



## Creative Prayer Idea: Prayerful Clean Up

This Prayerful Clean Up activity is an opportunity to practically care for your local community, while you pray for the world and our Baptist Mission Australia teams. It is an invitation to join with God in bringing restoration to all things, and to mirror what is happening across the globe as our teams seek to share God's love with their local friends.

*The prayer focus for this activity is the world and our intercultural teams. While it can be completed as a standalone activity, it is best engaged with in conjunction with the Prayer Scavenger Hunt activity, which focuses on prayer for your local community.*

### Who is this for?

You can participate in this activity as a small group or whole congregation. It is perfect for youth and adults, but can be adapted for children too.

### How to participate

Walk around your local neighbourhood, sports oval or school and pick up any rubbish you see. As you pick up rubbish, or after you finish, pray for the world and our intercultural teams. Use the prayer points on the other side of this page to prompt your prayers. Additionally, you can distribute newsletters or prayer points from the particular team members you partner with.

Ensure each person or group has a printed copy of the prayer points, as well as the gloves and rubbish bags they need in order to collect rubbish. If picking up rubbish is not suitable for your neighbourhood, choose another activity that allows you to practically restore, clean or beautify a local space.

If you are a large group, split into groups of 4-6 people and assign different streets or community spaces to each group.

**After the clean up**, gather together to thank God for how He is at work in the world and through the ministries of our intercultural teams. Praise God for the transformation that is occurring and for how He is acting to restore communities around the world.

### Optional: Communion

You may choose to take the opportunity to close your prayer time with communion. This can be used to highlight that we are all a part of God's body. Whether we are sharing His love locally or globally, we are all participating in God's redemptive work and must surrender to Him.



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# Prayerful Clean Up: Prayer Prompts

## » **Mozambique**

Pray for our passionate team as they do life alongside their Yawo friends. Give thanks that many of their friends are open to exploring God's Word.

## » **Malawi**

Pray for the Yawo faith community leaders as they are discipled and equipped to lead. Pray that they will be attentive to the Spirit's prompting.

## » **Silk Road Area**

Lift up the ministry platforms of our team. Pray that the English Centre, Workshop and OT initiatives will open the door for God's love to be shared.

## » **South Asia**

Praise God that lives are being changed through the work of our partner NGO. Pray for strength and hope for the local staff as they respond to the great need.

## » **South East Asia**

Praise God that despite the barriers, people in South East Asia are hearing the good news of Jesus and choosing to follow Him in. Pray for wisdom as they navigate community pressures.

## » **Thailand**

Pray for the Thai faith leaders. Pray for wisdom for the team as the walk alongside the local leaders, equipping them to teach and disciple.

## » **Cambodia**

Pray for the team in their daily interactions with Khmer people. Pray for them to be able to make Jesus meetable in their friends' culture, language and context.

## » **Indochina**

Give thanks for the holistic impact of our partner NGO in Indochina. Pray for more people with disabilities to be trained and empowered.

## » **Outback Australia**

Pray for our team as they walk alongside First Nations people in faith and life. Pray for God to lead another team member to join the team and serve in the southern communities in NT.

## » **Urban & Regional Australia**

Pray for Daniel as he builds relationships with First Nations people in NSW, for S and F's ministry serving among people from South West Asia in Sydney, and for Naomi and Paul as they engage with culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities.

## » **Ministry Partnerships**

Pray for churches, faith leaders and believers in the communities we partner with. Pray for a powerful movement of God's Spirit as church communities reach out with love and compassion.

## » **Team Members**

Lift up our intercultural teams. Pray for God's guidance, wisdom and strength. Give thanks for their faithfulness.

» **Team Children:** Praise God for the wonderful children of our team members. Pray for them to know God's presence, protection and joy as they grow.

