



Guatemala Mission Trip 2019

Spiritual Preparation

Thank you so much for volunteering both your time and your talents to the Lord so that we can share and show His love in Guatemala! Here are a few guidelines to make sure that you have an incredible week.

1. Be prepared to share the gospel!

Verse - "the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve" Matthew 20:28

We absolutely want you to have fun working, playing, and developing new relationships. However, your primary purpose for participating in this effort is to tell people about the love of Jesus Christ through your service, speech, conduct, and language. **Work to memorize the simple GOSPEL message so that you can tell at least 1 person about Jesus this week.**

Initial Questions:

- Do you know for sure that you are going to Heaven when you die?
- Have you asked Jesus to be your Savior?

Sharing the Good News:

G God created us to be with Him
O Our sins separate us from God
S Sins can not be removed by good deeds
P Paying the price, Jesus came and died for our sins on the cross
E Everyone who trusts in Jesus alone for salvation will have eternal life
L Life that is eternal means living forever with God in Heaven

Closing Question and Prayer

Would you like to ask Jesus to save you from your sins so that you can live forever with God in Heaven?

Dear God,

I admit that I have sinned and need a Savior. I believe that Jesus came, that he died on a cross to pay the price for my sins, and that he rose from the dead to conquer death and sin. Right now, I confess Him as Lord of my life. I turn from my sin and self and ask you Jesus to forgive my sin and save my soul. Amen

2. Be Flexible!

Verse - *“He must become greater I must become less” John 3:30.*

Things don't always go as planned. Regardless of our best efforts to organize, God has the right to change our plans as He pleases and we must be willing to surrender our agendas to His leadership

Ideas:

- a.** Keep a spiritual journal before, during, and after the trip detailing how God moved and spoke to you

- b.** Commit NOW to start having a daily quiet time for prayer and studying God's Word leading up to the mission trip. The week of the trip is too late to prepare spiritually. Satan is certainly not waiting until July 25, and neither should we! Concentrate on passages dealing with missions. Here are a few suggested passages Matt. 9:35-38, Matt. 25:31-46, Matthew 28:16-20, John 4:31-42, Acts 1:8, Romans 2:12-15

3. Our 2 Key Winning Weapons are Prayer and the Holy Spirit!

Verse - *“Take the Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God and Pray in the Spirit on all occasions” Ephesians 6:17-18*

Please start praying today that the Holy Spirit will go before us in Guatemala to open the door for hearts and lives to be changed. It is very important to remember that we cannot change lives. If lives are to be changed it will only happen through the power of the Holy Spirit. Commit to bathing our entire trip in prayer. Ask someone you trust to pray for you during the trip. Here are a few prayer suggestions:

- Pray for the Lost you will come into contact with where you are serving
- Pray for boldness to share the gospel with someone you encounter
- Pray that you will grow in your Christian walk during this trip
- Pray using the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13 – see below
- Pray putting on the Armor of God in Ephesians 6:10-20 – see below

The Lord's Prayer in Action

Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 11:1-4

The purpose of this handout is to demonstrate how the Lord's Prayer can be utilized as a guide for your personal prayer time. As your pastor, this is the guide that I use in my personal prayer life.

“Our Father in Heaven, Hallowed be Your name,”

Praise God the Father using the Names of God. I praise You God today as:

- Elohim – My Creator (Gen. 1:1)
- El Elyon – God, Most High (Gen. 14:19)
- Adonai – My Lord (Gen. 15:2)
- El Roi – My God Who Sees (Gen. 16:13)
- El Shaddai – My God who is Strong and Sufficient (Gen. 17:1)
- Ebenezer – My God Who has Been Faithful to This Point (1 Sam. 7:12)
- Jehovah Jireh – My God Who has already been to my future and made a way for my deliverance in advance (Gen. 22:14)
- Jehovah – Nissi – God is My Banner (Ex. 17:15)
- Jehovah Rapha – My God Who Heals (Ex. 15:26)
- Yahweh – My God of Revelation, Righteousness, and Redemption (Ex. 3:14)
- Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace (Is. 9:6)

Praise God the Son. I praise You Jesus today as

- The Bread of life (Jn. 6:35)
- The Light of the world (Jn. 8:12)
- The Living Water (Jn. 4:14)
- The Good Shepherd (10:11)
- The resurrection and the life (Jn. 11:25)
- The way, the truth, and the life (Jn. 14:6)
- The true vine (Jn. 15:1)
- The Alpha and the Omega (Rev. 1:11)
- The Firstborn from the Dead (Rev. 1:4)
- 10. The Soon Coming King (Rev. 22:12, 20)

Praise God the Holy Spirit. I praise You today Holy Spirit for your:

- Creation (Gen. 1:2)
- Conviction (John 16:8)
- Conversion (Luke 12:10)
- Comfort (John 14:27)
- Counsel (John 16:13)
- Correction (John 14:26)
- Change (John 14:12)

“Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven”

Lord, I pray today that You would rule and reign in my **life**. I pray that You would help me to be the person, the Christian, the parent, the spouse, the child, the friend, and the minister that You have called me to be.

Lord, I pray that You would rule and reign in my **marriage**. I pray that You draw us closer to You and closer to each other than we have ever been. I pray for my spouse today that You would watch over them, protect them, and bless them this day.

Lord, I pray that You would rule and reign in my **family**. I pray for each child/grandchild individually that for their:

- 1)spiritual condition,
- 2)spouse or future spouse,
- 3)support – that God would put friends and mentors in their lives that would lead them closer to the Lord.

Lord, I pray that you would bind Satan from our home, and that this home would be a place where disciples are being made for Your glory.

Lord, I pray that you would rule and reign at **Locust Hill Baptist Church**. I pray that you would move in a mighty way during our Guatemala mission trip!

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

This is the time that I personally pray the armor of God as I prepare for the battle ahead. This is all straight from Ephesians 6:10-18.

To prepare myself for the battle ahead, by faith I put on the belt of truth. The Truth about You Lord is that You are a sovereign God who knows everything about me, both my strengths and my weaknesses. Lord, You know my breaking point and have promised not to allow me to be tempted beyond what I am able to bear. The truth about me Lord is that I am a new creature in Christ and have been set free from the power of sin. I am indwelt with the Holy Spirit who will guide me and warn me when danger is near. I am Your child, and nothing can separate me from Your love. The truth is that You have a purpose for me this day – someone to encourage, someone to share with, and someone to love. (Ephesians Chapter 1-3)

Next, Lord, I want to by faith put on the breastplate of righteousness. I know that it is impossible for me to be righteous apart from the saving work of Jesus Christ. So, I confess my sins to you. Forgive me of my sins – cleanse me from my unrighteousness-and rather than seeing me today - see me through the blood of Jesus, which alone makes me righteous.

Forgive my sin, and keep me from sin today! May the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart, be pleasing in Your sight today Oh Lord. (Rom 3:23, 6:23; John 3:16; 1 Jn 1:9)

Lord, by faith I put on the sandals of the gospel of peace. Help me to go where You send me today, and be ready to tell others about You when you give me an opportunity. I am available to You Lord. Send me where You will. Guide me to those who need encouragement or physical help of some kind. Use me to solve conflicts wherever they may arise. Make me a calming presence in every circumstance in which You place me. I will not be hurried, for my schedule is in Your hands. I will not leave a trail of tension and apprehension. I will leave tracks of peace and stability everywhere I go. Here am I Lord, send me! (Isaiah 6:8)

I now by faith take up the shield of faith, Lord. My faith is in You and You alone. Apart from You, I can do nothing. With you, I can do all things. No temptation that comes my way can penetrate Your protecting hand. I will not be afraid, for You are going with me throughout this day. When I am tempted, I will claim my victory out loud ahead of time, for You have promised victory to those who walk in obedience to Your Word. So by faith I claim victory even now because I know there are fiery darts headed my way even as I pray. Lord, You already know what they are and have already provided the way of escape. (John 15:5, Prov. 3:5-6, Is. 40:31, Matt. 6:33)

Lord, by faith I am putting on the helmet of salvation. You know how Satan bombards my mind day and night with evil thoughts, doubts, and fears. I put on this helmet that will protect my mind. I may feel the impact of his attacks, but nothing can penetrate this helmet. I choose to stop every impure and negative thought at the door of my mind. And with the helmet of salvation those thoughts will get no further. I elect to take every thought captive; I will dwell on nothing but what is good and right and pleasing to You. (1 Cor. 2:16, 2 Cor. 10:5)

Last, by faith I take up the sword of the Spirit, which is Your Word. Thank You for the precious gift of Your Word. It is strong and powerful and able to defeat even the strongest of Satan's onslaughts. Your Word says that I am not under obligation to the flesh to obey its lusts. Your Word says that I am free from the power of sin. Your Word says that He that is in me is greater than he that is in the world. So by faith, I take up the strong and powerful sword of the Spirit, which is able to defend me in time of attack, comfort me in time of sorrow, teach me in time of meditation, and prevail against the power of the enemy on behalf of those who need the truth to set them free. (Heb. 4:12, 2 Pet. 1:21, 2 Tim. 3:16, Ps. 119:11 & 105)

So, Lord, I go now rejoicing that You have chosen me to represent You to the lost and dying world. May others see Jesus in me, and may Satan and his hosts Shudder as Your power is made manifest in me. In Jesus' name I pray – AMEN.