



Prayer for Serve Activity

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Prior to beginning, put this response in the “chat”. God, will you bless them and bless them wildly and show me how I can be part of that blessing.

Introduction:

We have been blessed so we can be a blessing.

We have been shown love so that we can show love.

The have been changed so that we can lend our lives to change the world.

Four prayers for our world:

Let's pray for our neighbours...

Think about those that live to your left and your right. Those that live maybe above you or below you. Bring their faces, and their names to mind.

Leave a bit of time to reflect. Then, all together say:

God, will you bless them and bless them wildly and show me how I can be part of that blessing.

Let's pray for our community...

For those that go to school with your kids. For those that are struggling to survive. For those that are facing hardship. For the organization we are going to serve with this project. Bring those people to mind, those groups of people, those you might know personally.

Leave a bit of time to reflect. Then, all together say:

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Let's pray for our world..

Think about the things that are happening in the world. Bring some things to mind that break your heart. Bring a country to mind. Or a people group. Bring faces or situations to mind from the news. Or your social media feeds.

Leave a bit of time to reflect. Then, all together say:

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Close with this prayer:

The Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me bring love.

Where there is offence, let me bring pardon.

Where there is discord, let me bring union.

Where there is error, let me bring truth.

Where there is doubt, let me bring faith.

Where there is despair, let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, let me bring your light.

Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.

O Master, let me not seek as much

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love,

for it is in giving that one receives,

it is in self-forgetting that one finds,

it is in pardoning that one is pardoned,

it is in dying that one is raised to eternal life.