

BOLDLY Deuteronomy 31:6-9

To change the world may be my dream,
as a soldier with strength and cunning,
with right and justice on my side.
And then I remember that
you gave each of us a choice
and dignity.
That what may seem right to one
may not be the choice of others,
That, to accept you, we must do so willingly
by choice and not by force.
That to win we may yet have to lose.
And in this apparent weakness
your truth is revealed
and your gospel made known.
So fashion my strengths
and guard my weaknesses
Not failing to act where you call
But remembering always
the cross that bore your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.



**Pray for peace
and reconciliation;
for areas of the
world where the
lives of youth are
placed at risk
because of hatred,
war and violence**



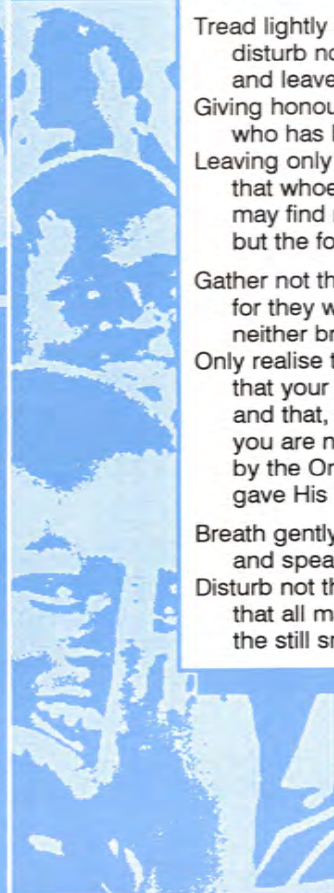
LIGHTLY 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Tread lightly on this earth
disturb not the Lord's creation
and leave as you found
Giving honour to the One
who has brought all before
Leaving only the touch that He has leant
that whoever follows
may find not your step
but the footprint of Him who sent you.

Gather not the acquisitions of the age
for they will vanish as the snow
neither bringing comfort nor support
Only realise that you cannot walk alone
that your journey is one of companionship
and that, though the way seems strange,
you are never abandoned
by the One who cares and
gave His life, that you may live.

Breath gently on this earth
and speak with soft tongue
Disturb not the silence of others
that all may hear through wind and fire
the still small voice of the Lord's calling.

**Pray that we treat others
with respect; that in our
eagerness to advance
Christ's Kingdom we do not
seek to impose our will or
that of our own culture**

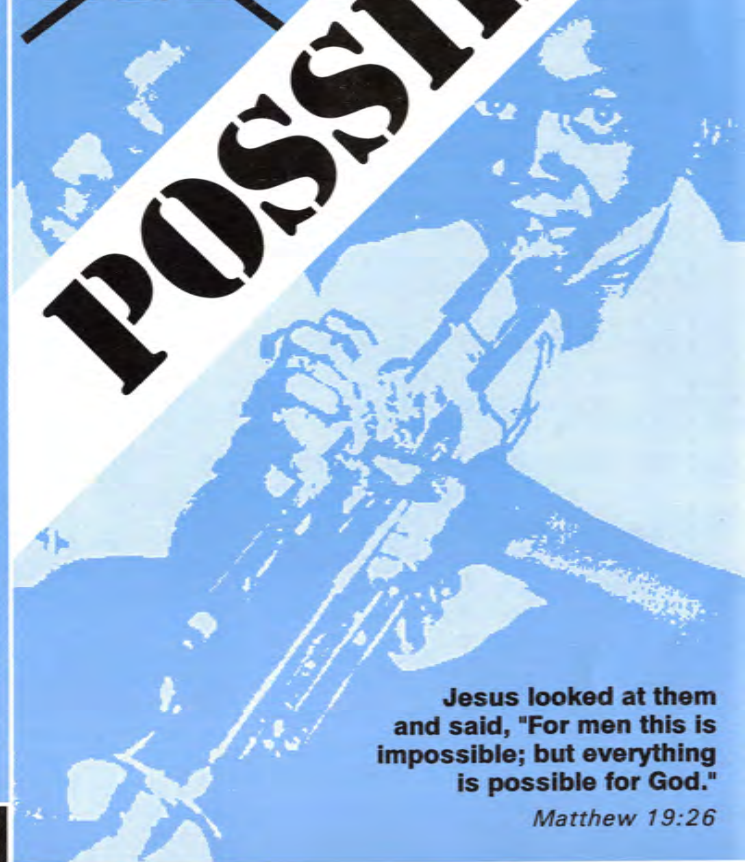


This leaflet can be used in a number of ways - at Bible Study, Church Service or at Camp. It may also be used in personal devotions. A number of specific concerns are listed under prayer points and these can be combined with topics in praying for others.

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A MISSION

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POSSIBLE



**Jesus looked at them
and said, "For men this is
impossible; but everything
is possible for God."**

Matthew 19:26

**Pray for voluntary leaders around the world who
make our work possible; who give of their time
selflessly and who do so under increased
pressure of work and employment**

SACRIFICE Luke 9:57-62

Mission carries us into the unknown
and takes us along new paths.
some safe - and others dangerous
We are often afraid to follow
for we cling to our security
and covet what we have known
We are afraid to venture out
believing more in our own weakness
than in the strength of your love.
We find excuses and chain ourselves to the past
and so, limit the potential that is yours.
A potential that, despite all
will survive and come true
For this was the promise of your Son
and this is our belief
That all nations will come to you
and seek your presence.
Give me the courage to go forth
to sacrifice what I can,
and although it may not be much,
Let my mission in this world be
to live for You.



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Mission is not something done by others. It is something that we are all involved in, young and old, every day of our lives. At least it should be. This year we reflect on some aspects of mission

BEAUTIFUL BUT IMPOSSIBLE

Mark 10:17-27

If only I could follow your word,
if only it were that simple.
You say to love our enemies,
You say to forgive,
You say to go that extra mile,
You say to give and give again,
and all for no earthly reward,
save the promise of your greater love.
If only it were that simple.
Impossible - some may say.
But once you gave me a vision
and a star to light my way,
And I follow, knowing
that through all my doubt and pain,
I remember someone saying
Mountains will be laid low
and what is not possible for me alone
is achievable in your love.

Pray for the Boys' & Girls' Brigade in Uganda where work is growing steadily throughout the country

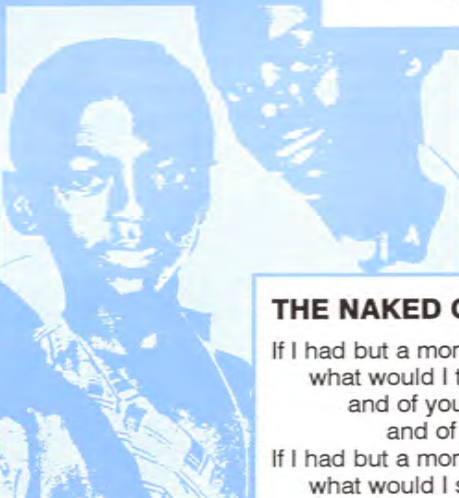
THE MISSIONARY MOMENT

Ecclesiastes 3:1-14

A time for action and a time to reflect,
A time for running and time to stand still.
These are in your hands, Lord
and we do not easily understand.
We are good at the former,
the running - the action,
But don't like standing still.
To us, it is boring and gets us nowhere,
To us, life is for living - and living fast
And so, Lord, we do not know
the why's of the world,
Why there is pain and suffering,
Why there is death and destruction,
Why we do not get what we want,
and why we are told to be quiet.
But the missionary moment is yours.
Can we remain quiet to your presence,
and let the moment be yours,
and not of our own design?
Lord, we pray.



Pray for the new initiatives in East Asia - in Thailand, Cambodia, Myanmar and the Philippines - and for the help being offered by leaders in Singapore and Malaysia



Pray that young people may find joy in the Gospel of Christ and that our programmes will give value and direction to their lives



SOMEWHERE ELSE

Luke 10:30-37

We think of mission as somewhere else
some other place some other time,
not here, not today.
But reality is where we are,
and this very moment of our existence.
So Lord, we ask for your guidance
this very day,
in sunshine and rain,
alone and in the crowd.
Let us see the world with your eyes,
made clear by your own creation,
set ablaze in your love.
That what we do today
in this place and time
is your mission, and
a reflection of your will.

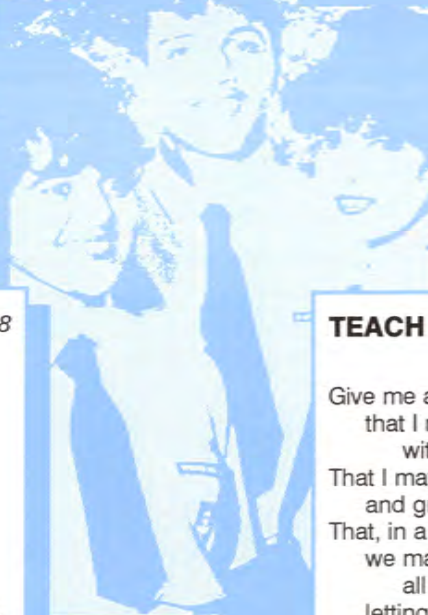
Pray for renewed vision and growth in countries where materialism threatens the Gospel of Christ and where the needs of young people are as great as ever

THE NAKED GOSPEL Hebrews 10:10-18

If I had but a moment
what would I tell of your glory?
and of your coming amongst us?
and of your life in us?
If I had but a moment
what would I say?
what is that truth - this naked Gospel?
free from decoration and world's delusion.
What would I say?
for this is the truth that will change the world.
Teach me, O Lord, to reveal what is true.
Teach me, O Lord, to say what is just.
and if I have nothing to say
teach me to be quiet.
For in my silence
I may not confuse your will with my own.



Pray for renewed growth in Fiji, Samoa and other islands of the Pacific where Churches search for ways to reach their young people and to express their own identity



Pray for developing work and contacts in Irkutsk (Russia) and Mongolia that they may grow in God's love to feel part of our world family

INTEGRITY

Genesis 30:29-33

Being honest and open in all we do
is not as easy as it seems.
We kid ourselves that it is easy
but in reality we tell half truths
and disguise who we are.
We are more concerned with people's
impression of us
than what we know to be just
and honest and true.
And in this, we hide from others
and from ourselves.
So, give us Lord, a transparency
that cannot be hidden
and that cannot hide.
A clear and open heart
vulnerable but whole
weak but powerful
in a love that knows no end.

Pray for young people in East & Central Africa where there is interest in starting new work in Malawi, Rwanda and Tanzania. Pray for those in the Region who are trying to give help, and support.

TEACH ME TO SMILE

1 John 4:15-21

Give me an open heart
that I may welcome the stranger
with a smile
That I may share my joy
and greet him in your name
That, in a world more ready to distrust,
we may express our faith through
all your creation
letting go of fear and suspicion
and willing to lose, even
for the sake of your love.
Let me so welcome each person I meet
And if you call at my door, Lord
may I not turn away
but invite you to my home
That, through my life, others may see
a reflection of your light
and the joy of your presence.