31 Days of Prayer:
Oct. 17–Nov. 16, 2025

National Collection Week (NCW) is November 17-24, 2025! As we prepare for NCW, let us be intentional to bring the new Operation Christmas Child season before the Lord in prayer each day. This prayer guide will give you daily prompts to intercede for the ministry as we kick off yet another year of this exciting and eternal work.

Let's pray: *Jesus, this is all about you! Would you help us to be people who represent you well in every task and interaction we have with those around us? God, help us to trust you with the results of all our efforts, and above all, help us to know you more deeply in the process. May our lives point to you! We give you this exciting season ahead, and ask that you bless every step of this coming ministry season.*

PACKING

Oct. 17 – Bless the Lord for all the families, churches, and groups who cheerfully pack shoebox gifts and donate their resources to Operation Christmas Child. Thank the Lord for their partnership and generosity, and pray that they would experience God's love.

📖 2 Corinthians 9:7 – "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Oct. 18 – Ask God to bless every packing party and ministry gathering. Pray that the shoeboxes at these events would be packed with prayer and love.

📖 Colossians 3:17 – "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

Oct. 19 – Ask that the Lord would increase the number of Gospel opportunities raised in all sending countries, so that more children can encounter His love and hear the Good News! Pray also for an increase in gifts coming in from Build a Shoebox Online. Pray that God would open the doors for these boxes to reach children in areas difficult to access.

📖 Romans 10:17 – "Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ."

COLLECTION & DOMESTIC VOLUNTEER TEAMS

Oct. 20 – Thank God for Drop-off Locations and the volunteers who serve there faithfully. Pray for their health, safety, and joy during National Collection Week.

📖 Colossians 3:23–24 – "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

Oct. 21 – Pray that everyone who goes to drop off shoeboxes would encounter the love of God through the volunteers and be drawn deeper into relationship with Him.

📖 John 13:35 – "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Oct. 22 – Pray that the logistics of collecting, counting, cartonizing, and transporting Gospel opportunities would run smoothly. Pray for the safety of the truck drivers and for God to strengthen and sustain the logistics teams.

📖 Psalm 121:8 – "The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore."

PROCESSING

Oct. 23 – Pray for volunteers at the Processing Centers—that their service would be a time of worship and fellowship, drawing them closer to God and sparking a passion for reaching the nations.

📖 Philippians 2:13 – "For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill His good purpose."

Oct. 24 – Pray that each shoebox is handled with care and efficiency from start to finish, so that it reaches their destination in beautiful condition for the child God has hand-picked to receive it.

📖 1 Thessalonians 1:3 – "We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."

Oct. 25 – Ask God to strengthen and sustain Processing Center leadership teams, giving them wisdom in decision-making, keeping them healthy, and renewing their vision daily throughout the season.

📖 James 1:5 – "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."

Oct. 26 – Pray for Processing Center chaplains—that the Holy Spirit would guide their ministry to volunteers and staff, offering encouragement, prayer, and the Gospel.

📖 2 Timothy 4:2 – "Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction."

SHIPPING & CUSTOMS

Oct. 27 – Pray for favor with customs officials and government leaders so that shoeboxes can freely cross borders into their destination countries. Pray also for favor as logistics coordinators secure tax exoneration from their governments.

📖 Proverbs 21:1 – "In the Lord's hand the king's heart is a stream of water that he channels toward all who please him."

Oct. 28 – Pray that shoeboxes would be safe from the elements and that none would be lost, stolen, or damaged as they make their way by truck, wagon, boat, or even on the back of an animal to reach the most remote places on earth.

📖 Mark 4:39 – "He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, 'Quiet! Be still!' Then the wind died down and it was completely calm."

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER TEAMS & MINISTRY PARTNERS

Oct. 29 – Pray for international volunteer teams as they plan out the coming season and decide where to strategically build new teams.

📖 Proverbs 16:3 – "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans."

Oct. 30 – Pray for international volunteers as they host vision meetings to recruit Ministry Partners, and then equip those partners at ministry trainings to conduct OCC ministry in their communities. Pray that they would communicate clearly and joyfully at these equipping events.

📖 Colossians 4:6 – "Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone."

Oct. 31 – Ask God to bring the right Ministry Partners on board who will be committed to the full project. Pray that Ministry Partners catch the vision of evangelism, discipleship, and multiplication, and that they are equipped and encouraged in their calling to reach children with the Gospel.

📖 Matthew 9:38 – "Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Nov. 1 – Pray for God's protection over volunteer teams and Ministry Partners—pray for physical, mental, and spiritual protection. Ask God to bless these dedicated partners who serve sacrificially to reach children with the Gospel.

📖 Mark 12:43–44 – "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

Nov. 2 – Ask God to deliver each gift into the hands of the exact child He has prepared to receive it.

📖 Jeremiah 29:11 – "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

OUTREACH EVENTS

Nov. 3 – Pray for pastors and teachers presenting the Gospel at outreach events—for clarity, boldness, and empowerment by the Holy Spirit.

📖 Acts 4:31 – "After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly."

Nov. 4 – Thank God for His individual and special love for every child who will receive a shoebox. Pray that they will encounter His love in a tangible way through the giftboxes, the Gospel presentation, and by the volunteers who organize a safe and fun event just for them.

📖 Luke 12:6–7 – "Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."

Nov. 5 – Pray that more children and families would put their faith in Christ this year than ever before. Praise God that this is the year millions of children will become part of God's family.

📖 2 Corinthians 6:2 – "I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation."

THE GREATEST JOURNEY

Nov. 6 – Pray for *The Greatest Journey* (TGJ) teachers and pastors, that they would faithfully guide children through all 12 lessons with perseverance and joy. Pray that they will not only "teach" kids about God, but that they will disciple them to have a relationship with Him.

📖 Proverbs 22:6 – "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."

Nov. 7 – Pray that every child who receives a shoebox would desire to attend TGJ and be permitted by their families to take part. Pray for TGJ students to become passionate, lifelong disciples of Jesus who make more disciples.

📖 Acts 4:13 – "When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus."

Nov. 8 – Pray for TGJ graduates—that they would delight in God's Word, continue to walk with God, and share Christ with others.

📖 Psalm 1:2–3 – "But whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers."

MULTIPLICATION

Nov. 9 – Thank God for the multiplication that happens when children share the Gospel with their families, friends, and communities.

📖 Matthew 13:8 – "Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

Nov. 10 – Pray that these new, young believers will be bold witnesses and disciple-makers in their own communities and beyond.

📖 1 Timothy 4:12 – "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."

Nov. 11 – Pray that as shoebox gifts open doors for the Gospel, entire communities would turn to Jesus and that new church plants would spring up as a result.

📖 Acts 2:39, 41 – "The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call...Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day."

ENDS OF THE EARTH

Nov. 12 – Pray for wisdom, courage, and protection for volunteers and ministry partners entering hard-to-reach or resistant areas. Ask God to identify people of peace ahead of them, and for communities to be receptive.

📖 Joshua 1:9 – "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Nov. 13 – Pray for children with disabilities who receive shoeboxes—that they would experience God's love and know their immeasurable worth in Christ. Pray also that they and their family would experience God's healing presence and embrace His Gospel.

📖 Psalm 139:14 – "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."

Nov. 14 – Pray for open doors among unreached people groups, that the Gospel would break through barriers and enter new communities.

📖 Romans 15:20 – "It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else's foundation."

PRAY DOWN STRONGHOLDS

Nov. 15 – Pray that we would all take strength in the Lord and be reminded to put on the armor of God regularly, as we prepare to take ground for the Kingdom of God.

📖 Ephesians 6:11 – "Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes."

Nov. 16 – Pray that schemes of the enemy of fear, greed, disunity, discouragement, or anything else that would attempt to disrupt the ministry from moving forward, would be removed by God. Ask the Holy Spirit to be in and around every staff member, volunteer, and Ministry Partner to protect and guide us all.

📖 Ephesians 6:12 – "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."