

Samaritan Servants Prayer Partner Guide

Thank you for taking this 5-day journey of prayer with us. We recognize God as the source of everything and are so grateful that you have joined us in bringing our desires before Him and asking for his provision and blessings.

Samaritan Servants International is focused on relieving the suffering of people where it is most urgent. Each SSI project is made up of 5 parts: water, food, meeting places, the gospel, and discipleship. We have created this prayer guide as a way for you to partner with us for five days with each day focused on one aspect of our 5-part project. When you have completed the plan, please let us know by clicking the link below Day 5.

Here is how to use this guide:

1. Orient yourself to the topic by reading the short paragraph at the beginning of each day.
2. Read through the passages provided in each day here or in your own Bible.
3. Pray as the Holy Spirit leads you in light of the commands in Scripture.

4. Let us know you've completed the plan by following the link at the bottom of the page.

DAY 1: WATER

Water is something that people in the western world take for granted. It's a faucet turn away and we expect it to be completely free of anything that might harm us.

Unfortunately, this isn't the reality for the more than 300 of the 800 million people in sub-Saharan Africa who live with water scarcity. Every hour 115 people in Africa die from diseases linked to poor sanitation, poor hygiene and contaminated water. The need for clean water is urgent.

Reflect on the following verses that show the role of water in the Bible:

And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

- Matthew 10:42

For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward. - Mark 9:41

Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. - John 4:13-14

DAY 2: FOOD

There are around 795 million people in the world who do not have enough food to lead a healthy active life. That's about one in nine people on earth. The vast majority of the world's hungry people live in developing countries, where 12.9 percent of the population is undernourished. Over 200 million of these people live in Africa, and over 500 million live in Asia. Each year 36 million of these people will die from malnourishment. With this in mind, note that 1/3 of food is wasted. Sustainable solutions are needed, and we as believers in a loving Creator must act now!

Pray through these verses as you meditate on the need for food around the world.

And the people asked him, saying, What shall we do then? He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise. - Luke 3:10-11

When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. - Matthew 25:31-40

He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse. - Proverbs 28:27

DAY 3: THE CHURCH

The church is advancing mightily around the world to God's glory. In most of these places, the church meeting place does not look like the buildings to which we have grown accustomed. Our brothers and sisters around the world are meeting in houses, forests, caves and mountainsides. The church is and always has been people fervently following Jesus to the glory of God. In this we have commonality. We are the church.

Pray through the following verses with your spiritual family around the world in mind. Consider their "church" experience and allow it to challenge your own.

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. - Acts 2:38 - 47

Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. - Romans 12:12-18

For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. And if they were all one member, where were the body? But now are they many members, yet but one body. And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness. For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked: That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it. Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. - 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

DAY 4: THE GOSPEL

What would happen if the Church began responding to God's generosity and started living it out? What would happen if we became known for extravagant generosity?

Imagine what would happen if our neighbors, coworkers, classmates, friends, servers, and strangers took notice. Reflect on the following verses and consider what living generously looks like as it pertains to our relationships, time, talents, and treasures. God's blessings should be the reason for our generosity. This generosity has the power to spread the gospel and change lives.

Consider the gospel affects in your life and how you can extend generosity because of those affects.

I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. - Acts 20:35

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. - Matthew 6:19-21

But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. - Hebrews 13:16

Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;) Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God. For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God; Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal distribution unto them, and unto all men; And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you. Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift. - 2 Corinthians 9:10-15

DAY 5: DISCIPLESHIP

It is thrilling to share in the joy of someone coming to Jesus. It is wonderful to see God bring new life to someone. But what new Christians – and Christians who have been walking with Christ for years – need to realize is that the decision is just the first step. Being a Christian isn't something you do one time – and then only give half-hearted allegiance afterwards. Being a Christian is a journey. It is a lifestyle. And we must remember that Jesus established some principles of discipleship to help us on that journey.

When Jesus walked this earth – He expected every person that followed Him to take it seriously. He made it clear that He wasn't interested in attracting a big crowd – just so He could brag on the numbers. Jesus wanted to transform people into sold-out, radically committed disciples.

Meditate on your own salvation experience and allow these verses to speak into it.

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. - Matthew 16:24-25

And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. - Luke 14:27