31 Days of Prayer:
Oct. 16–Nov. 15, 2026

National Collection Week is November 16-23, 2026! As we prepare, let's be intentional to bring this 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 enter another exciting season of 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. 16 – Praise God for stirring the hearts of people in the U.S. and abroad to cheerfully pack shoebox gifts. Pray that they too would embrace the Gospel of Jesus Christ, whether for the first time in their lives, or afresh in their walk with God.

📖 Ephesians 2:8-9 – "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

Oct. 17 – Praise the Lord for our partnership in the Gospel with passionate, faithful project leaders. Pray that they will have all the support and encouragement they need as they lead their churches and groups in partnering with Operation Christmas Child.

📖 Philippians 1:3-5 – "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now."

Oct. 18 – Ask the Lord to multiply Gospel opportunities through the increase of shoeboxes from sending countries, so more children can encounter His redeeming love. Pray also that God would continue to grow gifts through Build a Shoebox

Online. Ask God for access into hard-to-reach countries to reach children with these curated shoeboxes built online.

📖 Acts 6:7 – "The word of God kept spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith."

COLLECTION AND DOMESTIC VOLUNTEER TEAMS

Oct. 19 – Thank God for volunteers who serve faithfully at Drop-off Locations. Pray that the joy of the Lord would shine through them as they lean on Christ's strength.

📖 Zephaniah 3:17 **–** "The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will rejoice over you with joy, He will renew you in His love, He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy."

Oct. 20 – Pray that those who drop off shoeboxes would encounter God's love and come to a deeper relationship with their Creator. Ask God to give volunteers opportunities to encourage and minister to these individuals.

📖 Ephesians 3:17-19 – "… that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled to all the fullness of God.

Oct. 21 – Pray that the collecting, counting, loading, and transporting of shoebox gifts runs smoothly and that every gift ultimately becomes an opportunity for the Gospel. Pray for the safety of the truck drivers and for God to empower the logistics teams with strength and clarity of mind.

📖 Psalm 90:17 **–** "May the kindness of the Lord our God be upon us; and confirm for us the work of our hands; Yes, confirm the work of our hands."

PROCESSING

Oct. 22 – Pray the Lord's blessing over volunteers at the Processing Centers – that they would sense His anointing all throughout their work and be filled with passion to reach the nations with the Gospel.

📖 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 – "Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God, who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge."

Oct. 23 – Pray that each shoebox gift would be inspected and handled with love and prayer as it begins its overseas journey. Ask God to use the Processing Center to deepen volunteers' passion for the Gospel and inspire many to continue serving with Operation Christmas Child, especially in our international sending countries.

📖 Colossians 3:23-24 – "Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord and not for people, knowing that it is from the Lord that you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve."

Oct. 24 – Pray that Christ be magnified through the vision and decisions of the Processing Center leadership teams. Ask God to give them wisdom, renew their minds daily and supply them with supernatural endurance.

📖 Hebrews 12:1-2 – "…let's run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking only at Jesus, the originator and perfecter of the faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Oct. 25 – Pray for Processing Center chaplains—that they would receive insight from the Holy Spirit. Ask that Chaplains would be bold in proclaiming the Gospel to both the lost and the saved.

📖 Acts 1:7-8 – "But He said to them, 'It is not for you to know periods of time or appointed times which the Father has set by His own authority; but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses…"

SHIPPING AND CUSTOMS

Oct. 26 – Pray that customs officials and government leaders readily welcome shoeboxes across borders. Ask for the Lord's favor as international logistics coordinators secure permissions and proper documentation from their governments.

📖 Proverbs 3:3-4 – "Do not let kindness and truth leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and a good reputation in the sight of God and man."

Oct. 27 – Pray that no shoeboxes are lost, stolen, or damaged as they make their way by truck, wagon, boat, or even on the back of an animal, to reach children in the most remote regions of the earth.

📖 Psalm 146:5-6 – "Blessed is He whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea and everything that is in them; who keeps faith forever…"

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER TEAMS & MINISTRY PARTNERS

Oct. 28 – Pray that international volunteer teams would inquire of the Lord while planning the coming season. Ask that He grant them wisdom in deciding where to build new teams and that they would completely trust and follow the Lord's strategy.

📖 2 Samuel 5:23 – "So David inquired of the LORD, but He said, 'You shall not go directly up; circle around behind them and come at them in front of the baka-shrubs.'"

Oct. 29 – Pray for international volunteer teams hosting Vision Meetings to invite new churches and groups to partner with them in ministry. Pray that God will use these events to call committed and aligned Ministry Partners to join in the work of Operation Christmas Child.

📖 1 Corinthians 3:8-9 – “Now the one who plants and the one who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, God’s building.”

Oct. 30 – Ask God for discernment in selecting Ministry Partners who will faithfully carry out the full project. Pray that Ministry Partners fan the flame for the mission of Evangelism, Discipleship, and Multiplication and that they are steadfast in Christ’s command to spread the Gospel globally.

📖 2 Timothy 2:2 – “The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful people who will be able to teach others also.”

Oct. 31 – Pray for God’s protection over volunteer teams and Ministry Partners—pray His protection over their physical, mental, and spiritual well-being and against attacks of the enemy. Ask God to empower these dedicated partners who serve sacrificially to reach kids with the Gospel.

📖 1 Peter 5:8-9 – “Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. So resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brothers and sisters who are in the world.”

Nov. 1 – Ask that every child receiving a shoebox would grasp the deep love their heavenly Father has for them. Praise God that He cares for and knows each child’s specific desires and needs.

📖 Matthew 6:8 – “…for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.”

OUTREACH EVENTS (Evangelism)

Nov. 2 – Pray that pastors and teachers presenting the Gospel at outreach events would do so with boldness — that they would remember Christ will draw people to Himself through the power of the Holy Spirit.

📖 John 6:44 – “‘No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.’”

Nov. 3 – Thank God for the countless ways He uses specific shoebox gifts to demonstrate His personal love and care for children. Ask that He would continue to tangibly express His love through the giftboxes, the Gospel presentation, and the volunteers who organize a safe and fun event just for the children.

📖 Psalm 139:1-4 – "Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I get up; you understand my thought from far away. You scrutinize my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before there is a word on my tongue, behold, Lord, you know it all."

Nov. 4 – Pray that the harvest of believers of children and families would be bountiful this year. Praise God for the millions of children brought into His Kingdom through Operation Christmas Child each year.

📖 Mark 1:14-15 – "…Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the gospel."

THE GREATEST JOURNEY (Discipleship)

Nov. 5 – Pray that *The Greatest Journey* teachers and pastors teach with patience, preach the Gospel with zeal, and listen to the Holy Spirit's prompting. Ask the Lord to fill them with energy in guiding children through all 12 lessons. Pray that kids not only hear the Gospel but begin to walk closely with Christ through teachers' intentional discipleship.

📖 2 Timothy 2:15 – "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a worker who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth."

Nov. 6 – Pray that after receiving a shoebox, each child would begin a close walk with Jesus through *The Greatest Journey*. Pray that relatives would desire for their children to attend courses and that *The Greatest Journey* students would grow in their faith and boldly share the Gospel with their families, friends, and communities.

📖 1 Timothy 4:12 – "Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe."

Nov. 7 – Pray for *The Greatest Journey* graduates—that they would soak up the word of God daily, share the Gospel with urgency, and delight in obeying Christ in whatever He calls them to.

📖 Luke 9:23 – "And He was saying to them all, 'If anyone wants to come after Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow Me.'"

MULTIPLICATION

Nov. 8 – Thank God for multiplying the body of believers through children enthusiastically sharing the Gospel with their families, friends, and communities.

📖 Matthew 9:37-38 – "Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.'"

Nov. 9 – Pray that God would grant these new, young believers a spirit of power, love, and a sound mind. Pray that nothing would hold them back from making disciples in their communities and beyond.

📖 2 Timothy 1:7 – "For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline."

Nov. 10 – Pray that as shoebox gifts open doors and soften hearts for the Gospel, entire communities would proclaim Jesus as Savior and church plants would arise as a result.

📖 Acts 11:20-21 – "But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who came to Antioch and began speaking to the Greeks as well, preaching the good news of the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a large number who believed turned to the Lord."

ENDS OF THE EARTH (Unreached People Groups & Children with Disabilities)

Nov. 11 – Pray for discernment and protection for volunteers and ministry partners entering difficult-to-reach or resistant areas. Ask God to bring people of peace into their path, and for communities to receive the Gospel.

📖 Deuteronomy 31:8 – “And the Lord is the one who is going ahead of you; He will be with you. He will not desert you or abandon you. Do not fear and do not be dismayed.”

Nov. 12 – Pray for children with disabilities who receive shoeboxes – that they would know their immeasurable worth in God’s eyes, experience His love personally and discover the unique ways he has created and gifted them.

📖 Isaiah 40:29 – “He gives strength to the weary, and to the one who lacks might He increases power.”

Nov. 13 – Pray for unreached people groups – that the Gospel would pierce through barriers and transform lives of those who have not yet heard the Good News that our Savior is alive!

📖 Romans 10:14-15 – “How then are they to call on Him in whom they have not believed? How are they to believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher? But how are they to preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written: ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring Good News of good things!’”

PRAY DOWN STRONGHOLDS

Nov. 14 – Pray that we remain in Christ by putting on the armor of God regularly – that we seek victory in His might alone with our eyes fixed on the Kingdom to come.

📖 Ephesians 6:10-11 – “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes."

📖 Psalm 60:11-12 – “Give us aid against the enemy, for the help of man is worthless. Through God we shall do valiantly, and he will trample down our enemies."

Nov. 15 – Pray the enemy’s attempts to steal, kill, and destroy would not prevail in this ministry. Pray that every staff member, volunteer, ministry partner, submits to the Lord daily and resists the devil. Ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate Satan’s lies and guide believers to dwell on whatever is true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, commendable, excellent, and praiseworthy.

📖 Revelation 12:10-12 – “Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, ‘Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers and sisters has been thrown down, the one who accuses them before our God day and night. And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death. For this reason, rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you with great wrath, knowing that he has only a short time.’”