#### UNDERSTOOD 1 Samuel 3:7-10

The need to be understood to be loved to be valued, and to know that I am wanted. These I understand. They are not needs of me alone but of all people, young and old. Teach me to give as well as receive, to listen as well as to speak, to wait on others as well as to run, to serve rather than rule. For in such service we begin

the hard and rocky road to understanding. Of hearing and accepting

and of knowing the beauty that is Yours.

> Pray for resurgence of work in Papua New Guinea and for the efforts of church leaders to coordinate efforts around the country and its many varied communities

## LET US SOW FAITH

# Galatians 3:22-25

Where were you Lord when the fighting started? Where were you when we lost our way? Where were you when we were slighted, when we needed help the other day? We ask and ask, but fail to see our faith diminished by pride and envy and all that the world calls its own. We are fed doubts, and believe

We are fed doubts, and believe in half truths.

We walk blind and deaf to a tune of our own design.

So we fail to see you, Lord.

So we do not recognise your Son, for where the least of our brothers lies there You are also.

Having never left and trusting always in souls, who are weary and lost. Help us, Lord, not to ask, "Where?", to turn on our question with triumph and to acclaim

"There! There! There you are, Lord!"

Pray that Churches around the world hear the cry of young people and that they be supportive of all youth work programmes that seek to advance Christ's Kingdom among them

# ETERNAL LIFE

John 4:10-14

When I was young the world was so big. each day, a new adventure, each corner a new horizon. Now that I am old it is hard to imagine. My amazement is confined by knowledge and experience. But I have still so much to learn and time seems so very short. I have barely touched your vastness. Let me see with the eyes of a child and know again the excitement and wonder that each day brings. And let that delight shine in my eyes as I journey with Your children.



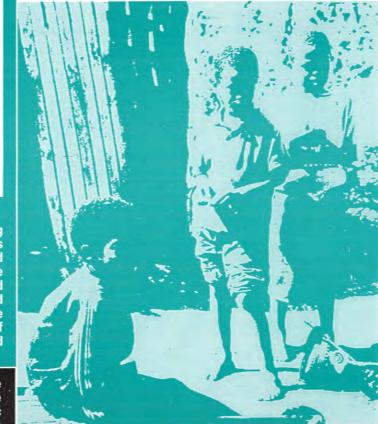
Pray that young people in countries around the world may grow in peace and fellowship and with the sure and steadfast knowledge that we are all part of one family under God

This leaflet can be used in a number of ways - at Bible Study, Church Service or at Camp. It 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.

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# instruments of your peace





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### SOWING LOVE 1 John 4:16-21

We, the world, your children, unhinged by hate, persuaded by prejudice, fractured by fear: We, your people, at war, caught up in violence,

guns, bullets, oppression,

divided in conflict. Violence in mind; easier to say, "I hate!" than to express our love. For love disarms and leaves us open. Yet it is doubly blessed, for it honours both giver and receiver alike. Your love condemns us not, It neither hinders nor confines: Your love frees us and our imagination in creative splendour that is to your glory and praise. So let us always honour You through our love for others. as we have first known the love of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Pray that religion may not be used as an excuse for hatred and bigotry

#### JOY

Let me live this moment full of joy and praise. Lift sadness from my face and let me fly once more with You.

Psalm 28:6-9

For sadness bears me down and binds me with chains; It finds me lost and confused and tricks me into thinking you are not there.

But, by your promise, I am set free, born to live and dance, to sing and play;

To know that You are my God, my Saviour, every moment of this day.



Pray for continued success in small enterprise projects in Uganda and Ghana that are bringing hope and skills to the lives of young people

Pray that the new

cease-fire in Sierra

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#### INSTRUMENTS OF YOUR PEACE Luke 1:76-79

- Where there is you, Lord,
  - let me also be;
- I am deceived by all worldly treasures that are but a substitution for You.
- So my prayer is simply this:

that we may walk closer together day by day.

For in our closeness

lies salvation and life eternal, a light that can be a light to others, a hope that can be our inspiration. And in that closeness I will become

- an instrument
  - of You and of
    - your Peace.

# FORGIVENESS

Isaiah 55:6-8

And did I feel wronged? Did I feel I was right? Did I ask, "Why me?" Like Job in depths of despair, I raised my voice in indignation.

So it seems:

for aggression is easier than forgiveness. Yet you have pardoned me time and again and I must follow if I am to follow you. In my forgiveness of others,

Sow in my heart a kindly Spirit and in my hands a healing touch; arms stretched out, open to welcome all who come.

And in each little act of forgiveness

- let others see in me
  - something special,
  - something different,

something that can only come from You. By my example let others

know your saving grace, and your mercy.



Pray for peace and stability after elections in Bangladesh and India



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Pray for new youth outreach supported by local churches in Cambodia



Pray that children will not be exploited in mind or body and that they may share the human rights that we all expect

COMFORT

1 Timothy 6:6-10

- The television so handy,
- the lights, the heating,
  - a hot shower when we want,
  - a bed a night and a roof over us,
- food in the freezer what will we eat?

And what will others share of your gifts?

- Taking for granted what we come to expect; demand as our right.
- Yet knowing these are denied to others, where health, safety, welfare are fragile;

too easily shattered by war, famine and poverty.

- Do not deny us, Lord, but let us bring comfort to others. To spend ourselves in your name; to pay willingly without thought of reward or recognition. Simply because it is your will: Simply because we are called to share:
- Simply because You are one with all who hurt, and all who are in pain this very day.

Pray for young people in Hong Kong as they approach changes in the coming year

# LIGHT

Luke 8: 15-17

Too many of your children live in darkness nights of terror. uncertainty and fear Without protection of parents, without friends. without a home. existing - barely - in need. So, too, we all, from time to time, find ourselves in darkness, getting lost in the shadows. And in our confusion we stumble. hurting ourselves and others. We pray for your light everywhere, to every child of your creation. May your light be seen and may we not hide

and may we not hide from that shining star. Each day, to give You praise, in every way.