



# SENT

God wants to multiply His movement, in your heart, within our church, here on the Central Coast, and around the world! AND you have a role to play in God's great plan of redemption! Throughout this prayer walk, you'll hopefully find truths to encourage and equip you as well as specific things to pray for. It is our hope and prayer that through these stations and this series that God would ignite a spark in you for the people around you and around the world!

JESUS, GIVE ME EYES TO SEE  
+ EARS TO HEAR.



# IT STARTS WITH YOU

All throughout scripture, when God decides to do something amazing within His people, there is a time of preparation beforehand. This is because God's primary concern is with WHO we are becoming. When it comes to being SENT out into the world, motive matters, the condition of our hearts matters.

In the book of Joshua, just before the Israelites miraculously cross the Jordan river into the Promised Land for the very first time, Joshua tells God's people this:

“Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you.”  
**JOSHUA 3:5**

God wants to do amazing things within you and through you! But first, there should be a time of consecration. The word consecrate means to purify, to set apart, to dedicate to a sacred purpose. YOU have a sacred purpose in this world! Spend some time today, this week, this year preparing your heart to BE who God has called you so that you can DO what he has called you to.

DEAR GOD:

Who have you called me to be?

Is there an area of my life that you need to work on before I can fully do what you have called me to do?

Search me and point out areas for me to grow in.

Help me to see myself how you see me. Give me vision to see the ways you've been preparing me.

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.



# PRAY FOR THOSE AROUND YOU.

“You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

MATTHEW 5: 14–16

If you’ve decided to follow Jesus, you have the honor of carrying the light of Jesus wherever you go! You have people around you who are desperate for hope, for healing, for restoration, and you carry the answer with you. We are called to be LIGHT...not a harsh overpowering light that blinds people, but a light that gives guidance and direction, that calms fears in the darkness, that helps people see clearly. I love how the message translation puts those same words from Matthew:

“Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you’ll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.”

## DEAR GOD:

Who have you put in my path that needs your hope?

Help me to slow down enough to SEE people around me.

Help me to be generous with my life. Even though it is a little uncomfortable, help me to live a little more openly. Help me to be open with my time, my home, and my heart.

## AMEN

Spend some time in prayer for those in your sphere of influence. If God has laid specific people on your heart, stop right now and pray for them.

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# PRAY FOR THE CENTRAL COAST.

Turn around.

You read that right. Turn around and look at the view from the prayer walk for a minute.

I'll wait.

Yes, we live in a beautiful place, but that's not the point. God has positioned you here, He has positioned New Life, a literal church on a hill, to be a beacon of hope on the Central Coast.

While we are very fortunate to live where we do, if you go beneath the surface, you'll find that our community is not without need. In fact, close to 800 children within the Lucia Mar school district face challenges of homelessness. As a church family, let's commit to praying for our community! Whether it's physical needs, relational needs, or spiritual needs, let's continue to pray that God would use us to impact those in our communities!

## DEAR GOD:

Use us to bring hope to the Central Coast. Form our hearts for those in our community that are in need.

## AMEN

Pray for the Lucia Mar school district.

Pray for those in our community struggling with mental health and/or homelessness.

Pray for the churches of the Central Coast, including New Life. Pray that God will use us.

Pray for those in our community that are lonely.

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# PRAY FOR THOSE IN POVERTY.

At daybreak, Asamo Grace's tiny 5-year-old feet swiftly carry her along the narrow dirt path. As the Ugandan sun begins its day's journey across the bright blue sky, Grace begins her journey for water.

But unlike so many people who begin their day with morning exercise, this 1.75-mile walk in Morungatuny, Uganda, isn't for fun or to take in the beauty of a peaceful morning. It's out of necessity — Grace and her 3 year old sister, Judith are making the day's first trek to get water for their family.

With the nearest borehole 3.7 miles away, the journey for clean water is more than 7 miles round trip. So the family instead settles for contaminated swamp water that's half that distance away.

1 in 8 people in the developing world do not have enough to eat and nearly 1,000 children under the age of 5 die every day from drinking contaminated water. While these stats can be daunting, they aren't too big for our really BIG God!

It's easy to feel defeated by the overwhelming need around the world, but it can all start with prayer!

## DEAR GOD:

Bring your presence to those struggling in poverty here and around the world. Strengthen them and bring them hope.

## AMEN

Spend some time in prayer for the physical needs of those living in poverty. Pray for churches and organizations like World Vision that are on the ground providing support and resources to those in need. Pray for strength and comfort for those who have to walk long distances for clean water. Ask God how he might use you and our church to bring hope to people here and around the world.

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# PRAY FOR THOSE IN PERSECUTION.

Blessed are those who are persecuted  
because of righteousness, for theirs is the  
kingdom of heaven.

MATTHEW 5: 10

In a country where Christians are less  
than 3% of the population and the  
Hindus government is increasingly  
oppressive and violent towards  
them, Pastor Billy Graham  
Paulose, in India, has built the  
Prince of Peace School. God has  
shown favor on this school  
which brings hope and light  
into the lives of thousands of  
children.

While the physical needs of  
the world are great, the  
spiritual needs are of eternal  
importance! Many people in  
countries like India and even  
here on the Central Coast are  
living in spiritual darkness. They  
live their daily lives without the hope  
of eternity and without the power of  
the Holy Spirit to change their hearts  
and circumstances. Even more, those  
who try to bring hope in counties with  
oppressive governments are often hurt,  
ostracized, and even killed for their faith.  
Let's spend some time praying for them.

## DEAR GOD:

Reveal Yourself to people!  
In places of darkness bring  
Your light! Help people to  
realize that what they are  
searching for is YOU.

Protect, strengthen, and equip  
our brothers and sisters in places  
of spiritual darkness.

## AMEN

Pray for Pastor Billy, his students,  
and the oppressed Christians in  
India who are persecuted for  
their faith.

Ask God to reveal to you the  
spiritual needs of those  
around you.

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# PRAY FOR THE DISPLACED.

Eleven-year-old Udai was six when the Syria civil war began. His little sister, Rana, was two. They hardly remember life before the violence, chaos, and strife. Their family of eight remained in their home in eastern Aleppo as long as they could. But they were finally forced to flee when the fierce battle between government and rebel forces in late 2016 literally hit home. By the time Udai, Rana, and their three siblings escaped the city in mid-December, they had lost both of their parents and their seven-year-old sister in bomb attacks. The orphaned children relied on relatives and caring strangers to usher them to relative safety in Idlib, Syria.

Udai and his siblings are among more than 11.7 million Syrians who have been forced to flee their homes because of the war. Most — about 6.1 million people — remain displaced within Syria.

Most of us can't imagine being forced to leave our homes and having to rely on strangers in strange lands. Let's pray for Udai and the millions of other kids facing displacement.

## DEAR GOD:

We pray for the basic needs of refugees around the world; for food, clothing, healthcare, shelter, and household and hygiene items. We pray for safe environments so that kids have a chance to get an education.

We pray for protection, safety, and we pray that refugees would understand that despite their circumstances, they are deeply loved and valued by You!

## AMEN

I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me.  
MATTHEW 25:35-36

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# IT ENDS WITH YOU.

The needs of the world are overwhelming.

It can be easy to be paralyzed by the sheer size of the issues. We often question if we have anything to offer to God's movement in the world.

However, it is SO clear from the scriptures that YOU have a role to play. God has called you and equipped you to make a difference and to leave a legacy!

More than skill, more than knowledge, God is looking for willing hearts to make a BIG impact in peoples' lives. What passions has God awakened in you? What breaks your heart that also breaks the heart of God? Maybe in the next few minutes or the next season, you can spend some time exploring how God has uniquely shaped you and equipped you for ministry. While it can be overwhelming, the important thing is that we simply start somewhere. Maybe it starts with praying these words from "New Wine" a song by Hillsong Church.

Make me a vessel.  
Make me an offering.  
Make me whatever you want me to be.

## DEAR GOD:

Help me to have the faith to start. Reveal to me the unique ways you've gifted me. Awaken passions in my heart and help me to see the world through your lenses.

## AMEN

Although these can sometimes be scary words to pray, maybe you can simply come before the Lord and simply pray, "USE ME" or pray the words of Isaiah:

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

ISAIAH 6:8

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