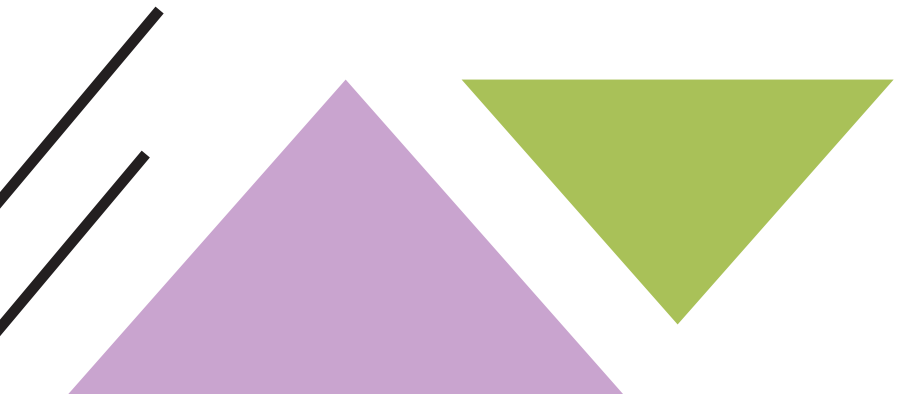
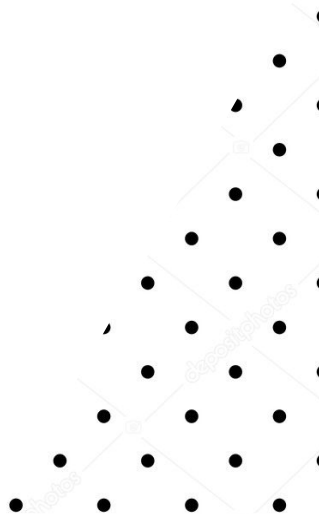
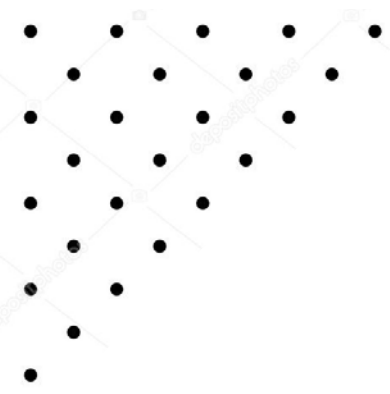


FRUITFUL AND *overflowing*

- SHOW KINDNESS -
PRAYER CALENDAR 2020



Dear GB Sisters,

The Theme for 2020 is

**'FRUITFUL AND OVERFLOWING...
SHOW KINDNESS'.**

Kindness makes the world a better place. And that's because it's simply contagious. Think about it: You witness a random act of kindness, and you can't help but extend the kindness continuum by paying it forward yourself. This makes acts of kindness not just beneficial for the recipient, but for everyone in your community. We will explore the Bible and pray together as we each try to show kindness to others.

Every girl, officer, volunteer and leader at national, regional and international levels of GBI needs your prayers.

This resource was created with the goal of helping you, your members and friends with pointers to strengthen your prayer lives and to guide you through the process to come to the point of becoming fruitful and overflowing. Becoming fruitful is not a one day event but a process!

Luke 14:28-30 says: "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

As we meditate on these words, we pray that you will go through the process of equipping yourselves by **NURTURING THE PLANT, PRUNING FOR GROWTH, CELEBRATING GOD'S CREATION, SHOWING KINDNESS, BEING PATIENT AND SHARING GOODNESS** and making a better world for the next generation. We pray that in the process you may experience the Love, Joy and Peace from within that we can only get through abiding in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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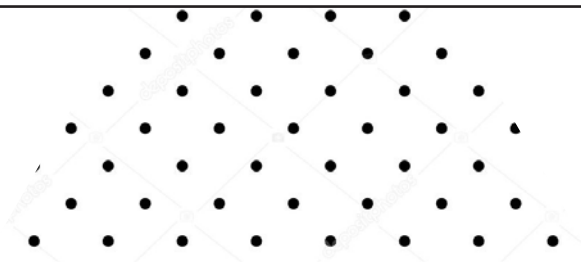
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We truly hope you enjoy and are strengthened as you show kindness and share goodness.

Peace, love and joy!

The GBI Prayer Resource Team.



show kindness!

INTRODUCTION

This Prayer Calendar is based on GB International's 2020 theme: 'Fruitful and Overflowing... Show Kindness'.

It is designed to complement the GBI "Fruitful and Overflowing" Activity Resource.

It will guide members with weekly resources to strengthen their prayer lives and to help with activities for their weekly meetings. Sessions must be prepared before each meeting. We would suggest that you use this as a guide and tailor it to meet your needs.

The theme has been broken down into 6 sub-themes which are further broken down into topics that the groups or individuals can focus on each week. The sub-themes cover two months and with a different focus point for each month.

You will also get some additional ideas to support creative prayer events and activities in your GB meetings, at special gatherings or at community events.

HOW TO USE THE RESOURCE

As personal devotionals at home, for devotions or epilogues at local, district or regional leaders' meetings.

- As a prayer focus during your regular GB meetings for the year, in parallel with our **SHOW KINDNESS ACTIVITY RESOURCE**, as a spiritual badge work programme.
- To engage online with our GB global family by posting on our Facebook page. It will be helpful to email feedback on how you've used the resource and whether it was helpful to home@gbworldwide.org
- You can use the prayer activity to create a 'prayer station'. A prayer station is an interactive activity with instructions that allows people to pray creatively. It may be set up on a table, in a corner, or in a designated room.

January

This month we are focusing on; 'Nurturing the Plant'; with the sub-theme, **Girls - Building Relationships**. Use this month to help girls to understand how to build relationships – Nurture their lives. Just as a plant needs food and water to survive, so we need to nurture our lives with the Word of the Lord to be developed in the way God would like us to grow.

BIBLE FOCUS

2 Timothy 1:5 - This month we focus on the life of Timothy whose mother and grandmother nurtured him in the Word. They started from an early age, instilling in him the values and Christian principles which would enable him to become an example to others. Timothy's success in life was in part due to the nurturing provided by his family and as a result he became well grounded in the Word which enabled him to be a good follower of Jesus Christ. He never wavered or departed from that which he was taught. Not only was he nurtured by his mother and grandmother, but he was also nurtured by Paul. This nurturing resulted in the building of a good and wholesome relationship. Just like we nurture our plants so that they grow and bear fruit, how do we nurture the girls to be grounded in the faith and build good relationships with each other?

PRAYER ACTIVITY

Activity 1 - Take part in an obstacle course. You will need cups, cones or chairs. Lay these out on the ground, pair your team together and make one of them wear a blindfold. The object is to have the one who can see verbally navigate the blindfolded person across the obstacles to the other side without running into anything. The blindfolded person can't speak.

Activity 2 - Plant a tree or garden either by your church or GB meeting place, and nurture and watch it grow. This helps also to teach children and young people patience.

EVENTS

Zimbabwe - Annual retreat & training for Officers.
Australia - Fonomarae camp for girls aged 15+.

PRAYERS

Week 1

Pray for Girls' Brigade Worldwide, that GB will continue to be a strong and consistent Christian mission movement focusing on the Girl Child. Pray for Officers and girls who gather each week to praise and worship God, to learn together and just to have fun.

Week 2

Pray for the International President, Priscilla Penny and for the International Vice Presidents, Aruk Omori, Claire Rush, Poh Imm Tay, Quindell Ferguson and Renelle O'Neil. Pray for wisdom and a vision to take GB forward over the next year.

Week 3

Pray for girls in our GB Companies as they build good relationships with God, family and each other. Pray that the Lord is with them as they experience success and failure and for courage and strength to make the right decisions as they journey through life.

Week 4

Pray for parents as they nurture and guide their children and pray that as they grow, they will not depart from God and a life of faith.

Week 5

Pray for Girls' Brigade New Zealand as they look into governance and management structure changes. Pray that their structure, legal entity and national roles are fit for purpose now and in the future and that they are able to grow and better support leaders in the work that they do. Pray that the governance body has the right skills and expertise to think big, challenge them as an organisation, and ensure GBNZ is around for the next 125 years.

Prayer

Lord, sometimes we need to stop, sit in your presence and be awed by You, to be filled by You, to give praise to you for the things You've done and all that you are going to do. We pray for parents who are nurturing their children, so that as they grow they will not depart from You. We pray for GB leaders who help to nurture our young girls, may they be guided by you in all that they do to mould the lives of our young girls. We pray these things in the mighty name of Jesus. Amen

February

This month we are focusing on;

Leaders – Intimacy with God. Use this month to consider how the time we spend in God's presence and in communication with Him compares with some of the other 'important' things in our lives.

BIBLE FOCUS

Revelation 2:8 "...I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first."

It is so easy for the distractions of life to rob us of closeness with God and crowd out our view towards Him. How can we re-orient our focus onto God?

PRAYER ACTIVITY

We usually get close to those we spend most time with. What if we were to spend a quarter of our time with God that we do with our phones? According to one report, the heaviest smartphone users click, tap, type or swipe on their phone 5,427 times a day. On average, the rest of us still touch our phones 2,617 times a day. That might be hard for us to believe. For each time that you engage with your phone, make a deliberate effort to engage with God. Maybe it's a 'thank you' or a prayer for someone else, or just a moment when you open your mind to hearing from God by being still or reading a portion of scripture. Keep a journal telling how it feels when you deliberately connect with God and record some of the changes you have seen as a result.

EVENTS

Cayman Islands - Overnight Camp for Seniors and Brigaders and a GB Annual Tea Party
Anguilla – Young Leaders training

PRAYERS

Week 1

Thank God for the desire GB leaders have to know Him and share their love and purpose with the girls in their care. Ask God to give leaders the strength to be disciplined in prayer to create a heart to receive His word. Help leaders to see the importance of spending time with God.

Like the sower, help leaders to remember to feed their spirit through prayer as they lead girls to find true enrichment of life.

Week 2

Sometimes we may feel like we start to lose our identity as God's children. Our passion for God's cause begins to fade and our service becomes a duty rather than a calling. Pray for renewal of God's Spirit in us, and that we may have the discipline to spend time in God's Word, to talk to Him and to simply be in His presence.

Week 3

Pray for all leaders, that their spiritual growth is nurtured by setting the right example by living the life of faith. Pray for the wisdom to be effective in the ministry that God has called us to and the strength to remain connected to God.

Week 4

Pray that the Holy Spirit continues to be a guiding light for all leaders. Give thanks for the divine gift that God has given us, may our relationship with Him grow like no other. Pray for leaders as they strive to transform the lives of young girls so that they can enrich God's Kingdom as they seek to serve and to follow.

Prayer

Dear Lord, the world is hectic, messy and demanding. It's so easy to get caught up in many things that drain our time and energy, leaving us overwhelmed and frazzled. Sometimes we feel like we don't have time to stop for prayer or Bible study. But you are the peace that passes all understanding. Help us to put aside the busyness and distraction of life so that we may refocus and centre ourselves on you. Teach us how to be still and wait upon you; teach us to listen for your still small voice. We want to spend time with you so that we emerge refreshed – so that we can pass on your grace and your peace to others who need you. In Christ's name, amen.

March

This month we are focusing on;
Heritage vs. traditions. What are 'heritage' and 'traditions'? Discuss these questions with your girls. What are the differences between heritage and traditions? Ask the girls for examples of heritage and traditions. Why do we have heritage and traditions, and why are they important?

BIBLE FOCUS

Focus on these two Bible passages and reflect.
Heritage: **Psalms 119:111 - Your statutes are my heritage forever, they are the joy of my heart.**

Tradition: **Mark 7:8 - You have let go of the commands of God and are holding onto the traditions of men.**

PRAYER ACTIVITY

Heritage:

Create a Family Tree. (This can be on the girls family or they could do a GB Company Family Tree)

Tradition:

Create a Tradition Tree. (This can be basis on Family Traditions or Cultural Traditions. Eg: family cooking recipes, Cultural dancing, Cultural clothing, Stories.

After creating either a Family Tree (Heritage) or a Tradition Tree, the girls can share it with the other girls in the group.

(These activities can be done as a whole group or you could separate the two activities within the group. Half of the group does the Heritage tree and the other half does the Tradition tree)

EVENTS

Cayman Islands – Training for emerging leaders and GB week including a National church service, Company socials & GB day camp
Australia – Annual general meeting
Solomon Islands - Training of trainers

PRAYERS

Week 1

Pray the Lord's Prayer in another language or sign language

Week 2

Pray for the families of the girls and young women who are part of your local GB Company.

Week 3

Pray for the Pacific Fellowship, pray for the different cultures in this Fellowship as they work together. Pray for communication between the Countries in the Fellowship, especially those who are isolated.

Week 4

Pray for your GB family. Pray for all GB groups across the world- ask for God to bless them this year. Maybe connect with another GB group and become prayer partners over this year.

Week 5

Ask for God's blessing on Girls' Brigade Scotland so that it may develop and grow to meet His needs and Pray for the success of the GBS Regeneration Roadshows.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for the heritage of our families and for the people have come before us and for the traditions, that have been pass on by generation to generation. We also thank you for the cultural traditions that have been shared through the generations. May we continue to share these traditions onto others, as we share your love with each other. Amen.

April

This month we are focusing on;
Peer pressure. Have a discussion with your girls about what is peer pressure, (you can watch YouTube clips about peer pressure. Check out the clips before using in the discussion group). You could also have questions to help with this topic.

BIBLE FOCUS

Each week can be focused on a different Bible passage relating to peer pressure. Each Bible passage is located under different topics. (See under Prayers - weeks 1 to 4).

Advice passages for peer pressure:

- **Ephesians 6:11**
- **Ephesians 5:11**
- **Galatians 5:25**

PRAYER ACTIVITY

Create 'feeling cards' that have words on the cards, (eg. excited, confident, unsure, depressed). Each member in the group picks one of the feeling cards before the discussion starts and then they explain why they have chosen that card. After the discussion on peer pressure, pick up another card each and repeat the discussion.

EVENTS

Cook Islands – Youth Convention
Zimbabwe – Camp
Philippines – National Officers Conference

PRAYERS

Week 1 - Don't Follow the Crowd:

- Exodus 23:2
- Psalms 1: 1-2

Pray that the young people in our care learn to focus on following God and not the crowd, and that they are not influenced to do the wrong thing.

Week 2 - Stay away from bad company:

- 1 Corinthians 15:33

Pray that young people will find strength in God to do good and stay away from the temptation to sin. Pray that young people will have the courage help others to see God's light and not the darkness of sin

Week 3 - Don't be pressured by the world:

- Romans 12:2

Pray for any young people who are experiencing bullying, that they will know they don't need to please others or conform to the expectations of society to be loved by God.

Week 4 - Be a God pleaser & not a people pleaser:

- Galatians 1:10
- Colossians 3:23

Pray that girls and leaders alike, remember that the work they do is in service to the Lord, not to others around them.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, we would like to thank you for friendship and fun times we have with our friends. Lord we pray, that sometimes we feel pressured from our friends, asking us to do something that we are unsure we should do. Lord, walk with us as we make decisions in our daily life. Amen.

May

This month we are focusing on;
Breaking barriers in team building. What is it and why is it important?
What causes barriers in a team? Discuss why it is important to work as a team.

BIBLE FOCUS

Breaking barriers - **Philippians 4:2-3** - **I plead with Syntyche to be the same mind in the Lord, yes and I ask you my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.**

Team building - **Proverbs 27:17** - **As Iron sharpens iron, so as a person sharpens another.**

PRAYER ACTIVITY

Breaking barriers

Act out a rhythmic game to demonstrate how to break a barrier in a team. This can be done by girls in their different age groups so as to show unity and love. After acting out a rhythmic game on how to break barriers, the girls can share with other age groups.

Team building

Conduct an observation in the local church and give examples of team work in the church. Also provide the checks and balances of team work according to Galatians 6:9-10.

(These activities can be done as a whole group or you could split the group into 2.)

EVENTS

Scotland – Regeneration Roadshows

Northern Ireland – Sports & Art competitions

PRAYERS

Week

Reflect on the story of Ruth and Naomi, continue to reflect and over the coming week, demonstrate how to build a good team with different age groups at the local GB Company.

Week 2

Pray for other groups at the local church, for unity, harmony and that love leads in all the groups.

Week 3

Read Ruth 1:16, then reflect and pray on the importance of maintaining true friendships in relation to breaking barriers and building team work.

Week 4

Pray for one individual at your GB group, reflect on how you can grow your bond with them over the coming weeks.

Prayer

Father, as we gather in our various places, we praise you for each and every day that you give us, for this day and your purpose for it. Reset our agendas, as we sit in your presence. As we surrender our needs to achieve, understand, and be known, we shift our perspective to seek your peace above all else. Give us renewed strength and courage to obey you without questioning. Forgive us for striving beyond our means, worrying, and forcing results. Though our circumstances maybe unfair from time to time, You are always our unwavering protector and shield (Psalm 3:3). In Jesus Christ's Name, Amen.

June

This month we are focusing on;
Investment. What is investment? What is the importance of investment? How can you identify a successful investment? What are the benefits of a genuine Investment?

BIBLE FOCUS

Matthew 6:20-21 - But store up your treasures in Heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy and where thieves do not break in and steal, for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

1 Timothy 6:19 - In this way, they will lay up treasures for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

PRAYER ACTIVITY

Since investment is an act of devoting ones time, effort and resources to undertake a worthwhile venture. Imitate personalities who have invested in long term investment activities such as sporting activities. After imitating personalities, research what long term investments we can venture into and its benefits to our lives and the community.

Conduct an observation in the local community and see what investment people have invested in and give examples of where to turn to for good investment ideas and understand the need to put our investment in heaven.

EVENTS

New Zealand - Conference & Youth Forum (including AGM) to be held in Christchurch.

Northern Ireland – Queen’s Award & Duke of Edinburgh presentations.

Zambia - Skills Development training for Under 30s & training courses for new leaders

PRAYERS

Week 1

Reflect on **Mark 8:36-37**, ‘What then shall it profit a man if a gains the whole world and loose his own soul, or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul. Understand it is better to store up our treasure in heaven even as we work hard to sustain our lives, let us remember that it is through him that we are able to do all these things.’

Week 2

Pray for investments that will empower the girl child to be self-sustenance in the areas of life. Reflect on how we can influence these young women and better their futures.

Week 3

Pray about the importance of putting our investment in Heaven, for we know that Jesus is the only true vine and we are the branches.

Week 4

Pray that girls will invest in skills as they grow in order to make them responsible and maintain the skills acquired.

Prayer

Our heavenly Father, we are here today to celebrate great success! In a world full of chaos and calamity, we are embracing a moment of triumph in your name and for your glory. Once again, we have experienced the miracle of your sustenance, as King David so appropriately penned in Psalm 4:7: “You have filled my heart with greater joy than when their grain and new wine abound.” Father, our hearts, the very center of our humanity and our souls, are filled by you. In extreme emotion, this indescribable feeling is even more pronounced. We are aware that we could not see this great success come to fruition without the individual purpose you have put in us, Lord we are in AWE of your glory. Thank You for bringing us together to accomplish this great feat for your glory, though the odds were stacked against us as they often are. Guard our hearts from pride and selfish gain as we celebrate today. Let it fuel our faith in you as our provider and our sustainer. Filler of our hearts. May all glory be unto you our God. Amen

july

This month we are focusing on;
Random acts of kindness. Being 6 months into a year with the theme 'showing kindness', we ought to know a bit about the topic by now. For example:

Kindness is the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate.

Kindness is the ability to act for the welfare of those who test our patience.

The beauty of kindness is that kindness is one of the few things that will gentle the response of others. Random acts of kindness have a greater opportunity to soften hearts, and open people up to the truth of the gospel because of their randomness.

BIBLE FOCUS

Each week can be focused on a different Bible passage relating to Random Acts of Kindness. Each Bible passage is located under different topics. (See under Prayers - weeks 1 to 4).

PRAYER ACTIVITY

Make a list of Random Acts of Kindness that anyone in your GB group or church can do. There is lots of inspiration online! Place these in a jar and leave the jar somewhere visible. Ask people to collect one each time they see the jar. You may want to write the items on heart shaped paper and you could add relevant bible verses too.

EVENTS

St Martin - Hosting CAF Conference and AGM
Thailand – NCO Camp
Trinidad & Tobago – National Camp & Officers retreat
Solomon Islands - National GB Conference

PRAYERS

Week 1 - Repentance

Random acts of kindness can lead to repentance. **Romans 2:4 "God's kindness leads you towards repentance."** It is a repentant, surrender heart that God wants. Our kindness demonstrated God's kindness and can lead to new life as a person repents and believes.

Week 2 - Love and forgiveness

Random acts of kindness have the ability to change your heart to love and forgiveness. **Ephesians 4:32 "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."** Forgiveness, as demonstrated on the cross is a powerful thing, and something we would do well to remember and practice moment by moment.

Week 3 - Fruits of the Spirit

Random acts of kindness help to grow all the fruit of the spirit in us. It can never happen in isolation. **Galatians 5:22-23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."** They are one fruit – which includes but is not limited to kindness.

Week 4 - Kindness

Random acts of kindness paired with goodness stop us becoming tolerant of sin and keep our hearts soft. **Galatians 5:23 "against such things there is no law."** No country on earth past or present, has a law that forbids kindness (along with all the fruit of the spirit) because at our deepest level we crave to be loved, as demonstrated in kindness – from people, to point is to the kindness of God.

Prayer

Dear God, if I cannot be brilliant, let me be kind. If I cannot change the world, let me inspire just one other to do so. If I cannot give away riches, let me be loving. Let me be known for kindness, for it is the greatest glory. Amen

August

This month we are focusing on;
Bullying. Many young people deal with bullying on a regular basis. Find out and discuss what the forms of bullying are, what the reasons are that young people are bullies and what we can do if we witness bullying or are involved ourselves.

BIBLE FOCUS

Each week can be focused on a different Bible passage relating to bullying. Each Bible passage is located under different topics. (See under Prayers - weeks 1 to 4).

PRAYER ACTIVITY

Have ready a number of inflated balloons and a selection of permanent marker pens. Invite members to write:
Prayers or words of forgiveness for when they have hurt others, then pop the balloon and remember that when we say sorry to God, he not only forgives us, but he also forgets the wrong things we have done and gives us the chance to make a fresh start.
Or
Words that they may have been called if they have been bullied. Pop the balloon and remember that despite their differences, size or age, God loves them all the same.

EVENTS

Nigeria – Hosting Africa Fellowship Leaders Conference and the Girls gathering.
Hong Kong - "Proud to be a girl!" project

PRAYERS

Week 1 - Remember whose we are.
Jesus was very clear that he came to save US – people like you and me because he loved us. He calls us all his children and wants none to perish (2 Peter 3:9). Romans 8:16 - Jesus, help us never to forget that we, like those who are mean/bully us, are loved by you.

Week 2 - Remember that size doesn't matter

Our girls can make a difference for everyone regardless of their age. Jesus talks about how a mustard seed, which is the smallest of seeds, can make a big difference for the kingdom of God. **Matthew 13:31-32** - Jesus give us the faith we need to see how you can transform lives in us and through us, no matter who we are.

Week 3 - We are called to be different

Our girls can inspire us and everyone around them. Jesus talks about how we are to be salt in the world – we can't lose our saltiness, or what is different about us, around others.

Matthew 5:13 - Jesus never let us forget to be salt in a world that desperately needs you.

Week 4 - We are called to shine God's light

Jesus talks about how we are to shine God's light to others, which means doing good deeds and working toward healing too. **Matthew 5:14-16** - Jesus may we never forget to let your light shine out and be a beacon to the lost.

Week 5 - Remember God's love for the lost

Jesus came for one purpose – to save lost people. It is we, the people, who muddy the waters and add extra purposes. We need to be single minded, like Jesus, and remember that all are lost and need Jesus, no matter what they do or have done. **Luke 19:10** – Father, thank you that you loved us and pursued us all the way to the cross and beyond. Help us to love like you do.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, we pray that we will always try to see ourselves as you see us. We know sometimes we look at ourselves and think that we are not perfect, but with your love we know that we are unique, and that you have created us in your image. Help us to remember that you are always with us, and that you love us, no matter who we are, we are your children. Amen.

September

This month we are focusing on;
Being patient with God. Sometimes, it's difficult to be patient. When we bring our concerns to the Lord again and again, we can grow tired of waiting. We begin to feel like our prayers fall on deaf ears. Often our desire is to take control even though we know patience is a fruit of the Spirit. We should remember this often, inviting the Spirit to direct us and empower us once again as we continue to wait on the Lord.

BIBLE FOCUS

Ephesians 4:2 - Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

PRAYER ACTIVITY

Assign each member to each letter of the alphabet and have them create a poster using the letter to match a book of the Bible or something related to the Bible e.g. A is for Amos the 30th book of the Bible. The final project can be donated to a local school or placed in a church nursery or classroom. The individual letters gradually coming together to form an alphabet remind us of how God is slowly paving the way and preparing us, all for the purpose He intended and the bigger picture of our lives.

EVENTS

Ireland – Annual General meeting, launch of new website and online registration.
Zambia – Consultative meeting with Heads of Churches
Zimbabwe - Workshops

PRAYERS

Week 1 - Children and students

Pray for all children and students, as they go back to school. Pray also for the teachers that they may have the patience to overcome any difficulties they may be presented with at the start of the new school year.

Week 2 - Literacy

Pray for literacy across the world, International Literacy Day is observed on Tuesday 8th September.

Week 3 - ICGB 2022

Pray for the preparations of ICGB 2022. Pray that all who are involved are provided with patience, strength, determination and perseverance throughout the planning process. Share words of encouragement with the country that is planning ICGB it can be a post on their social media, or design a card that can be signed by all GB members.

Week 4 - International Day of Peace

The International Day of Peace is the 21st September. Take time to reflect and pray for each Girls' Brigade fellowship that may have political turmoil, civil unrest or conflicts that they may overcome each difficulty with peace.

Prayer

Lord, teach us to be patient – with life, with people, and with ourselves. We sometimes try to hurry things along too much, and we push for answers before the time is right. Teach us to trust Your sense of timing rather than our own and to surrender our will to Your greater and wiser plan. Help us let life unfold slowly, and teach us to savour each experience and learn the lessons behind each story. Amen

October

This month we are focusing on;

Being patient with others. We all want instant gratification and want things without waiting. We expect packages delivered the same day, immediate results in the gym, food delivered to us pre-cut... We can even have a book read to us or summarized for us so that we don't have to read them. Modern life has led us to a life where we have very little patience. We should slow down now and then, hear what God has to say and practice a little patience.

BIBLE FOCUS

1 Corinthians 13:4-5 - Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

PRAYER ACTIVITY

Braid a bracelet from wool or thread, though it may take time to create and finish, know that the finished product will be one that you can be proud of and will be worth keeping, while exercising patience throughout. You can even use the time creating a bracelet to pray for those you know who may need patience too at this time.

EVENTS

Cook Islands - Sports Competition
Bahamas - Elections
Cayman Islands - Leaders retreat

PRAYERS

Week 1 - International Day of Older People

Pray for all older people in your respective communities and worldwide. Identify key older figures from your GB Fellowship that have made invaluable contributions to GB. Create posters of these individuals noting what they have done for GB and how long they were involved with GB or coordinate visits to see some of the identified figures and share in a time of fellowship.

Week 2 - International Day of the Girl

This day recognizes girls' rights and the unique challenges girls face around the world. Pray for all girls around the globe. Encourage your young people to be positive and inspiring to all girls they encounter this week.

Week 3 - Your patience

During this week of prayer place your focus on growing your patience, seek God's guidance to instil patience in your mind, body and soul. Reflect on **1 Corinthians 13:4-5**.

Week 4 - Harvest

As many countries prepare to celebrate harvest, pray that all who participate are patient, generous and safe.

Prayer

Lord, fill my heart with patience. May I be ready to forgive - myself and others, not just this once but as many times as it takes. Please fill my heart with understanding. May I always seek to contemplate what somebody may be suffering before I jump to any conclusions, because I know that You never cease to pardon me. Amen

November

This month we are focusing on; **Making a difference.** It is one thing to live your life but it is a different ball game to live and create or make a long lasting impact on the people around you. One thing that has been constant is that people are born, live and die. Many who lived and died are not remembered for long after their death but there are men that for centuries can never be forgotten.

BIBLE FOCUS

Acts 9:32-42 - The woman called Tabitha known in Greek as Dorcas lived her life helping others. Though there is no record of wealth traced to her, she was very exceptional in her life sharing things she has. Her works brought about salvation to her community and healing to her. Are we making a difference in our community or are we just living? In what ways can we as GB members' impact in the life of others?

PRAYER ACTIVITY

Write out ways you can make a difference in your locality.
Draw a woman giving a helping hand to a girl.
Keep the picture where you can see it regularly, always pray and ask God to make you impact to others positively.

EVENTS

England & Wales – UK Parliament week
Northern Ireland – Training workshops on online safety, Disability Awareness & camps.

PRAYERS

Week 1

In Girls' Brigade many young women are affecting lives through advocacy. Pray that their voices be heard and that God will sustain them and help them bear much fruit in the mission field not minding the challenges.

Week 2

Pray and ask to God to cause you to always make a positive difference/ impact wherever you find yourself.

Week 3

Pray for GB leaders across the globe; that God will enrich them with wisdom and ideas that make will make GB to be a leading organization impacting lives especially of girls and young women.

Week 4

Pray for financial breakthrough. That both individuals, government and non- government organizations shall support/ finance some of our projects.

Prayer

Dear God, we ask for strength, wisdom and grace to make a difference in our time here on earth. Amen

December

This month we are focusing on;
Evangelism. In a remote village in the South Eastern Nigeria, it was that one foreign missionary lived and died. Some years after his death, another missionary came preaching and describing the life of Jesus. And people said to him the man you are describing lived and died in the village that he should come and see his grave. That led to many turning their lives to Jesus.

BIBLE FOCUS

In **John 4:4-29**, Jesus was passing through Samaria and out of tiredness and hunger, he was resting besides the well called Jacob's well. Jesus engaged the Samaritan woman who came to fetch water in a discussion. That discussion at last turned many of the Samaritan to believe in Jesus.

Jesus for the purpose of evangelism rejected food presented to Him simply because He understood the purpose of his life. It is necessary for us to understand that we live for the purpose of spreading the gospel of Christ in whatever we do or wherever we find ourselves.

PRAYER ACTIVITY

Plant two trees and water one daily. Label them with different colours of stickers. Note what difference you observe. Follow up girls occasionally to make sure they are still growing in the faith.

EVENTS

Zambia – National Conference for Leaders
New Zealand (January 2021) – National camp, Fonomarae, for girls aged 12+

PRAYERS

Week 1

Pray for girls and young women

Week 2

Pray for all the Christian all over the world to be conscious of being the salt of the earth and light of the world.

Week 3

Pray for missionaries all over the world, that God will sustain them and make them to bear much fruit in their mission field not minding the challenges.

Week 4

Pray for all believers who are passing through persecution that they will not lose their faith.

Week 5

Pray that God will water every seed we plant no matter the type of soil (how difficult one might be) to germinate and bear good fruit.

Prayer

Dear God, teach me to live my life in a way that it will speak volume for you. Help me to be conscious of the great commission and to invest heavily on evangelism. Amen