

World Services Ingathering Program Ideas

(2) Welcome

(2) Call to Worship – “Be a blessing!” (see below)

(1) Scripture (to be read by someone leading worship)

1 Chronicles 16:23-24

(7) Worship through music (Choose two)

SB 917/197 – Christ for the world (or Transmission updated version)

1000/395 – For the healing of the nations

1009/825 – Shout to the north and the south

HC 194 – Every nation under heaven

48 – For God so loved the world

152 – We want to see Jesus lifted high

196 – Take my life and let it be (I am Yours)

(1) Scripture (to be read by the person leading prayer time)

Isaiah 56:6-7

(7) Prayer Time

“A house of prayer for all nations”

Weekly prayer focus for Salvation Army territory <https://www.facebook.com/spirituallifecentral>
(new territory posted each week)

Prayer cards or “Journey of a Cinnamon Roll” from GFBF <https://centralmissions.org/gfbf/>

Prayercast.com – prayer videos for every country in the world <https://prayercast.com/>

(2) Scripture (to be read by the person doing the Missions Moment)

Acts 11:25-30

(5) Missions Moment

Final WS video (or other unused WS video) <https://centralmissions.org/gfbf/videos/>

Any unused Missions Moment <https://centralmissions.org/category/resources/missions-moment/>

Testimony from someone who has seen The Salvation Army at work in another country

(3) Scripture

Philippians 4:10-20 (if this scripture portion is not the entire focus of the sermon, a smaller portion of this passage can be chosen)

(5) Offering Time

Popularly used during WS Ingatherings of the past, but especially appropriate during pandemic is to do the offering by inviting people to bring their offering to leave on the altar. This ensures that people aren't touching the same offering plate, but gives everyone an opportunity to tangibly “bring their offering to the Lord.” Be sure to make a plan for spacing of individuals so there isn't crowding at the altar. Play upbeat worship music, have the band play, etc. during this offering time.

(20) Sermon

Option A – How God's story includes all the nations woven throughout the Bible to show His plan has always been for the salvation of the whole world, even as he chose the nation of Israel as His own people. Use the verses given (and/or others of your choice) throughout the worship service to show His constant love and care for ALL nations.

Option B – Focus on Philippians 4 passage to speak specifically on our call to care for others through our partnership in the gospel.

(3)Response Time

(2)Closing Benediction

Doxology (SB 1036/31) or Lord’s Prayer (Use one of these as a universal prayer that the church worldwide uses. This is a way to pray in unity with our brothers and sisters around the world.)

Call to Worship – “Be a blessing!”

From the moment God called Abraham to be set apart as His holy nation, God called him and his descendants to be a blessing to all nations. We hear God’s covenant with Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3

¹The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

²“I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;

I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.

³I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you.”

This isn’t really a statement of fact, but rather a command. The original Hebrew text for verse 2 uses the command form, “BE a blessing!”. Along with God’s promises to Abraham, He clearly communicates that Abraham and his descendants were to BE a blessing, that ALL peoples on earth were to be blessed through Abraham.

Because of Jesus, we are counted as spiritual descendants of Abraham, as God’s chosen people. Therefore, like Abraham, our calling from God includes the command to be a blessing to all nations. Jesus himself is the fulfillment of this promise, that all peoples on earth would be blessed through Abraham’s descendants. Our part in this story is to be reflectors of Jesus love to all our neighbors, both near and far.

As we enter worship this morning, let’s invite Jesus not just to be present in our midst, but that His love and light would fill our hearts so we may join our partners around the world to faithfully reflect Jesus in our thoughts, words and actions. May Jesus Christ be praised.