, Jesus. You were so brave that You told everyone the whole truth, even a leader who could have hurt You. You were not shy to say the reasons You came to the world. You came so that people everywhere could have life. We pray that good and honest people would be the ones to lead our city and our country. We pray that their decisions would be good for all people and that each one would reflect Your character.

- Pray that all the men and women who govern in our city would respect and honor God.
- Pray that all the courts in our country would follow God's plan for mercy and justice.

30

THURSDAY
MARCH 22

Praying to finish the job

Read: Matthew 28:17-20

Pray: Jesus, You promised that You would be with us as we work with You to finish the task of telling everyone everywhere about You so that You will have some from every people and language that love You. Although many people know about You and follow You, there are still many who have yet to hear about You. Send us to people across the street or across the world so that they can hear the good news of Your love, and that You will be loved by many of them.

- Pray that every people group in our city will hear about Jesus.
- Pray that Christians will be faithful to do their part in getting Jesus loved in every people and place.

31

FRIDAY
MARCH 23

Praying to find Jesus

Read: Matthew 21:10

Pray: Jesus, it is a great question when people ask, "Who is this?" about You. We are praying today that our city and in cities all over the world people will be curious about who You are and what You can mean in their lives. We pray that the hearts of all people who don't know You would start to seek and want to learn about You. Help us to be ready to share Your story to the ones who are searching.

- Pray that people in our city would be curious to know more about God.
- Pray for people who know God already to want to know more and grow stronger.

32

SATURDAY
MARCH 24

Praying to find more worshipers

Read: John 4:23

Pray: You are looking for what You deserve, Lord, more and more people to know and worship You. It must make You happy to hear all those different languages telling about how great You are! We want to be a part of finding more people to love and worship You. Send us to people who need You, show us who in our city You want to come and be a part of the worship. Make lots of joyful worshipers of all the people who come to know You.

- Pray that God would be worshiped all over our city, even in schools, businesses and public places.
- Pray for people to love and worship God with all their minds and hearts.

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WEEK FIVE:

MARCH 25–MARCH 31, 2012

March 25-March 31, Days 33-39: We are praying 40 days in a row for other people in our neighborhoods and schools. During this week we'll be asking God to help people everywhere learn to like each other and live peacefully. Our prayers will help welcome Jesus to come closer to many others so that they can meet Him and follow Him too.

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SUNDAY
MARCH 25

Praying for hope to grow

Read: Matthew 12:21

Pray: Father, You made people all different colors, living in different countries, with different languages and customs. You must enjoy our different colors and ways, because You made us that way. Teach us to see our different colors and languages and customs as something that You love. Give us hopeful expectation of something good to be found in everyone because You made them.

- Pray that people who are angry and hurt with one another will learn to forgive.
- Pray that different kinds of people will be patient and kind toward each other because of how Jesus has changed their hearts.

34

MONDAY
MARCH 26

Praying for God to be great in hard times

Read: Matthew 24:7-8, 14

Pray: Father, there are lots of arguments and wars and misunderstanding in the world today. You are the one who can bring peace. You are the one who understands each heart and all the reasons why people are angry and afraid and unhappy. Would You please come into our world in new ways in these days and bring Your word? We are waiting for You. We want Your plan for heaven's peace for every city in these days.

- Pray for the people to turn to God, even in hard times.
- Pray that the good news about Jesus will be told, even in days when there is a lot of bad news.

35

TUESDAY
MARCH 27

Praying for Christians to love others

Read: Luke 6:27-28

Pray: Jesus, You ask us to do what seems impossible. You tell us to love people who are mean to us, to do good things for people who hate us, to bless people who say ugly things about us and to even pray for people who are not kind. Change our hearts so that we can show real love to others and so we can be more like You. Teach us to hear and obey You carefully as we learn how to do this big thing.

- Pray that Christians would be kind instead of mean to the people who hurt them.
- Pray for God to comfort those people in countries who have to hide their love for Jesus.





Reconciliation: Our last week of praying together will be about bringing people together. We'll pray that God brings all kinds of people who are different from one another and who don't understand one another together to learn to like and to appreciate each other.

36

WEDNESDAY
MARCH 28

Praying for us to fall first

Read: Luke 20:18

Pray: Lord, we want to fall on You first – before we get smashed! We want to choose to be obedient to Your plan before our wrong choices get us into trouble. Help us to hear Your ways and to do what You have in mind. Call all the people in our city to have soft hearts and to be quick to follow the way You lead. We trust that Your way is the best.

- Pray that people with pride-filled hearts would become soft-hearted instead.
- Pray that the Christians in our city would be humble and kind.

37

THURSDAY
MARCH 29

Praying to gather all people together

Read: Mark 11:17

Pray: Father, Your house is big enough for everyone. It is full of different languages and skin color and clothing. It has nobody who is selfish – but it is full of people whose hearts are like Yours. Everyone in Your house joins together to pray for even MORE people to come together to worship. Is there a way we could have some of this heaven on earth right now in our city? Help us build ways in our city for people to come together to praise You.

- Pray that all the different kinds of churches in our city would find ways of worshiping God together.
- Pray that people who love Jesus would also learn to love and honor people of other cultures.

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FRIDAY
MARCH 30

Praying to be teachable

Read: John 8:2

Pray: Jesus, when You came to teach in the temple courts people were so hungry to hear what You had to say they got up before the sun! They went to all kinds of trouble to interrupt their regular schedules. They hurried to find You and hear Your words. We pray that the kind of excitement for You that was in those days would also be in our days. Encourage our hearts to hurry to You and listen to Your words for us.

- Pray that all the pastors and teachers in our city would do their jobs really well.
- Pray that people who don't yet know God would ask good questions and get helpful answers from Christians.

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SATURDAY
MARCH 31

Praying to say 'yes'

Read: John 12:19

Pray: On the very first Palm Sunday people said, 'yes' to You and to Your plan instead of the way things had been before. They wanted Your new ways of love and joy instead of the old ways that just made them tired and sad. On the first Palm Sunday people 'got' who You are: the Messiah they had been hoping for. Today we pray that people all over our city will recognize You again and follow You. You are the hope they have been waiting for. Come Lord Jesus.

- Pray that many in our city who don't know God would see Him moving in unmistakable ways.
- Pray that in our city a great movement back to God would start and spread all over the world.

We Welcome You, Lord Jesus!

A CHILDREN'S COMPANION TO **SEEK GOD FOR THE CITY 2012**

"WEEK" SIX, PALM SUNDAY:
APRIL 1, 2012

Today is the final day of 40 days that we have been praying for people in our towns and neighborhoods and schools. Our prayers will help welcome Jesus to come closer to many others so that they can meet Him and follow Him too.

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PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 1

**Many people spread
their cloaks on the road,
while others spread branches
they had cut in the fields.
Those who went ahead and those
who followed shouted,
"Hosanna!
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord!"
— Mark 11:8-9**

Praying to welcome Jesus!

Read: Revelation 22:20

Pray: Jesus, it must have been amazing when the people threw down their coats and even the branches of the palm trees to honor You as you came into their city. What would it look like today for You to come into our town? Would we be the first to take off our coats, to grab branches and to honor You? We do welcome You today in our hearts and our communities and our churches. Let many people everywhere be open to Your coming. Come every day in our hearts, teach us to love You more and to anticipate Your coming again. Come quickly, Lord Jesus.

- **Pray that many in our city who don't know God would see Him moving in unmistakable ways.**
- **Pray that Christians would keep trusting in all the promises of God forever.**

