

Be still

You might like to click <u>here</u> to listen to this song by Noel Richards asking God to fill our hearts with compassion for all the people that live on the earth.

Make us
Into your true likeness.
O Lord,
As your image grows daily
Within us.

As we see your face
In the needs and helpless
And respond
With compassion
To suffering.
Amen

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- Find a place to sit quietly
- Give thanks to God for who He is
- Be aware of God's loving eyes watching over you
- Ask the God of compassion to fill your heart with His compassion



Read the passage from Colossians 3:12-14 slowly - and as you do, what words or phrases strike you?

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.



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Read the passage from Colossians 3 again, slowly, and where one of the words or phrases catches you stay with it and hold it in the stillness before God

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Work on our knees

We are, as it were, God's agents - used by him to do his work, not ours. We only do our part, and then can only look to him, with others, for his blessings. If this is so, then Christians at home can do as much for foreign missions as those actually on the field. I believe it will only be known on the last day how much has been accomplished in missionary work but the prayers of earnest believers at home.



James O Fraser in Praying for the World p40

What is the part God is calling you to play at this time?

What work on your knees does he have for you?



As you pray you might like to listen <u>here</u> to an instrumental version of the song You Raise me Up.

What thoughts, feelings and images have emerged in this time of prayer?

How has the Spirit been at work in your heart as you have prayed?

Maybe you would like to note down what God has revealed to you in this time.

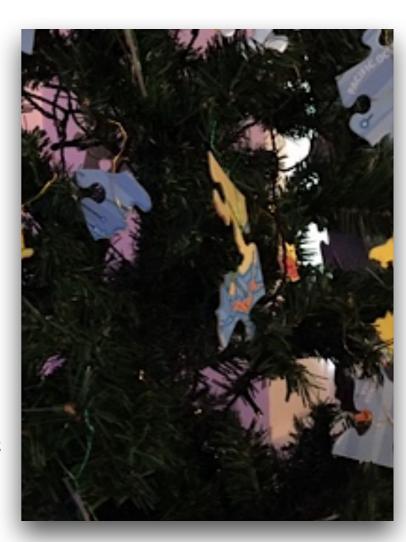
Give thanks



Creative prayer

PRAYING FOR THE WORLD

- > For this you need either
 - > A jigsaw of the world OR
 - A map of the world about A4 size stuck on to card and cut into pieces OR
 - > Pieces of card or paper on which are written the names of about 40 places in the world
 - > Get some branches of wood and place in to a vase.
 - > You could even get out your artificial Christmas Tree
 - Each day take one of the jigsaw pieces, or pieces of map, or the name of a place on the world and hang it on the branches.
 - As you do, pray for that part of the world
 - More information on how to pray for different places can be found here



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