



31 Days of Prayer

Join us in praying for Operation Christmas Child during the 31 days leading up to National Collection Week. The requests below will guide your prayer times each day.

PREPARATION

Oct. 18 - Thank God for the death, burial, and resurrection of His only Son that gives us salvation and a powerful Gospel to share with the nations.

Oct. 19 - Praise God for the millions of children, families, and communities that have been reached through Operation Christmas Child, and pray that He would continue to strengthen these believers through his Spirit. (Ephesians 3:14-19)

Oct. 20 - Thank God for the multiplication that happens in our ministry, as children reach their families and friends, who reach their villages, who reach their nations.

PACKING SEASON

Oct. 21 - Pray for the individuals, families, and churches who are packing shoebox gifts this year, that they understand the powerful and eternal impact they are making through providing Gospel opportunities to children in need of a Savior.

Oct. 22 - Pray that we reach our shoebox goal and that the number wouldn't be the central theme or the center stage, but our focus would be on powerful Gospel opportunities.

Oct. 23 - Ask God for favor with media outlets of all kinds, so that more people might accept the call to become actively involved in sharing the hope of Jesus Christ through shoebox gifts.

Oct. 24 - Pray for the packing parties that are happening among churches and groups, that these ministry events may spark unity in God's people, as well as a passion for worldwide evangelism, discipleship, and multiplication. Pray that the shoeboxes at these events would be packed with prayer and love.

Oct. 25 - Pray for an increase in Build a Shoebox Online gifts and ask God to bless our international partners' efforts in using these shoeboxes to bring the Gospel into hard-to-reach areas.

COLLECTION AND PROCESSING

Oct. 26 - Pray for our God-appointed teams at each Drop-off Location. Pray for the Lord's provision to fill all roles with effective volunteers who remain healthy and safe for the entire week. Pray for peace, unity, and joy at each location.

Oct. 27 - Ask God to strengthen and sustain each Drop-off Location to efficiently collect, count, cartonize, and transport shoebox gifts during National Collection Week.

Oct. 28 - Pray for transformational, joy-filled, and grace-filled interactions between Drop-off Location volunteers and those who drop off shoebox gifts.

Oct. 29 - Pray for the countless touches on each shoebox gift – from the packers to the truckers. Pray for opportunities to share the Gospel with everyone involved.

Oct. 30 - Pray for the volunteers serving at Processing Centers, that they would each have an amazing experience and grow closer to the Lord and His people as they serve.

Oct. 31 - Pray that the logistics in the Processing Centers will be smooth, and the Gospel opportunities will be processed with care and efficiency from start to finish.

Nov. 1 - Pray for health, safety, and joy for those serving in Processing Center leadership roles as well as their families. Pray they each see the impact of their sacrifice.

Nov. 2 - Pray for our Processing Center chaplains — that they would be bold and willing vessels in whatever capacity they need to fill, day in and day out. Pray for opportunities for them to minister to volunteers and staff who need prayer, or even those who need to hear the Gospel.

INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING AND LOGISTICS

Nov. 3 - Ask God to give favor in our relationships with government officials and customs officials in the upcoming year, so there will be minimal barriers to shipping collections of Gospel opportunities across borders.

Nov. 4 - Pray for the safety of the international volunteers who move the shoeboxes from one place to another. Pray that the logistics of getting the shoeboxes to each Ministry Partner will be successful, whether it be by boat, air, animal, truck, or any other means necessary. Ask God to give these volunteers wisdom and clear direction as they commute.

Nov. 5 - Ask God to protect each individual shoebox gift that's been prepared, and guide it into the hand of the specific child who should receive it.

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP TEAMS

Nov. 6 - Thank God for the Ministry Partners who are already eagerly awaiting shoebox gifts. Pray that God would lead us to even more partners who will be passionate about evangelism, discipleship, and multiplication.

Nov. 7 - Pray for the physical health of all of our international volunteers as they train Ministry Partner churches all around their countries.

Nov. 8 - Pray God's love would be evident in and through our National Leadership Teams and Regional Leadership Teams. Pray that unity, boldness, and the Gospel message will empower them in ministry.

UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS

Nov. 9 - Ask for God's favor in engaging the many unreached people groups around the world whom our international counterparts have prayed for and identified.

Nov. 10 - Ask God to give our international volunteers wisdom and discernment when it comes to the timing of outreach efforts to hard-to-reach places and people.

GOSPEL OUTREACH

Nov. 11 - Pray over the outreach events that will happen in the coming months. Pray for safety, good locations, and effectiveness. Pray that many children will invite friends who have never heard the Gospel, and pray those friends come.

Nov. 12 - Thank God that He already knows the children and the families who will participate in outreach events this year. Pray for each participant to believe and be saved as the Gospel message is proclaimed with each shoebox gift. (Romans 1:16)

Nov. 13 - Pray for the church leaders who will present the Gospel at outreach events. Pray for clarity and confidence in the Word of God. Ask the Holy Spirit to empower them.

THE GREATEST JOURNEY

Nov. 14 - Pray for pastors, teachers, and local Ministry Partners—that they would have perseverance to follow through with all 12 lessons of The Greatest Journey, and that the program would result in effective discipleship and multiplication.

Nov. 15 - Pray for a multitude of graduates of The Greatest Journey. Pray that these children would delight in God's Word, and would be like trees planted by streams of water. (Psalm 1:1-3)

CONCLUSION

Nov. 16 - Praise God for the marvelous works He accomplished in our Connect Volunteer program during 2024. Thank Him for being with us and giving us the privilege to be involved in the Great Commission. (Matthew 28:18-20)

Nov. 17 - Ask God to bring increase in 2025—an increase in love, compassion, direction, wisdom, resources, and shoebox gifts!