

A World of Prayer

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Expand your family's world by learning more about different countries of the world. Then take time to remember them in prayer.

For

Teen Family

Season

Fall

Needed

Bible, a bowl, 8½- by 11-inch paper for your computer printer, pen, a pair of scissors

Prepare in Advance

- Mark your Bible to John 16:33 and Galatians 6:9 (or see text below)
- Gather needed materials as listed above
- Find the World Atlas website at: http://www.worldatlas.com/



Activity Plan

1. Say this prayer aloud to begin.

God, show us the wonders of your world. Be with us as we pray for those who live in other countries. Amen.

2. Ask someone to read aloud John 16:33 "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

Then ask another family member to read aloud Galatians 6:9 "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

- 3. As a family, visit the World Atlas website at: http://www.worldatlas.com/ and follow these steps:
 - Click on a continent, such as Africa or South America.
 - Click on an individual country on that continent, such as Tanzania in Africa or Bolivia in South America.
 - Read the description for that country.
 - As a family, pray for the people of that country.
- 4. Have someone Google the name of the country and the word "flag." For example, "Tanzania flag" or "Bolivia flag."
- 5. Instead of clicking on the flag, print one copy of the search engine results. (The flag will appear small.) Cut the small flag out of the paper with a pair of scissors.
- 6. On the back of the paper flag, write the name of the country with a pen. Then place the paper flag into a bowl. Place the bowl on your dining-room table.

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- 7. Consider choosing another country and repeating the activity. Over time, you could collect a bowl full of countries of the world. Periodically pull out a flag when you're together as a family, look at the name of the country and pray for the people of that country.
- 8. Go further. Continue to learn more about the country you've chosen. Consider, for example, creating a "Google Alert" or setting up "Google News" and the name of that country to see what the current events are for that country.