



Pray for Water

Commit to pray for water for a set number of days. Circle the number of days you plan to pray here. You can use this prayer guide to help you pray each day for the people affected by the water crisis.

Day	Prayer Guide
1	Praise God He has started this work in you and is using you to reach the world. Ask Him for HEALTH today for children who are sick from dirty water, and pray they will be well soon. Pray more clean water will get to places that need it so diseases are prevented and people can live long, healthy lives.
2	Walking for water can be dangerous. Pray for the WOMEN and CHILDREN walking to get water today, that God will keep them safe and to help them on their journeys.
3	Praise God for the clean water SOLUTIONS already in place. Ask Him to bless those organizations and the villages they have helped. Pray for scientists to discover new ways to get people clean water.
4	Many children miss out on school because they spend their days getting water for their families. Pray for all children to be able to get an EDUCATION , to learn to read and write and not spend all their time walking to get water.
5	Pray for INDIA . India is home to 1.2 billion people, 77 million of whom are without clean water. More than 500 children in India die every day from diarrhea they get from contaminated water. Pray for God to bring money, supplies, and willing people to help the people there get clean water. ^[1]
6	Praise God He is at work among the nations! As people receive clean water, pray they will come to KNOW the GOD who loves them and wants to provide for them. Pray they will know and love the true Living Water, Jesus!
7	Pray for the people who spend hours everyday collecting water. In Sub-Saharan Africa, women and children spend 40 billion hours a year collecting water. ^[2] (That's the same amount of time as all the people in France spend working in one year!) Pray for clean water so these women and children have TIME for school, TIME for jobs, and TIME to care for their families.
8	Pray for YEMEN . Yemen is located on the Arabian Peninsula. Due to war and a dry climate, more than half of all Yemenis do not have access to clean water. Those who have water pipes often only get water twice a week. Pray for peace for this country and for water resources to be able to get to all Yemenis. ^[3]
9	Praise God for all the WATER ORGANIZATIONS working to find clean water solutions and getting them to people in need. Pray they will have the resources they need to distribute water to everyone who needs it and that those people will know the God who gave them this gift. Also pray God will mightily bless their work!
10	Pray for HEALTH for CHILDREN . One child dies every 15 seconds from a water-related sickness. Please pray that today those deaths will be prevented by getting clean water to those families.
11	Pray for ETHIOPIA . The country has frequent droughts causing people to get water from very shallow ponds and water holes. These water sources spread disease quickly to both people and animals. ^[4] Pray for rain, clean water supplies, health, and blessing on this land.

12	Did you know children carry about 10 pounds of water on their heads, and adolescent girls and women carry up to 45 pounds of water on their heads? This causes head and neck pain and can even cause damage. Pray for healing for any damage already done and for clean water wells to be CLOSE to their homes.
13	Some villagers create SMALL WATER BUSINESSES to get water to those in their communities who need it. They sell water for pennies per gallon so women don't have to walk to get water. ^[5] Pray for God to bless their businesses and for others to start similar businesses.
14	2.3 billion people do not have access to toilets. That is one out of every three people! Many have to go out in the open, and this causes diseases to spread. We often take toilets for granted, but they are important in protecting people from getting sick. Pray for TOILETS for every community to cut down on DISEASES . ^[6]
15	Water-born diseases are preventable! Pray for the CHILDREN who are sick from drinking water. Pray they get just the right medicines and recover quickly.
16	Pray for BOLIVIA . Bolivia is a large and diverse country. It has undergone a severe drought and has had many water resources dry up almost completely. The problem was made worse by poor management of water resources. Pray for rain and for the government to better manage the water resources for all Bolivia's people. ^[7]
17	We know God is at work around the world! Thank you, God! Pray that as people receive clean water, they will come to KNOW who GOD is and that He loves them dearly. Pray they will know and love the true Living Water, Jesus!
18	Did you know that simply having access to safe water and toilets can take people out of poverty? When they have access to these things, they save a lot of time. Time can then be spent on education and work, giving them new opportunities and BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY . Pray for people to get water and toilets so they can go to work and school and no longer live in poverty.
19	Pray for PAPUA NEW GUINEA . It is home to 7 million people and 800 different languages! They are also one of the poorest countries on the planet with 60% of the country living without a safe water supply. ^[8] The problem in this country is with distribution--they have the water but it is not being equally distributed. Pray for the government to find ways to get clean water to all the people in this country.
20	According to a 2015 Unicef report, 42% of healthcare facilities in Africa do not have access to safe water. ^[9] HOSPITALS have a hard time helping people get well with dirty supplies and facilities. Pray for hospitals and medical clinics to get the clean water they need to help sick people get well.
21	Pray for more people to CARE about the water crisis--people in your church, community, state, and nation. Ask God to help you spread the word so others LEARN about the water crisis and take ACTION , working together to solve this problem.

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