

Just Prayer 2021 - PowerPoint Script

Below is the suggested script to accompany the Just Prayer PowerPoint. It has been designed to be read out aloud as each slide is displayed. As is, this script takes around five minutes to read aloud (plus the suggested prayer time towards the end).

You are welcome to adapt the script for your particular church context. For instance, you may choose to specifically mention the particular workers your faith communities partners with. Thank you!

Slide 1: This weekend, across Australia, faith communities are praying for the world as part of Just Prayer. Just Prayer is an initiative of Global Interaction who is the Global mission arm of the Australian Baptist Church.

Slide 2: We believe that all people around the world, no matter their background, language or culture, should have the opportunity to hear about Jesus in a way that makes sense to them.

Slide 3: But still today, 40% of the global population are likely to never hear the Gospel in their language. 40% of the global population live in communities where there are very few followers of Jesus - so few, that most people will not know someone who can share Jesus with them.

Slide 4: Why is this still the case, after so many years of mission work? One reason is that less than 1% of Christian resources and workers are sent to these communities... the communities who so desperately need the chance to hear. Another reason is that entrenched barriers to the good news exist within these people groups.

Slide 5: These are the communities that our Global Interaction teams live and serve among. We praise God that despite the barriers, He is at work among these people groups, and He does hear our prayers.

Slide 6: So, let's pray!

Slide 7: Pray for the cultural, linguistic and religious barriers that hinder people from hearing the good news of Jesus to be overcome. Pray that intercultural workers would communicate Jesus' message in culturally understandable ways.

Slide 8: Pray for God's Spirit to open the hearts of people to receive His good news. Pray for seekers to connect with our teams.

Slide 9: Pray for local believers to discern how to follow Jesus in their own distinctive ways. Ask that believers remain in relationship with their community so they can share their faith with them.

Slide 10: Ask the Lord of the harvest for more workers. Pray for God to raise up passionate people to share His love in communities where the Gospel is yet to take root.

Slide 11: And also pray for our Global Interaction intercultural teams as they serve in communities around the world...

Slide 12: Among the Yawo of Malawi and Mozambique where social and religious cohesion is extremely important, making the choice to follow Jesus potentially ostracising.

Slide 13: Among the K people of the Silk Road Area where Christianity is seen as a foreigner's religion.

Slide 14: Among the H people of Central Asia where an only 0.01% of 13 million identify as followers of Jesus.

Slide 15: Among the B people of South Asia where local believers put their physical safety at risk when they share their faith in Jesus.

Slide 16: In Indochina where the majority of people identify as non-religious.

Slide 17: Among the Ethnic Thai of Thailand where to be Thai is to be Buddhist.

Slide 18: Among the Khmer of Cambodia where family is the most important thing and choosing to follow Jesus is often seen as a rejection of family.

Slide 19: In South East Asia where people need intercultural workers to journey with them for a long-time before taking steps towards Jesus.

Slide 20: It's easy to be discouraged by these real barriers to the Gospel in these communities. Our teams serve in challenging places... but praise God for His activity! God is at work. He is already there and He invites us to partner with Him in His redemptive plan.

Pray up front or invite the congregation to pray in small groups.

Slide 21: Thank you for praying. Your prayers sustain our teams and open doors for the good news of Jesus to be shared.

Slide 22: You can find more prayer resources and stories on Global Interaction's website.