# God's Empowering Presence







# The Ambassador's Prayer

God, help me be your empowering presence in the world

Where there is hatred, let me sow love

Where there is strife, peace

Where there is judgment, grace

Where there is doubt, faith

Where there is despair, hope

Where there is darkness, light

And where there is sadness, joy

# The Ambassador's Prayer continued

God, help me
Seek not to be consoled, but to console
Seek not to be understood, but to understand
Seek not to be loved, but to love

May my life declare
That it is in giving, we receive
In forgiving, we are forgiven
And in laying down our lives
We are born to abundant and everlasting life.



#### Matthew 25

"Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

#### Matthew 25

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

#### Matthew 25

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

# Your Empowering Presence

God, help me be your empowering presence in the world Where there is a stranger, let me invite them in Where there is hunger, provide food to eat Where there is thirst, something to drink Where there is nakedness, clothing to wear Where there is sickness, care and support Where there is imprisonment, the time for a visit

God, help me treat others how I would treat you



# They'll Know By Our Love

We are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
And we pray that our unity may one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
By our love
Yeah, they'll know we are Christians by our love

# ACTION!

When you enter a room, smile.

Open the door for someone.

Let a car into the line of traffic.

Pay for someone's groceries or coffee.

Say thank you even when its not required.

Stop and change a tyre or ask if they need help.

Pay a compliment.

Receive a compliment!

Acknowledge someone's efforts.

Listen to a stranger talk.

Make a dinner for someone who is sick.

Send them a card.

Donate regularly to a charity

Give your excess to the Salvation Army

Get a Little Uncomfortable

#### Get A Little Uncomfortable

Become part of a prison ministry.

Go and visit someone who is sick that you don't really know
Offer to prayer for a stranger
Help at the City Mission
Volunteer to read to kids at a school
Take clothing to Uganda

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Get Right Out There

# Get Right Out There

Offer daily lunch for anyone who is hungry Run a rehabilitation programme for ex prisoners Set up a micro industry in Uganda Build a school in the Sudan

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# Where's the Gospel?!

#### Communicate God's love...

...and if necessary use words.

# People don't care how much you know...

...until they know you care.

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