

HARVEST (3) EMPOWERED

This month we are focussing our prayers around the theme of Harvest. In the Bible this agricultural metaphor is often used in reference to salvation, fruitfulness and mission. Across the Elim movement let's lift up our prayers to the God of the harvest and take our place in his Kingdom mission.

Telling others about Jesus and partnering with God to bring in the harvest can seem daunting. The amazing truth is that God empowers, equips and moves through us by his Spirit. We do not do this alone. He gives us boldness and wisdom. As we pray he gives us opportunity if our eyes are open to see it. Don't shrink back. There is a world that desperately needs Jesus. Rely on the Spirit and step out. Pray and act. Imagine what God could do if each disciple made this a priority.

Bible

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8 (NIVUK)

One day Jesus called together his twelve disciples and gave them power and authority to cast out all demons and to heal all diseases. Then he sent them out to tell everyone about the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick. Luke 9:1-2 (NLT)

Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus. Acts 4:29-30 (NIVUK)

Prayer Points

- To pray for the empowering and direction of the Holy Spirit in mission.
- For the transformation of individual lives and communities bringing hope, reconciliation, and healing.
- The power to break addictive and life controlling strongholds.
- To break and expose the work of those who would seek to pollute the minds of young people through religious extremism and ideology!
- Pray for boldness to speak and share the good news.
- Pray for any services, events and evangelistic opportunities you have coming up.

- Pray for your frontline. The places and people where God has uniquely positioned you for mission.
- Pray for any particular needs or circumstances you are currently facing.
- Thank God for any answers to prayer or blessings He has given you.
- Use the Scriptures as a basis for your prayers. Ask God what he wants to reveal to you through them.

Creative Ideas

- Read aloud or show a media clip of Acts 1 and 2. The Holy Spirit comes to empower us for witness. Pray for each other, for boldness, wisdom and opportunity.
- Get an image or plot on a map your main frontlines (workplace, home, school, hobby, community etc.) Use this visual aid to help you pray.
- Prayer Walk your community and ask God to lead you to share the good news in word and deed. Go for it!
- Through the month Journal anything God is showing or highlighting. Is there a thread or a theme? What do you need to do in response?