

ENCOURAGING Hebrews 10: 23-25

Father, you encourage us in so many ways through your Word and presence with us.

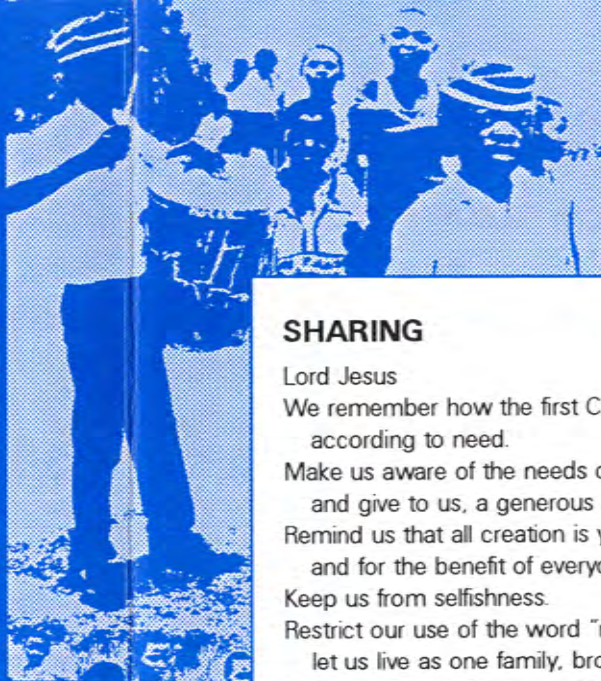
We thank you for the support of Jesus and of all who follow him.

Help us to speak words of encouragement to others:

- at home,
- in school,
- in church and
- at work.

We pray for all our youth leaders, and for your encouragement when problems arise and progress seems slow.

Encourage us all round the world to persevere, so that everywhere your Kingdom may be strengthened and your name honoured.



Pray for education among young people and for increased opportunities of employment

SHARING

Acts 2: 42-47

Lord Jesus

We remember how the first Christians shared according to need.

Make us aware of the needs of others and give to us, a generous spirit.

Remind us that all creation is yours and for the benefit of everyone to enjoy.

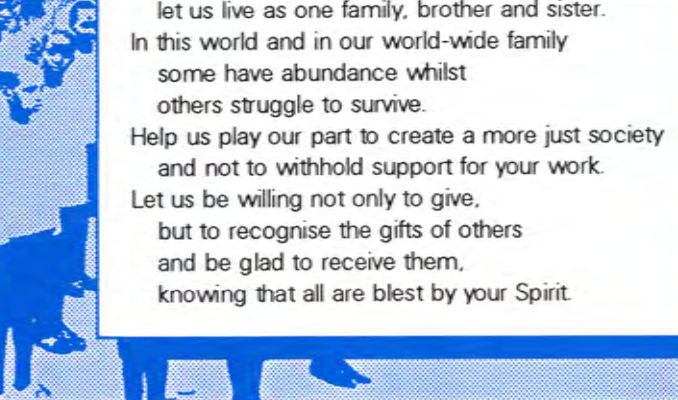
Keep us from selfishness.

Restrict our use of the word "mine" and let us live as one family, brother and sister.

In this world and in our world-wide family some have abundance whilst others struggle to survive.

Help us play our part to create a more just society and not to withhold support for your work.

Let us be willing not only to give, but to recognise the gifts of others and be glad to receive them, knowing that all are blest by your Spirit.



This leaflet can be used in a number of ways - at Bible Study, Church Service or at Camp. They may also be used in personal devotions. A number of specific concerns are listed under prayer points and these can be combined with topics in praying for others.

One family

One World



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COOPERATING 1 Corinthians 12: 12-20

Jesus

help us to work together.

Help us, as one family,

to experience the joy of fellowship, and know the unity of your Spirit.

Keep us from working against one another and competing for power and status.

Bring all under your care;

and let us share our praise of you.

For you are our hope and our salvation

You are our light in the depths of despair

You are the love that endures for all time.



Pray for all families under pressure from poverty, sickness, separation or conflict



1994 has been designated "The Year of the Family". In the World Conference we often describe ourselves as "a family of Christian Youth Organisations." We remember aspects of family life in our prayers this year.

LOVING

1 John 3:16-18

In a world so full of violence we need your peace;
In a world so ruled by fear we ask for understanding;
In a world adjusted to hate we seek your love.

Love conquers all;

It gives dignity and rejects none;

We, Lord, are called to love as you have loved us.

Through your love comes reconciliation,
the defeat of pride and envy.

Let your love burn in our hearts
that we may touch others

accepting and not rejecting;

free from every selfish desire.

And through your love may we each play our part
united by the common bond
which is Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.



Pray for an end to
conflict in
Sierra Leone

Pray for the safety of
Christians in Haiti



LEARNING

Proverbs 1:2-7

Lord,

You have been teaching us for generations;

Yet we are slow to learn.

We do not listen;

We do not see;

We lack concentration;

We run away to do what pleases us;

We care little for your will

and think of our own wellbeing.

Teach us to be good students.

When we are impetuous bring patience;

When we are anxious bring calm;

When we feel defeated give us hope;

That we may learn and grow

in wisdom and in stature,

in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Pray for the
fight against
AIDS and for
children
orphaned by
the disease



LISTENING

1 Samuel 3:2-10

Give to us the peace to listen
and the wisdom to understand.

Life is so busy that we do not take time
to stop

and to hear what others say.

Make us sensitive to others,
and to their inner cries.

Dispel preconceptions and prejudice
that our ears may be open.

Give to us humility, that we count ourselves
less than our brothers and sisters;
that their needs are heard
and that your voice is answered.

GROWING

Ephesians 4:11-16

Our Lord and Master,

We pray that your Kingdom grow.

Where there is evil give us courage to face it,
and strength to persevere.

Let us learn from our past experience,
and from the experience of others, so that
your word alone may be followed.

Correct us when we are wrong and
restore us to the right path.

Make us aware of our obligations and
willing to accept our responsibilities.

May we give dignity and respect identity,

But never forget

that we are all members of one family,
there to help and support each other
through every crisis.



Pray for the 30 million
children who live on
city streets and those
who are denied human
rights

FORGIVING

Matthew 6:9-15

God, you are always ready to forgive
and to give us a second chance.

Forgive us for the times we hurt others;
through selfish thought;

through carelessness;

through hasty words or action.

Forgive us all we take for granted and
for all we let pass by.

Help us in our family
to avoid conflict;

to be ready to see things from the viewpoint of others;
to be slow to condemn and

to be ready to accept.

Let us put aside all the hurt of the past and
forgive those who have angered and caused us harm.



Pray for
young people
in South
Africa as
they build
new
relationships

TALKING

Colossians 4:2-6

We like to be in control,
to dominate and to rule.

We like the sound of our own voice
and enjoy making noise.

Keep us from arrogance.

Let us speak your voice with
clear and measured tone.

Use us and our voices that your WORD may be heard.

Where there is isolation bring communication,

so that all may know we are part of one family;
in Christ

Where there is dissent bring dialogue
that all may know our differences are naught under you.

Let our words be full of your riches and blessing
that your peace prevail.