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# MISSION RESOURCE



Hello,

The Student Life team is deeply saddened that we will not be able to see you this summer. However, we still want to work alongside you to equip and empower your students to live life on mission. This unique season presents churches with an opportunity to teach students that service and missions start in our own communities! The Student Life team has compiled a list of ideas categorized by our typical at camp project types to help you plan a missions project in your area.

We understand each community will have different opportunities to meet in person and gather together. There are suggestions here for both group and individual activities as well as in person and remote. Please follow the recommendations of your local health officials and get creative on how you can serve during this time!

Make sure to take photos of how you are serving with your students, whether that is in person or over a Zoom call, and tag @studentlifecamp when you share them online!

The SL Team



## *Mission Project Ideas*



### *Equipping & Evangelism*

- Ask students to take a spiritual gifts assessment online and host a Zoom call to talk about how giftings can be used to serve in their churches and communities.
- Host a Social Media Evangelism training in person or on Zoom. Teach students how to engage their own sphere of influence using social media or other technology to start Gospel conversations. Teach your students what online content is helpful in sharing the hope we have in Jesus and what is not. Have students track and share who they are sharing the Gospel with using the Life in 6 Words App.
- Host a prayer meeting (over Zoom if needed) to pray for the lost in your community and in the nations as well as for those working to reach these people groups. See page 7 for a Prayer Gathering Guide.

## *Elderly Care and Special Needs*

- Bake and deliver sweet treats to the front porches of elderly congregation members with handwritten letters and notes of encouragement.
- Make cards or write letters, emails, or social media messages to seniors in nursing homes who can't have visitors.
- Create a "shop squad" to pick up groceries and medicine for elderly.
- Deliver meals to homebound individuals.
- Organize a summer worship session with traditional hymns or a play to perform at a nursing home.
- Organize a class to teach computer skills to the elderly.
- Help elderly neighbors clean their homes and organize their belongings.
- Encourage students to call or visit elderly congregation members and create histories of their life stories and testimonies to share with your church.

## *Kids Ministry*

- Volunteer to spend time with children at a local YMCA or Boys & Girls Club.
- Organize a week of free childcare provided by the oldest students in your ministry for families who are struggling to pay for babysitting.
  - Set up one hour Zoom calls for your students to entertain kids of parents who are working from home. They can read kids books, play educational games, have a talent show, or craft activity (drop off craft supplies on the porch of homes participating the day before) etc.
- Throw a birthday party for children who are homeless at a local shelter.
- Make "Get Well" cards for kids in a local children's hospital.
- Organize a summer reading program to encourage kids to read.

## *Behind the Scenes*

- Collect nonperishable foods or money for a local food bank.
- Gather diapers and baby items for your local Christian crisis pregnancy center.
- Collect unused make-up, perfume, and other cosmetics for a center for abused women.
- Hold a book drive and donate the proceeds to a homeless shelter, and then hold a read-a-thon or give a class on basic reading skills.
- Gather combs, toothbrushes, shampoo, razors, etc. to make “I Care” kits for people who are experiencing homelessness.
- Collect backpacks and school supplies to give to children of families who can’t afford them.
- Have people donate money through Venmo or your church’s online giving platform, and order groceries to be sent to a local food bank by InstantCart or other grocery delivery service.
- Contact the local fire and police department to find out how you can bless the servicemen and women in your community.
- Help cook/serve meals at a homeless shelter.
- Create a newcomers group in your neighborhood to help welcome new families.



## *Work Projects*

- Create a [Little Free Pantry](#) in your neighborhood, or outside of your church.
- Spread cheer and positive messages in your neighborhood by creating sidewalk chalk art, painting kindness rocks, or organizing a teddy bear hunt.
- Offer to do yard work for local seniors or single parents.
- Help people paint and repair their homes.
- Volunteer to clean up trash around a neighborhood.
- Create a mural that depicts values of your community.
- Get in touch with your local Habitat for Humanity chapter about helping them build houses for those in need.
- Contact a local school principal to help with clean up projects that get them ready for the new school year.
- Look at your city's community events calendar, pick an event, and find out how you can serve at it.
- Paint over graffiti in your neighborhood.
- Complete work projects around the church grounds.



# Prayer Guide

## *For Yourself & Your Church*

- Pray that God would help you understand the plight of the lost and how much He hates sin. Ask Him to give you a greater understanding of His holiness and a renewed burden for the lost.
- Pray that God would empower and embolden you to share your faith so the lost can hear the Gospel. Pray to have boldness to overcome fear of embarrassment, rejection, or failure when sharing the Gospel.
- Pray that you would develop relationships with more lost people in your community and that God would create divine appointments for you to share your faith.
- Pray that He gives your entire church a desire to reach your community for Christ.  
Ask that He would show your church more effective and creative ways to engage.

## *For Your Community*

- Pray that God would open the hearts of the lost in your community to believe the Gospel and that God would remove Satan's blinding influence from their lives.
- Pray that God would remove any barriers to revival in your community. Pray that God would reveal His great holiness and His great love through Jesus.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to move in peoples' hearts and bring renewed spiritual fervor. Pray that believers of Christ will have a passion for Him and His Word. Pray for pastors and church leaders to stay true to God's Word in their teachings.
- Pray that you and your community will be filled with and known for kindness and compassion. Ask God to show you ways that you can love and serve your neighbors.
- Pray for the elimination of all types of prejudices in your community. Pray that you would see each person as a valued image-bearer of God. Pray for love across all races, socioeconomic classes, religions, and genders, while not compromising the truth of God's Word.

## *For The Nations*

- Pray that the Lord will help the Body of Christ to labor together in the unity of the Spirit to bring good news where it's never been heard before. Ask that God would raise up more laborers for His Kingdom. Pray that God will supply and multiply the resources necessary to support His workers and their work.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will provide missionaries with words that communicate effectively in other cultures and languages. Pray that they would be confident in God's word and that they would find favor with unbelievers.
- Pray for the safety, unity, and peace of missionary teams. Ask that God would give them patience, perseverance, spiritual refreshment, and joy in the midst of suffering. Ask that he would give them strength and victory in any spiritual warfare.
- Pray that seeds will be planted and that missionaries would be able to see the fruits of their labor. Ask that God will produce an abundant harvest as more people learn about the love of Christ. Pray that God would use missionaries to make local disciples to multiply churches.

