



CREATIVE PRAYER ACTIVITIES

CHURCH RESOURCES

These are just a few ideas for activities and illustrations to introduce prayer subjects based on the issue of water and which could be developed according to the local context.

Fill a glass jug or vase with water. Make this water dirty by adding a small amount of garden soil to the water, stirring it in to mix it well. Give the water enough time to settle so the soil sinks to the bottom.

Question: Would you drink the top part of the water in the glass now it looks a bit cleaner?

The reality is that if you were thirsty, you probably would. In many places in our world people don't have a choice – they have to use whatever water is available, no matter how clean (or not) it is.

Thank God that you don't have to make this choice, and pray for the millions around the world who don't have any choice but to drink dirty water.



Question: How much water do you use in a day?

The average in the UK is about 150 litres per person, but in the developing world it can be as little as 10 litres per person.

Measure 10 litres of water into a bucket/container. How far do you think that would get you? Would you be able to do everything you usually use water for in one day?

How far do you think you could carry that water? In many communities around the world, women and children will have to carry that amount of water (and often more) for miles, depending on how far away the nearest source of water is.

Pray that God will help us all to take action to multiply the amount of water available to people all around the world, so that everyone has access to what they need.



Have two buckets or bowls – one with clean water, one with dirty water. Ask volunteers to wash their hands in the dirty water.

Question: How does that feel?

Now allow them to use the clean water to wash their hands.

Question: Does that feel better? Some people in our world don't even have clean water at hand to drink, never mind to wash with. Pray for all those that don't have access to clean water or adequate sanitation facilities. Pray that our eyes will be opened as to the different ways we can take action to change that.

Create a 'road' using stones (hand-sized at least).

The stone road represents the long distances many people have to walk to collect clean water every day.

As prayers are offered, take away a stone from the end of the 'road' to make the distance shorter, and make a commitment to help make clean water more accessible to those who still don't have this access.

You will need for this activity a small glass of ice cold water (or as cold as you can) for each person.

As each person drinks their water, pray for the provision of clean water and sanitation for all those in the world who don't have access to these basic resources. As you feel the refreshment of the cold water, pray that those who are working to address these issues may have an increased awareness of the refreshing power of the Holy Spirit.

