

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
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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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 *Psalm 28:6-9*

Let me live this moment
full of joy and praise.
Lift sadness from my face
and let me fly once more
with You.
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
Leone may hold and
that young people
may grow in health
and in peace**



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**



**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
from that shining star.
Each day, to give You praise,
in every way.