

Pray for justice

Prayer Room Activities

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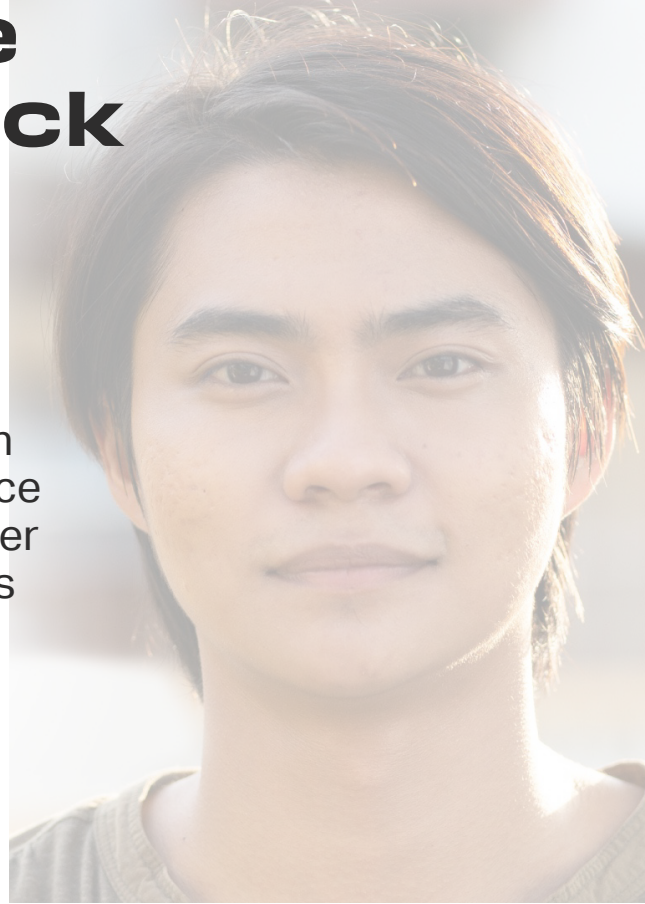


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Pray for justice prayer room pack

As Christians, we are called by God to seek justice, and pursue it. Our heart for those in need is sparked in prayer when we encounter Jesus, the one who transformed the lives of the poor, broken and neglected. We need to pray for justice but we also need to do it; to be the answer to our prayers and go to those God leads us to.

If your heart has been stirred, why not continue to cry out for justice and invite others to do so, by creating a justice-themed prayer room.



***But let justice roll on like a river,
righteousness like a
never-failing stream!
Amos 5:24***

Whether you have been running prayer rooms regularly, or the concept of non-stop prayer is a new one to you, 24-7 Prayer GB have many resources you can access to help you as you plan. Find out more information, and register your prayer room - scan the QR code.



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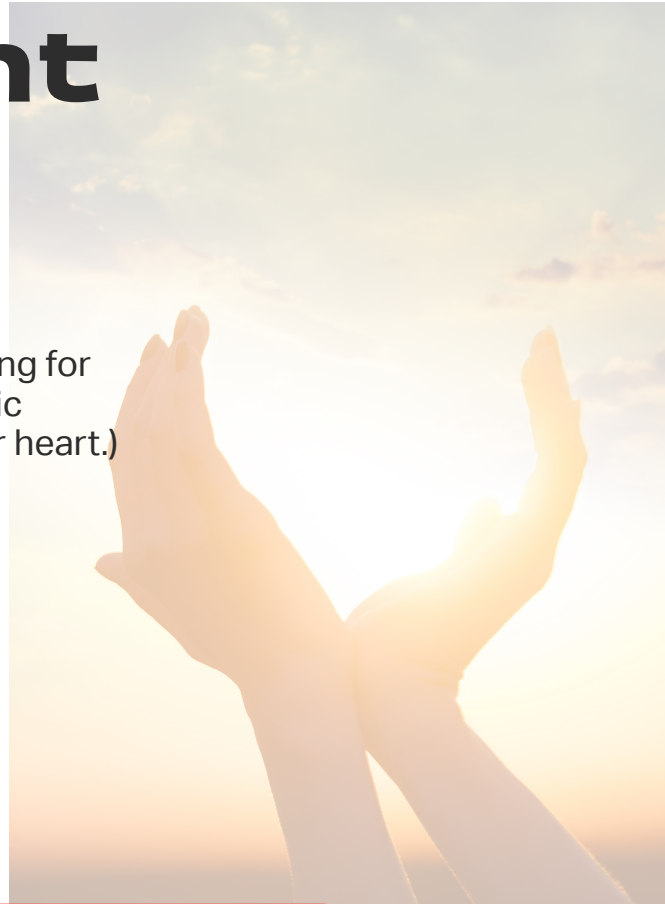
A great light

For this prayer activity, you will need:

- A map and/or photos of the area you're praying for (this could be your local community, a specific nation highlighted by IJM, or a nation on your heart.)
- A torch

Set up:

- Secure the map and/or images to the wall or a table.
- Make the torch easily accessible for people to hold as they pray.



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have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned." Isaiah 9:2*

Focus on hope

When Jesus stepped into our broken world, He brought hope for broken people. Take a moment to hope for Jesus to "step in" again, use this time to pray for your local neighbourhood or community.

1. Look at the map or images of the area you are praying for.
2. Turn on the torch and move it across the map and/or images as you pray.
3. Ask God for His light to dawn 'in the land of deep darkness', exposing injustice and bringing hope and freedom to many.
4. Pray for those without hope, that they may 'see His great light'.

Speak up

For this prayer activity, you will need:

- Some large squares of paper, to roll into trumpets.
- Cellotape.
- Link to IJM video or printed stories (included in printable instructions.)

Set up:

- Place the squares of paper on a table, or in an accessible space.
- Keep a couple of rolls of cellotape (or other sticking method) close, to enable people to secure their paper trumpets.



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for the rights of all who are destitute.
Speak up and judge fairly;
defend the rights of the poor and needy."* Proverbs 31: 8-9

Focus on justice

Scripture calls us to lift our voices for those who cannot speak for themselves. As you have read the stories provided by IJM, begin to lift your voice for justice.

1. Take a square of paper, writing out your prayer.
2. As you pray for those whose voice is currently being silenced, roll your paper into a cone shape, to form a trumpet.
3. Begin to pray aloud, using your paper trumpet to amplify the sound of your voice.
4. As you notice your voice getting louder, pray that the voiceless would be heard; that those in positions of power would act justly, hearing the voices of the oppressed.
5. Pray for the individual stories you have read that may God continue to use their testimonies mightily.

Rebuilding the walls

For this prayer activity, you will need:

- Building Blocks
- Bibles

Set up:

- Leave a couple of Bibles open at Nehemiah, for people to engage with the whole story if they choose to.
- Scatter building blocks over a level surface.



"When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven. Then I said:

"Lord, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel." Nehemiah 1:4-6

Focus on change

1. Read through some of the story of Nehemiah.
2. What issues of injustice break your heart, like Nehemiah's heart was broken?
3. Begin to cry out to God over these issues.
4. Nehemiah prayed and he acted. What may God be asking of you in the face of injustice?
5. As you listen and pray, place some building blocks together, "rebuilding the wall" as you let God lead you in your own action against injustice for the sake of the vulnerable.

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Printable instructions



The following pages have been optimised to print out, so they can be printed and placed in your prayer room by each prayer station as instructions. When printing this PDF, select just pages 7-9 and print in black & white at 100%, single sided.

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