

How to Help Children Pray with Compassion for Others: A Four-Week Prayer Guide

WEEK 1: Clean Water

“For I will pour water on the thirsty land and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your descendants and my blessing on your offspring.” – Isaiah 44:3



Sunday

There's nothing better than an ice-cold drink of water on a hot day. Whether you drink it from a bottle, a water fountain, or the sink in your house, you probably don't have much trouble finding plenty of clean water to drink. But some kids aren't so lucky. In some poor places in the world, kids have to walk miles to find clean water. But there's good news! We can help by praying for people without clean water.

Shaoib's Story:

Did you know that when you help other people, you honor God?

Send Relief friends did just that when they helped pay for two brand-new water pumps for Shaoib's village. Shaoib is a farmer who doesn't make much money. He lives on someone else's land and isn't close to any hospitals or schools. The only source of water he and his neighbors had was a dirty pond.

The water made so many boys and girls sick. But when the new pumps were installed, Shaoib, his four children, and the whole village finally had clean water for the first time!

You can honor God by thanking Him for this miracle! Thank Him for giving Shaoib the joy and peace of mind as he watches his family drink clean water that can't hurt them.





PRAY

WEEK 1: Clean Water

Monday

Can you imagine walking a mile in the heat or freezing cold to get water? Pray that water wells will be built in villages close to people's homes, so kids don't have to walk for it.

Tuesday

We use water to take baths, brush our teeth, wash our hands and more! Pray that kids will find safe water, so they can be clean and healthy.

Wednesday

Pray that churches in the United States will understand how many families around the world need clean water and want to help by building wells to keep kids clean and safe.

Thursday

Water filters help make dirty water clean. Send Relief partners give them to kids in schools in Southeast Asia. Pray they can help kids who can't get to clean water.

Friday

Jesus said that He is the Living Water. Pray that kids will find water to drink to keep their bodies healthy and Living Water for their hearts and lives.

Saturday... Did you learn anything new this week?

- 💧 Tell a friend about Shaoib's story. Put the story on your refrigerator to remember how God provided for Shaoib's family!
- 💧 Every time you drink a cup of water, say a quick prayer for kids without clean water. Challenge your friends and family to pray with you!



REFLECT

WEEK 2: Healthy Kids

“Dear friend, I pray that you are prospering in every way and are in good health, just as your whole life is going well.” – 3 John 1:2



Sunday

Being sick is no fun! When you don't feel well, does your parent or guardian give you medicine? Do you stay home from school and go to the doctor? What if you didn't have medicine or the doctor was way far away? It would sure be a lot harder to get better, wouldn't it? Organizations like Send Relief help people around the world get medicine and see the doctors they need.

Judith's Story:

Judith was 12 years old when both of her parents died. She had to move to her grandmother's house, where she was safe and had good food to eat. But she was sad.

Things got worse when she noticed some of her hair had fallen out. Nobody knew why her hair was getting so thin, but nearly everyone was afraid to be too close to her. They thought they might get sick, too. Kids wouldn't be her friend. The school didn't want her to make the other kids sick, so she wasn't even allowed to go to class.

Judith now had no parents and no friends. She was so sad and lonely.

But God is a Father to people who don't have one. He used Send Relief to help Judith.

A Send Relief program close to her home gave Judith and 44 other orphans clothes, school supplies, and medicine. A doctor was able to help Judith find out why her hair was so thin and gave her medication that made her all better. As Send Relief partners showed her love, other people did, too—including her grandmother. She even got to go back to school!

Judith's life is so much happier now, but she still has a long way to go. Pray that she would know how much God loves her.





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WEEK 2: Healthy Kids

Monday

Lots of kids around the world don't have good doctors and no way to get to them. Pray that these kids can find the medicine and the care they need when they are sick.

Tuesday

Some kids are so sick they have to miss school. Pray that doctors can help them get better so they can get back to learning!

Wednesday

Pray for babies who are sick because their moms didn't have healthy food to eat when they were in her tummy. Pray for Send Relief partners who are helping provide good, healthy food for moms and babies.

Thursday

Some kids are sick and can't do all the things other kids can. They might be lonely. Pray that they would feel the love of God wrap around them like a big hug.

Friday

Jesus loves everyone, even if they are sick. He wants everyone to get better—their bodies and their hearts. Pray that kids without doctors and medicine would feel the love of Jesus.

Saturday... Did you learn anything new this week?

- 🍎 Tell a friend about Judith's story. Put the story on your refrigerator to remember how God provided for Judith!
- 🍎 There may be a clinic in your city for people who don't have enough money to pay for doctors. Ask your parents help you call the clinic and find out if they need any medicine or supplies. Then, you can raise money to buy the things they need so they can help more people.



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WEEK 3: Education

“For this reason also, since the day we heard this, we haven’t stopped praying for you. We are asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding...” – Colossians 1:9



Sunday

There are probably days when you don’t want to go to school, but your parents make you go anyway. But did you know that lots of kids who do want to go can’t because it costs too much money? Some of these kids have to work instead of going to school, and some don’t live close enough to go. Thank God that you can learn. Pray that other kids would get to go to school, too, so that they can get good jobs when they grow up.

Trust’s Story:

Trust is 23 years old and a college student who loves to study!

That may not sound like much fun for lots of people, but Trust knows how lucky he is to be able to go to school. Lots of people in his country never get the chance to go to college because it costs too much. In fact, there wasn’t much of a chance for Trust to ever go to college before someone just like you helped him pay for it.

Trust and his family didn’t have a lot of money when he was growing up. When his dad died, his mom worked really hard to make enough money to take care of Trust and his three sisters and give them an education, but she still needed help. A group of Christians in their area gave their family money for school fees and supplies and food to keep them healthy.

"This assistance came through during a time of great need," Trust says.

Trust and his family never had an easy life, but his future will be so much better because people like you helped him go to school and learn—just like you and your friends!

No wonder he loves to study! Thank God for giving Trust hope even when things were hard. Pray Trust would experience and know the love of Christ each day in school.





PRAY

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Monday

Not every kid learns how to read and write. Pray that very poor kids starting kindergarten will have the help they need so they can learn, too!

Tuesday

Some kids can't go to school because they have to work to help make money for their family. Pray that these kids will somehow get to go to school and learn the things they need.

Wednesday

English can help kids get out of tough situations. Pray that boys studying English in an orphanage in Central Asia will learn the language and other life skills that will help them when they get older.



Thursday

In lots of countries, school costs a lot. Pray for kids to have enough money for books, supplies, uniforms, and tuition to good schools in their villages to continue their education.

Friday

Pray for other kids like you who are studying hard in school, that they would learn that Jesus loves them.

Saturday... Did you learn anything new this week?

-  Tell a friend about Trust's story. Put the story on your refrigerator to remember how God provided for Trust! And if you are able, visit **sendrelief.org** to donate a backpack to a kid who needs it.
-  Teachers are very important to education. Write thank-you letters to your teachers and tell them how much they mean to you!



WEEK 4: Refugees

“Don’t neglect to do what is good and to share, for God is pleased with such sacrifices.”

– Hebrews 13:16



Sunday

Do you ever play outside with other kids in your neighborhood? Some kids can’t do fun things like that because their towns aren’t safe. There might be a war nearby or people who don’t like them because of what they believe. Many times, these kids have to leave their homes forever just to be safe. Can you imagine how scary it would be to start over in a new city? Families who have to do this are called refugees.

Dikembe's Story:

Did you have a favorite blanket or toy when you were little? Did it make you feel safe and warm?

It's important to feel safe, especially when you're far away from home.

Dikembe and his seven brothers and sisters didn't feel safe for a long time after their family had to leave their house and move far away to get out of danger. Their mom and dad couldn't find jobs, and they hardly had any money. It was scary for all of them!

But friends like you have made them feel better and safer by helping to give them blankets. Now, they can snuggle deep inside their fuzzy blankets and feel the safety and comfort of God's love every night.

Praise the Lord that Dikembe found comfort, and pray for other children around the world who are refugees.





PRAY

WEEK 4: Refugees

Monday

Pray for refugee children as they start at a new school. Many don't know the language their teachers use and don't yet speak or read it very well.

Tuesday

Pray that refugee children would be able to study and learn without being afraid that something bad might happen.

Wednesday

Pray for refugee children who have to stay in a room inside all day long because it's not safe to go out and play. Ask God to give them fun ways to pass the time inside.

Thursday

Pray that refugee children will get to do fun things like sports, art, music, and other things kids love to do.

Friday

Sometimes, it's hard to admit you're scared or sad. Pray that refugee children will know how to tell others when they are sad, lonely, or afraid and that they would get the help they need.

Saturday... Did you learn anything new this week?

- ♥ Tell a friend about Dikembe's story. Put the story on your refrigerator to remember how God provided for Dikembe! And if you are able, visit SendRelief.org and give some of your allowance to refugee relief.
- ♥ Learn how to say hello in their language and greet them one morning with a smile and a hello.



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EVER WONDER if there is anything one person can do to help desperate people across the world? Send Relief spans the gap between your desire to help and the needs of people whose lives have been devastated. We give food and clean drinking water to starving children across Africa and South America. We help farmers in India and Bangladesh build better futures through livestock education and sustainable farming techniques. We help children in unsafe homes in the United States. Send Relief provides relief that is not merely temporary or short term. You can partner with us and make a difference for generations to come.

Join Send Relief and respond to the people around the world with the love of Jesus

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DOWNLOAD ministry guides for your church or small group.
sendrelief.org/ministry-guides

FOLLOW us on social media.
   **@sendrelief**

GIVE through our website.
sendrelief.org/give

See last page for instructions for the scripture memory game!

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Scripture Memory Game

- Cut out the squares below and place them with the words to the ground.
- Randomly select and flip a card.
- Complete the action while reciting the verse of the week!

**Clap behind your back
while saying the verse!**

**Tiptoe and whisper
while saying the verse!**

**Stand on one foot and
nod while saying
the verse!**

**March in place while
saying the verse!**

**Speak deeply while
saying the verse!**

**Stomp like a dinosaur
while saying the verse!**

**Slowly spin in a circle
while saying the verse!**

**Close your eyes and hop
while saying the verse!**