

## The BIG Idea

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### The Global Prayer

Imagine 100 million Christians praying for justice in the nations.

We want to affirm the importance of listening to God, seeking his wisdom and relying on his strength and guidance. The global prayer for Micah 2010 echoes the themes of Nehemiah who fasted and prayed day and night before he embarked on the mighty task of restoring Jerusalem.

The prayer will be used in churches around the globe on 10.10.10. A children's prayer is also available.

The prayer is set out in a separate document in this kit.

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### Ways to use the Prayer at a Micah 2010 event or service on 10.10.10

- Print it on to a prayer card and print details of Micah 2010 on the back of the card
- Say the prayer aloud together. Put it up on powerpoint for everyone to join in or read it out line by line for everyone to repeat
- Add your own specific prayers after the global prayer e.g. praying for your area to have free education, praying for missionaries from your church, praying for national leaders, praying for those in your community affected by HIV/AIDS
- Have a prayer vigil outside Parliament/Congress. You could use the Millennium Development Goals Prayers (download [www.micah2010.org](http://www.micah2010.org))
- Ask children to lead the children's prayer for everyone
- Use the children's prayer in schools, kids clubs, children's prayer events
- Set up a prayer wall in a prominent place and get people to add their prayers for the poor
- Pray about each of the Millennium Development Goals (there are children's prayers based on the Millennium Development Goals to download from [www.micah2010.org](http://www.micah2010.org))
- Organise events at a town/city/regional/state/national level where the prayer and promise are publicly declared. See the section on Promise in this kit
- Churches in your area could hold a joint Prayer Breakfast at which everyone uses the prayer. Invite your local politician to attend and pray for him/her.
- Ask denominations and prayer networks to endorse the prayer and to promote its use on 10.10.10
- If you are uncomfortable using a written prayer or your church only ever prays spontaneously, please pray about the following topics:
  1. Pray for God's justice
  2. Pray for those living with injustice, poverty, violence and suffering
  3. Pray for leaders whose decisions can make a difference

4. Pray for us to have soft hearts, determination and courage to make a difference
5. Any people they know who are living with poverty and/or who work with the poor
6. Use Nehemiah's prayer to inspire your prayers (Nehemiah 1:4-11)

We encourage everyone who prays to get involved in the BIG Promise so that, like Nehemiah, we translate our prayers into action. See [The BIG Promise](#).

### Summary Box

- Print the prayer or display it for everyone to say
- Pray the prayer together on 10.10.10
- Involve children (4-14 year olds) with the children's prayer
- Take part in the BIG Promise

### Prayer box

This prayer follows the themes and structure of the prayer of Nehemiah (Ch 1:5-11) who fasted and prayed day and night when he learned of the suffering of people in Israel. He then embarked on the task of leading work to restore Jerusalem.

O Lord, our great and awesome God, loyal to your promise of love and faithful to all who honour and obey you,  
hear our prayer.

We pray for those who live in poverty,  
we cry out for those who are denied justice and  
we weep for all who are suffering.

We confess that we have not always obeyed you.  
We have neglected your commands and have ignored your call for justice.  
We have been guided by self-interest and lived in spiritual poverty.  
Forgive us.

We remember your promises to fill the hungry with good things, to redeem the land by your mighty hand and to restore peace.

Father God, help us always to proclaim your justice and mercy with humility, so that, by the power of your Spirit, we can rid the world of the sin of extreme poverty.

As part of your global church, we stand with millions who praise and worship you.  
May our words and deeds declare your perfect goodness, love and righteousness to both the powerful and the powerless  
so that your Kingdom may come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen