

### Teacher's Note:

More than 70% of the world's population face legal restrictions or social hostilities because of their religious convictions. Christians are the most widely persecuted group and face discrimination in more than 100 countries. Each year, there are Christians who face hunger, family exclusion, homelessness, imprisonment, violence, and sometimes even death. Help the children in your group connect to this reality by (1) describing these realities, (2) asking children to either look up in their Bible or read from this guide key Scripture verses that touch on these realities, (3) lead a time of intentional prayer using the suggested prayer points on this guide and (4) encourage children to take this guide home and pray through it with their family. Additional activities could be to provide a coloring sheet of a Bible character who was imprisoned (Daniel, Paul, etc.; free copies can be found with an online search) or to have students first act out one of the Bible passages and draw the connection to individuals today who face these same challenges.

# PRAY FOR THE BASIC NEEDS FOR EVERYONE

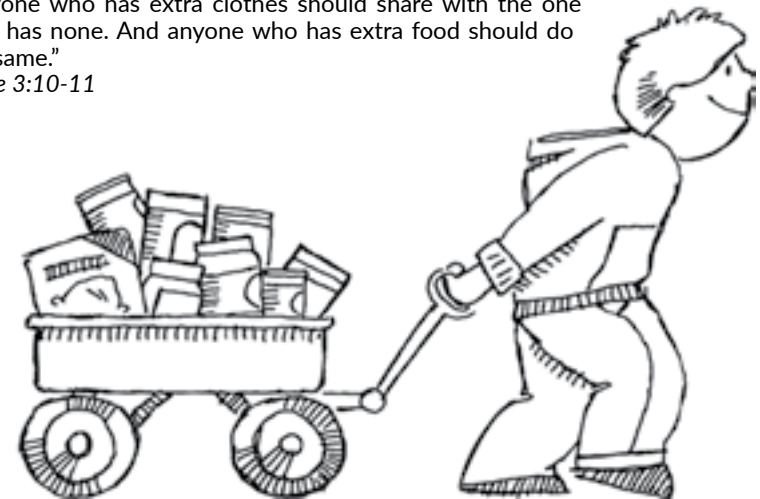


## Pray that everyone will have enough water, food and shelter.

I can do all this by the power of Christ. He gives me strength  
-Philippians 4:13

## Pray that those who can help will do so.

"Then what should we do?" the crowd asked. John answered, "Anyone who has extra clothes should share with the one who has none. And anyone who has extra food should do the same."  
-Luke 3:10-11





**Pray that supplies will make it to people who need them. Pray that they will not get stopped or taken along the way.**

Even tax collectors came to be baptized. "Teacher," they asked, "what should we do?" "Don't collect any more than you are required to," John told them. Then some soldiers asked him, "And what should we do?" John replied, "Don't force people to give you money. Don't bring false charges against people. Be happy with your pay."

- Luke 3:12-14

**Pray for the people giving out supplies. Pray that they will be strong, honest, and fair. Pray that they will know who needs help.**

The Lord has shown you what is good. He has told you what he requires of you. You must act with justice. You must love to show mercy. And you must be humble as you live in the sight of your God.

- Micah 6:8

The Lord gives strength to his people. The Lord blesses his people with peace.

- Psalm 29:11

**Pray that the supplies will make people strong and healthy. Pray that they will not run out.**

For 40 years you took good care of them in the desert. They had everything they needed. Their clothes didn't wear out. And their feet didn't swell up.

- Nehemiah 9:21

The jar of flour wasn't used up. The jug always had oil in it. That's what the Lord had said would happen. He had spoken that message through Elijah.

- 1 Kings 17 Verse 16

**Pray for people who were forced out of their homes. Pray that they will have safe places to sleep. Pray for those who do not have homes, especially children without parents.**

I will not leave you like children who don't have parents. I will come to you.

- John 14:18

Here are the beliefs and way of life that God our Father accepts as pure and without fault. When widows are in trouble, take care of them. Do the same for children who have no parents. And don't let the world make you impure.

- James 1:27

**Pray for people in prison. Pray that they will be given food, water, and shelter.**

Keep on remembering those in prison. Do this as if you were together with them in prison. And remember those who are treated badly as if you yourselves were suffering.

- Hebrews 13:3

**Pray for people who live in camps and cannot return home. Pray that they can sleep even in the noisy camps. Ask God to give prisoners rest too.**

In peace I will lie down and sleep.

Lord, you alone keep me safe.

- Psalm 4:8

The Lord replied, "I will go with you. And I will give you rest."

- Exodus 33:14

