

As we focus our thoughts on our brothers and sisters around the world and their great need for meaningful work and income, how can we pray for them? Let's look at how Nehemiah reacted upon hearing of the trouble his spiritual brothers and sisters were having back in their home country. "When I heard this, I sat down and wept. In fact, for days I mourned, fasted, and prayed to the God of heaven." -Nehemiah 1:4

"Nehemiah doesn't offer up a token prayer in response to the reports of trouble. How many times have I shot off a thirty second prayer in the face of great challenge, just so I can get on with my day? Nehemiah spends several days mourning, fasting and praying. How willing am I to sacrificially lay aside my schedule, to labor in prayer, and to battle on behalf of others?" --Lectio 365

(Place this card in a place where you will see it and be reminded to pray for our Goals for a Brighter Future)

Lord, I come to you today interceding for my brothers and sisters in the **Sri Lanka Territory**. I pray for the officers, employees and soldiers of The Salvation Army who are focused on developing meaningful work opportunities and training for people in need of employment and livelihood.

May these projects:

Safe Water & Livelihood Development Project

Kalutara Rubber Estate—
Agriculture training and income generating

- -Provide the training needed to succeed in employment
- -Be successful business ventures for people in need
- -Provide the funds employees need to support themselves and their families
- -Be places where Your presence is known and felt, meeting both the physical and spiritual needs of the people they serve.

Lord, help me find ways to "battle on behalf of others", through my prayers, my giving, fundraising and advocating for my brothers and sisters in our partner territory. -Amen

