

# JMA SERVICE

2009



The **Methodist** Church





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## Call to Worship

### Psalm 100

Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful singing.

**Methodist Church Priorities:** To proclaim and affirm its conviction of God's love in Christ, for us and for all the world; and renew confidence in God's presence and action in the world and in the Church

### Hymn

(see suggested selection)

### Prayer of Approach, Adoration & Confession

(see suggested selection)

### Hymn (or two Songs of Praise)

(see suggested selection)

## Address & Activity

### Bible Reading

(see suggested selection)

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(see suggested selection)

### Hymn

(see suggested selection)

## Presentation: JMA Awards

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

### Hymn

(see suggested selection)

**Talk**

Sharing of stories from around Methodism World Wide

**Prayer of Intercession****Lord's Prayer**

Invite the congregation to say this prayer in different languages.

Project up on a screen or have placed on the walls the Lords prayer in different languages.

**Hymn**

(see suggested selection)

**Blessing**

# RESOURCES

Use these resources as suggested elements to the service.

## Hymns

- Come all who look to Christ today
- Give me the faith which can remove
- Go forth and tell! O church of God awake!
- He's got the whole world in his hands
- Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all
- Lord, thy church on earth is seeking
- Make me a channel of your peace
- See how great a flame aspires
- Teach me my God and King
- The Church of Christ in every age
- What shall our greeting be, sign of our unity?

## Songs of Praise

- All I once held dear (knowing you)
- All things are possible
- Brother, Sister let me serve you
- Come now is the time to worship
- Father I place into your hands
- From heaven you came (Servant King)
- Lord I lift your name on high
- Light of the world (Here I am to worship)
- When the music fades (Heart of worship)
- We are marching

*Can be found in Hymns and Psalms*



## Bible Readings

Mark 12: 41-44 – Widow's offering  
1 Chronicles 29: 2-13 – Gifts for building the temple & David's prayer (v10-13)  
James 2: 14-17 & v22 – Faith & Deeds  
Galatians 6: 1-10 – Doing Good to all  
Matthew 22:34-40 – The Greatest Commandment  
1 Corinthians 13: 1-8a – Love is

## Ideas to explore the Bible readings in a different way

**Act it out:** Ask for volunteers to act out and narrate parts in the Bible reading. You don't need lots of props or costumes, and you don't have to do the entire story. One scene done with one prop can have a great impact.

**Broadcast it:** TV news broadcast of the bible passage with interviews of witnesses, people in the story

**Charades:** Play charades with characters or scenes as the subject



# RESOURCES

## Prayers

### Prayer of Adoration

Amazing God

We stand here in your awesome presence

Who can fathom the glories of your work

Who can comprehend the compassion of your heart

Amazing God

We stand in awe of you

### Prayer of Approach

Spectacular God

We greet you this day with love and affection

Today as we celebrate the good work your people  
are doing all over the world;

Visit us this day

That we may thank you for the young JMA collectors,  
those that support them

And those that contribute what money they have

All this we do for the good of your Kingdom

This we pray in Jesus name

***Amen***

### Prayer of Confession

Father God

We apologize for times when we have not loved the  
world as we should

For times when we have not loved one another, as  
Brothers and Sisters in Christ

For times when we have neglected to help raise  
money for people in need

We are sorry for times when we have put our own  
selfish needs before others

For times when we have ignored your call for us to  
help others

For times when we have not spoken up for those  
who have no voice



## Prayers (cont.)

We apologize for times when we, the world, have not cared for your planet

For times when we have thrown rubbish on the ground

For times when we have used the car when we could have walked

We are sorry for times when we as a nation, fight  
For times when we are violent, abusive to one another

For times when we are jealous or insincere

[PAUSE]

God is faithful and just and forgives us our sins

**Amen**

**Thanks be to God.**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving (1)

God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit

We thank you for our JMA collectors

For all their hard work & effort

We pray you will continue to strengthen them

As they do your good work

For the good of your world

For the good of your Kingdom

This we pray in your Holy Trinity name

**Amen**

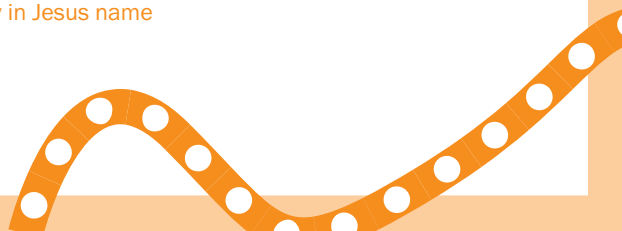
### Prayer of Thanksgiving (2)

Generous God

[Using fruits from different countries, give thanks for them and those who grow such fruit for us to enjoy!]

This we pray in Jesus name

**Amen**



# RESOURCES

## Prayers (cont.)

### Prayer of Intercession (1)

Father God we bring before our prayers for the world.

The Americas...

Caribbean...

Africa...

Asia...

Europe...

Hold this world in your hand.

**Amen**

### Prayer of Intercession (2)

**The Globe -**

Gracious God

We bring before you our prayers for your world...

*[Hold up the basket of globe prayers / place your hands over the prayers at the altar]*

Please bless our sisters and brothers around the world

Fill them with your love and compassion

Strengthen them in their time if need

And encourage them with faith

**Gracious God,**

***We pray for faith in your world***

Give the decision makers wisdom to make a change, stand up for injustice and serve your people  
Bringing new hope

**Gracious God,**

***We pray for hope in your world***

We pray for organizations and charities helping others around the globe

We pray of JMA collectors, continue to bless them in their mission

And we pray for the World Church and it's 60 mission partners

Father God you know each person by name





Please continue to bless them and the work they do

***Gracious God***

***We pray for charities in your world***

Bless those in countries where there is violence,  
abuse and war

We think in particular about...

Bless those in countries where there has been sad  
news recently...

***Gracious God,***

***We pray for love in your world***

Bless the peace makers, the people in your world  
trying to do good

Fill them with your Spirit that they may continue to  
do your good work

***Gracious God,***

***We pray for peace in your world***

May you continue to hold these countries in your  
caring hands

And embrace them with your loving arms

***Amen***

**Prayer of Intercession (3)**

**World Map**

Gather us oh God in this place

We unite with our brothers and sisters around the  
world

Place your loving hands upon them

Bless each and every situation

Fill your people with hope, love

And bring them peace

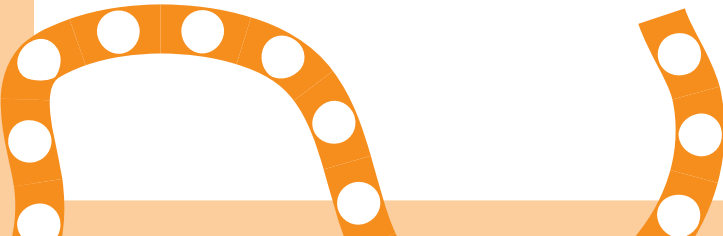
This we pray in the presence of the Holy Spirit

***Amen***

# RESOURCES

## Blessing

As we leave this place loving God  
Fill us with the mission to give, serve and love the  
world more [PAUSE]  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your  
mind  
*Amen*



## Prayer Ideas

### Globe pictures – size A5

Leave these on seats or put them inside hymn books as the people enter.

As part of the Prayer of Intercession invite the congregation to write a prayer for the world; whether a situation they are currently aware of or a general prayer.

Invite the congregation to either

- a) Bring the prayers to the front & place on them on the alter
- b) Place them in baskets during the offering
- c) Take them home and

- use them as book marks
- put them in their bible
- put them on their fridge
- put them on their computer at work as a daily prayer

A prayer has been written for points a) & b) above, Prayer of Intercession (2) The Globe.



# RESOURCES

## Prayer Ideas (cont.)

### World map

Place music post-it notes for reflection and invite the congregation to write prayers for the world on post it notes.

When they are ready, they can bring the prayers to the world map; placing them on the country they have written a prayer for.

When everyone has finished, ask the congregation to either

- a) hold hands as Prayer of Intercession (3) world map prayer is read out
- b) Stand/remain seated as the world map prayer is read out
- c) Include these post it notes as part of Prayer of Intercession (2) The Globe

### Newspapers

Give the congregation sections of today's newspaper (or papers from the week).

Ask them to find a story, preferably from another country.

Then either

- a) Invite them to read an article out aloud and then spontaneously pray for that situation
- b) Invite the congregation to cut/tear out an article and stick it on the world map or bring it to the altar. Prayer of Intercession (2) or (3) could be read out.

## Prayer Ideas (cont.)

### **NewsLetters from World Church Partners**

Read out a letter and pray for the people (and/or) situations mentioned.

You can use any of the prayers of intercession; Prayer of Intercession (3) would be good to close with.

### **Music**

Use the lyrics from any of chart topping songs suggested to incorporate as a prayer.



# RESOURCES

## Activities

### JMA Interview

What made you first decide to become a JMA collector?

Would you recommend being a JMA collector to any of your friends or family?

### ADDRESS & ACTIVITY

1

Ask the children/young people if they have travelled to other countries or have family who live in a different part of the world.

What is the name of the country ?

What is it like?

Is it a rich country?

Is it a poor country?

When they travelled

How did they get there; plane, boat, train, car?

3

What is JMA?

Fund for World Mission

The World Church

(Power point Presentation downloadable on [www.methodistchildren.org.uk](http://www.methodistchildren.org.uk) JMA downloadables)

## Set The Scene

World map

World flags

World food – invite the congregation to hold a “Bring & Share” lunch after church, with food from own/ different countries



# JMA AWARDS PRESENTATION

**Leader:**

We gather here today to say thank you to *[name(s)]* for all your hard work.

As a JMA collector *[name(s)]* has raised money for the Junior Mission for All.

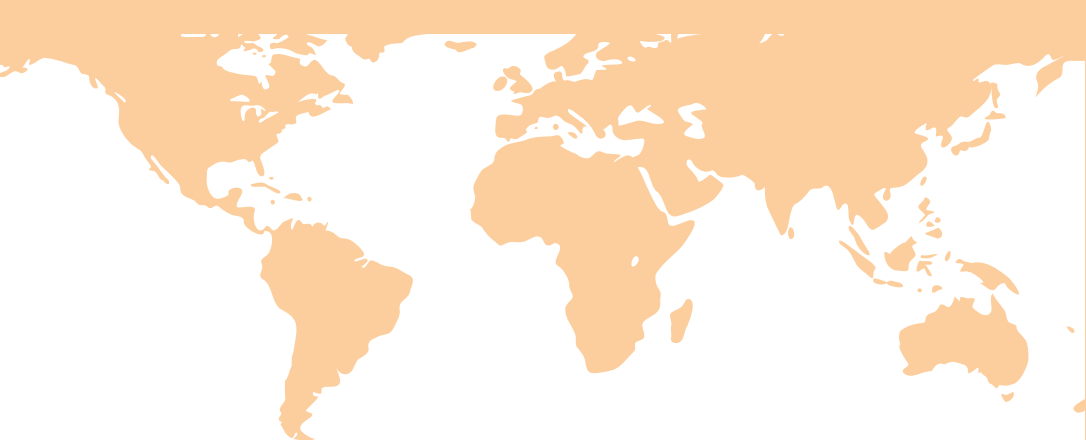
This money will be used by the Fund for World Mission, supporting work in the Methodist church in other parts of the world

May God continue to Bless you and use you in the life of the Church for the good of God's Kingdom.

*Amen.*

[Leader presents certificate and/or badge]





# THE WORLD OF THE FUTURE

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## NEWS FROM OUR WORLD PARTNER CHURCHES

Using newsletters from Mission Partners share a little about what is happening where they are.

(Mission Partners information [www.methodist.org.uk](http://www.methodist.org.uk) World Church )

### **The Shade and Fresh Water Project Brazil**

Our mission is to form a large Methodist network that supports and protects children and teenagers in the favelas (Shanty Towns).

It is a programme developed by local churches to care for children and teenagers from 6 to 14 years of age, providing activities that strengthen their physical, intellectual, emotional well being, and their spiritual and social development.

The project was organized to help local churches to develop social educational activities as an alternative to dangerous situations. The churches are invited to organize additional school activities, aiming for better living conditions.

Shade and Fresh Water" means a space to live the human rights, a place of shelter, friendship, citizenship and integral education of good things from the kingdom of God.

Activities offered by the Churches: Christian Education, Tutoring, Sport and Recreation Culture and Art, General support and training of Volunteers, Partnership and overseeing the project's development, Training IN fundraising, Evangelism, Citizenship. The Churches run activities for many of the children in the Flavelas.

### **News from Tom Quinnet World Church Partnership Co-ordinator for the Americas and Carribean Brazil Visit 2009 Methodist Church in Vila Rica, Sao Paulo.**

Vila Rica is more an aspiration of what people may hope the community might become, than what it

is. It is a typical Brazilian shanty town and far from the town of wealth that the name implies. A place where tightly packed houses are reached along narrow alley ways, where suspicious and inquisitive eyes immediately notice and interrogate the stranger. Our visit, was well planned and permission had been given for us to enter the community by those who have greatest authority and power in these populations. The Methodist Evangelist, Sergio Sanchez is well know, accepted and respected by the community and with his help we arrive at a home that is no more than two room about 6 feet by twelve feet. Winding our way through the favela has drawn the attention of the children and seeing us carrying bags of shopping, they follow us to the home of the church member.

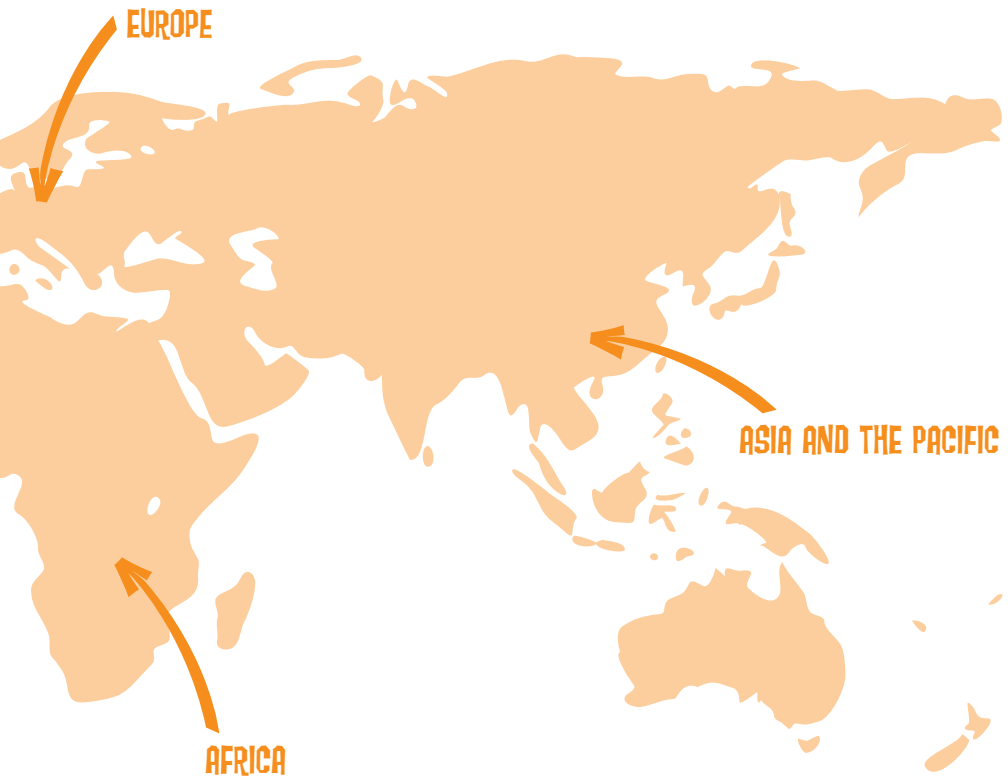
A large number has gathered in the little home, Sergio preaches to those gathered after which he prays. By now some children from the neighbouring homes feel confident enough to open their curtains or come out to see the spectacle. From an adjacent living space, the football commentary roars, it is a replay of Manchester United's goals in the Carling Cup. Our young host announces the score to us.. It is evening and we have returned to the church nearby, the service starts and the miracle suddenly happens, a group of about fourty children from the favela are singing a set piece in the service and with broad smiles full of hope, they sing in praise and thanksgiving to God. We are joined together in worship. We all clap, we all smile, we all rejoice, we are all infected with the children's enthusiasm for life. The miracle – the child in the favela takes me and all in the congregation into the presence of God.

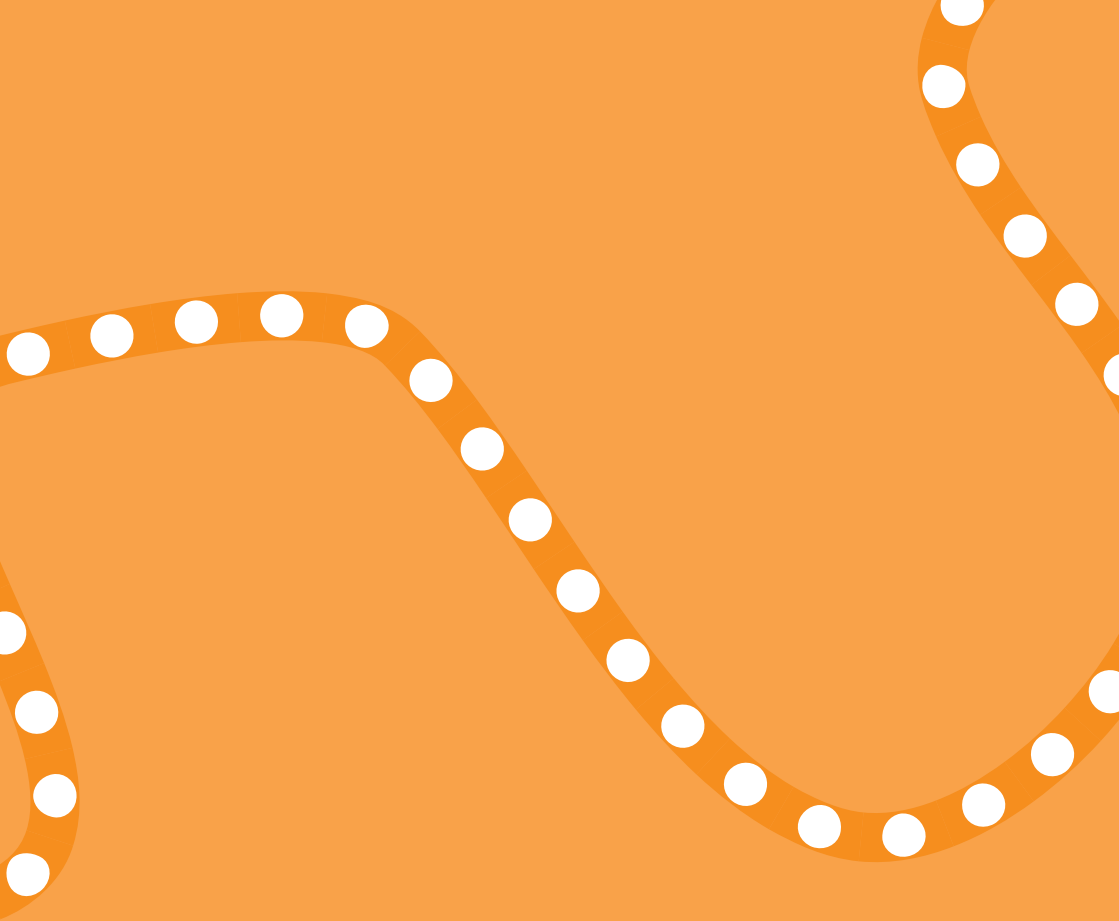
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CARIBBEAN AND THE AMERICAS

# MISSION PARTNERS WORLD WIDE





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