



Vision and Commitment 2018  
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## 'Acting Out' (Practising) (Luke 13:10-17)

### Corporate/Personal Prayer

Lord if we had a small part of the faith you have in us, our world would be transformed.

Lord if we showed a fraction of the love that you show to us, our world would be transformed.

Lord if we possessed a part of the patience that you give to us then this world would be transformed.

Lord if we shared just a portion of the blessings that we receive from you then this world would be transformed.

Lord if we showed as much trust in others as you have shown in us then this world would be transformed.

Lord if we claimed just a fraction of the power you promised to your Church then this world would be transformed.

Transform us first, Lord, that we might transform this world.

### Prayer Activities

- *You will need a popcorn machine and popcorn.*

While the corn is popping the congregation can pray one word praise prayers. The prayer time can conclude when the corn stops popping (if it is hard to provide a machine, encourage people to pray 'popcorn' prayers i.e. one prayer quickly after the other instead).

Give the group an opportunity to pray simple one word prayers of praise as you guide them, encouraging them to pray more than once in the prayer time. Model for them what you would like them to do. For example: 'Almighty or 'Comforter.'

When everyone has finished praying, share out some popcorn and close in prayer: 'Father, you are God above all else in this world. We love you. We praise you for all that you've done in our lives. We confess that sometimes we aren't where we should be spiritually, we leave you behind; we make poor choices. Forgive us Lord. We pray that you would fill us with your Holy Spirit. Amen.'





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- *You will need wool, knitting needles or paper and pens*

This activity is best for an individual setting, small prayer group or craft group. If there are keen knitters get the group to each knit or crochet a shawl while praying for the intended recipient of the shawl. The shawl could be for someone who is sick or struggling for a new baby or moving home. Whatever the reason the shawl steeped in prayer is given as a gift. Alternatively, instead of knitting, encourage people to draw/write their prayers on paper.

## Prayer Points

**Jesus was ready to do the will of the father 24/7. If we are committed to being 24/7 disciples we must be ready to do good wherever and whenever we are presented with need. In Christ we have all we need to transform our communities, our corps, our centres and our world.**

- Lord, may I be a source of peace, a hand to hold, accessible, generous, loving, a blessing within the circle of my family and friends.
- May I be a steady rock, a ready shoulder, dependable, trustworthy, caring, a blessing within the circle of my acquaintances.
- May I be a light that shines, a love that flows, discernible, accessible, healing, a blessing within the circle of my community.
- Confess to God the things that prevent us from moving towards a deeper relationship with Jesus. Pray that God will move in your life by his Holy Spirit for the sake of others.
- Our business can sometimes get in the way of meeting the needs of those around us; it can prevent us from connecting with God's stillness. Pray that we find God's rhythm in the every day. Perhaps consider setting an alarm daily for a time to relax with God.
- Christ's deep compassion for those who are suffering is evident. Take some time to think of those who are suffering. We may think on those who are in dangerous war zones, those who are sick or diseased, perhaps even those who we know personally. Pray for their healing and freedom from suffering.
- Pray for the people you come in contact with during your week - your friends, family, neighbours, work colleagues. As you become aware of their needs of others bring them to the cross.

