

# DAY OF PRAYER AND ACTION LEADER'S GUIDE

## What is the Day of Prayer and Action?

This October 1, you will be joining young people across the nation in organizing a Day of Prayer and Action on their campuses and communities. We are gathering to seek our generation's calling within a world of numbing abundance and crippling poverty.

Two thousand years ago, twelve ordinary men were faithful to God's calling and changed the course of history. This year, we will explore what it would look like for our generation to **create a modern-day Book of Acts with our lives**. As the government's fiscal year begins on October 1, we will gather to pray for our campuses and churches, our government and elected leaders and the communities around the world most affected by poverty and injustice.

The Day of Prayer and Action should generate introspection which leads to action. We will consider God's calling for our lives, pray for our world and begin (or continue) to act on the biblical call for justice.

## What is the Leader's Guide?

The Leader's Guide is meant to help you think through and prepare for the Day of Prayer and Action. We offer you suggestions for facilitating, but encourage your leadership and creativity. Since you know your audience better than we ever will, your personal touch adds great value and credibility.

## What does a Day of Prayer and Action look like?

1. **Gather people together.** Simple, but not always easy. Ask friends and family to invite friends and family. Spread the word.
2. **Watch the included DVD.** Find an accessible location where everyone can see and hear.
3. **Discuss what you saw.** Use the attached discussion questions. Have some answers in mind so you can get conversation going. Ask your closer friends and other leaders to help you facilitate.
4. **Pray** for your campus, our government leaders, and the communities most affected by poverty and injustice around the world.
5. **Mobilize others to commit to action.** Have your group respond with the commitment cards provided.



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## Tips for promoting the event

1. **Be creative and intentional.** Think through new ideas that will capture people's attention. Take every possible opportunity to advertise for the event in a manner that is not overbearing. Invite people through Facebook or other social media outlets. Make posters and fliers. Make announcements in your church or fellowship gatherings.
2. **Don't do it alone.** Invest in new leadership and partnerships for this event.
3. **Be prepared.** Watch the DVD before showing it, work out all the logistics, etc. Having a strong background on what you are doing will help you convey a confident reasoning for why you are inviting others to join in.
4. **Don't worry.** Pray and listen to the Spirit. God will use you regardless of apparent success or failure. You may never know what lives God has touched because of your work.

## Steps to take after the Day of Prayer and Action

- **ACTS+CALLING** - Go through our 6-week small group study guide that should help young people discern God's calling for their lives using stories from the Book of Acts.
- Join in on one or more of our campaigns:
  - **Acts to End Malaria** – <http://www.actstoendmalaria.org>
  - **Human Wrong Initiative to Stop Child Slavery** – <http://www.humanwrong.org>
  - **Lives on the Line** or **Do You See Orange?** campaigns on AIDS – <http://www.worldvisionacts.org/?q=aids>
  - **Broken Bread Hunger Meal** – <http://www.worldvisionacts.org/brokenbread>
- Create your own campaign on an issue of poverty and injustice
- Read a book to help you understand the relationship between faith and justice, such as *The Hole in Our Gospel* by Richard Stearns.



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