



**Monthly Devotions
for
Congregational Leaders
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Dear friends in Christ,

One of the most important ways congregational leaders can address the challenges and opportunities for ministry is through prayer. Prayer is a joy and a privilege given to us by our Lord Jesus. If we desire God to bless our work time together for the Kingdom, and who doesn't, we need to pray before, during and after we deliberate and discuss the business of the church, even as the beloved hymn reminds us, "With the Lord begin your task."

As you meet this year please take the time to begin those meetings with devotion if you don't already do so.

To assist you, I have written a series of devotions for your use. There is one for each of the coming eleven months. These devotions use quotes and ideas from the book Church That Works by Gary L. McIntosh (Barker Books, 2004). While it's not imperative that you do so, you might want to purchase several copies and have them available to read in conjunction with these devotions.

These will be emailed to you a week or two in advance. In addition they will be made available to you on the Eastern District home page (www.LCMSED.org).

A leader is needed for each devotion. May I suggest that you take turns doing so. Sharing the responsibility will be a blessing to you all.

Thank you for taking this opportunity to grow together in Christ and in His Word.

God's peace,

Pastor Chris Wicher

TOPICS AND THEMES

September	Change
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February	Developing Ministry
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SEPTEMBER – “Change”

***While God and His saving intention never change,
everything He has created never stays the same.***

OPENING PRAYER. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Let us pray. Holy God, You never change. Your love for the world is endless and the saving redemption of Jesus is forever. In our ever-changing world keep us strong in our faith in You and always faithful in our privileged task to declare Your marvelous deeds of bringing us to Your light of life. In Jesus' name. Amen

READ: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

- ¹ There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:
- ² a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot,
- ³ a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build,
- ⁴ a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,
- ⁵ a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
- ⁶ a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away,
- ⁷ a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak,
- ⁸ a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

Church That Works, Part 1 “Building Foundations” and Part 2 “Changing Times”

“A recent joke tells of a college freshman stopping a young lady who was hurrying to class. ‘What’s the rush?’ he asks. ‘I’ve got to get to class before the textbook goes out of date,’ she replies. While the joke overstates our current situation, we must admit change is taking place at a faster pace than in years past.” (p. 10)

ASK

1. How have things changed for you, in your community, for your congregation over the past 5 years - 10 years -30 years?
2. Why does change make us feel anxious?
3. What hasn’t changed for you through the years?

DISCUSS:

1. We live in an ever-changing world of fast paced information, stimulation saturation, cultures impaction, and people migration. It will not stop. But what, at the core of your faith life, has been helpful in being a Christian man or woman who shares the love of Jesus in all circumstances, in season and out of season?
2. For many of our congregations September is like a new year. All the Boards and ministries of the congregation start up again after summer’s break. If that’s true for you, at this meeting discuss some of the things you would like to see remain and/or change in the year to come? What will that look like? Who will be the one responsible to do it?

CLOSING PRAYER IDEA

Leader begins the prayer, then go around the table and have each person mention one blessing for which to thank God or one need to ask for God’s help, the leader then closes the prayer.

OCTOBER’S DEVOTION. “Strangers In Our Midst”. Who will the leader be?

OCTOBER – “Strangers In Our Midst”

***“In Christ there is no east or west, in Him no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love, Throughout the whole wide earth”***
Lutheran Service Book 653

OPENING PRAYER. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Let us pray. Holy God, when we were strangers and foreigners before You took us in to Your home and in Christ Jesus You gave us a place at Your table of grace. Teach us to know that in Your name there are no strangers. Amen

READ: Hebrews 13:1-3

¹ Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. ² Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. ³ Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

Church That Works, Part 3 “Church Visitors”, Part 4 “People Flow”, and Part 5 “Assimilation”

“There’s an old saying that you never have a second chance to make a first impression. How do you say hello to first-time visitors to your church?” (p. 59)

ASK

1. How many guests were in church this past Sunday?
2. What do you do when you approach someone you don’t recognize in church?
3. The stranger and the sojourner were of concern to God in both the Old and New Testaments. How did God show His love for those who “did not fit the mold” or “slipped between the cracks” of community life?

DISCUSS

1. What do people see when they come to your church? A parking lot clearly lined with special parking places for visitors and the handicapped? A difficult maze of cluttered hallways to pass on the way to the Sanctuary? Greeters at the door and friendly handshakes in the pews? Hospitality has many faces of joy and pleasure and forethought.
2. Be intentional about addressing your weaknesses. Would it be helpful to actually pay a person from the community, not a member of the congregation, to attend worship and then report to you on what they saw, felt, and experienced?

CLOSING PRAYER IDEA

Say a prayer for all the visitors who have been to your church this past month.

NOVEMBER’S DEVOTION. “Caring for Servants“. Who will the leader be?

NOVEMBER – “Caring for Servants”

How we treat and how we care for our paid servants of Christ reflects more about us than about them. Imagine the bountiful blessings that come where there is love, respect, corroboration, co-operation and strong prayerful and financial support.

OPENING PRAYER. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Let us pray. Jesus, You are the Lord of the Church. We thank You for leading our Pastor and other workers into our midst. May we pray and care for them as they uphold us and nurture us in Your Word. In whose name we pray. Amen

READ: 1 Corinthians 9:7-11

⁷ Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat its grapes? Who tends a flock and does not drink the milk? ⁸ Do I say this merely on human authority? Doesn't the Law say the same thing? ⁹ For it is written in the Law of Moses: "Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain." Is it about oxen that God is concerned? ¹⁰ Surely he says this for us, doesn't he? Yes, this was written for us, because whoever plows and threshes should be able to do so in the hope of sharing in the harvest. ¹¹ If we have sown spiritual seed among you, is it too much if we reap a material harvest from you?

Church That Works, Part 8 “Pastoral Compensation” and Part 11 “Personal Development”

“Like most pastors, if there was one thing I didn't want to talk about, it was money, especially when it related directly to my salary. I especially wanted to avoid the appearance of greed.” (p. 126)

ASK

1. What steps does your congregation take in setting next year's salary for your staff? Are you aware that District Salary Guidelines are available on the Eastern District web site?
2. In addition to providing workers with the best salary possible, what other benefits are there to consider? Days off? Vacation? Retirement? Social Security tax? Continuing Education? Sabbatical leave?
3. How might you manage your time better and improve one's stewardship of time?

DISCUSS

1. Congregations are expected to annually review their ministry and the work of their staff. Who is responsible for this in your congregation? What tools are used? Did you know that evaluation discussion tools are available on the Eastern District web site?
2. Why is it helpful and healthy for leaders to evaluate their work and set reasonable expectations for each other?

CLOSING PRAYER IDEA

Join hands and go around the table, each person saying a one-sentence prayer for the person on the right.

DECEMBER'S DEVOTION. “Worship“. Who will the leader be?

DECEMBER – “Worship”

***God blesses us with His presence where two or three are gathered.
We should give to God our very best when we worship Him.***

OPENING PRAYER. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Let us pray. Holy God, You are here with us through Your Son and in the Spirit. During this season when we remember with joy the appearing of grace in the face of Jesus, may our worship be filled with awe and adoration. In Your name we ask this. Amen

READ: Matthew 2:1

¹ After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

And Hebrews 10:24, 25

²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Church That Works, Part 6 “Worship”

“To be successful, it is best to add an additional service when the growth momentum is rising, the morale is high and the timing is right.” (p. 104)

ASK

1. What is worship? Has the church always worshipped the way we worship in our churches today?
2. McIntosh talks about “Enthusiastic Worship” (p. 98). While that might not be quite the language you would use to describe good worship experiences, what made it such a good experience for you?
3. While not every congregation would want to have a second or third worship service each weekend, what steps would you take as you develop plans for additional services?

DISCUSS

1. It was once commented that the most important body organ we bring to worship is the ear. We need to listen carefully to what God has to say to us when we worship Him. We need to work to stay focused and to participate fully.
2. We bring our very best, our choicest to the Lord in worship. What happens to worship when that quality is less than our best through faith?
3. If you are the one making decisions about worship services, what would you want to keep the same and what would you like to change?

CLOSING PRAYER IDEA

Close by saying the Lord’s Prayer

JANUARY’S DEVOTION. “Renewal“. Who will the leader be?

JANUARY - Renewal

God renovates and renews all things by sweeping out the old and ushering in the new.

OPENING PRAYER. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Let us pray. Lord, You make everything new again and in You we are a new creation. This New Year, may we be renewed in faith, hope, and love in You as we care for and serve those among us, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

READ: Matthew 9:16, 17

¹⁶ “No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch will pull away from the garment, making the tear worse. ¹⁷ Neither do people pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved.”

Church That Works, Part 7 “Renewal”

“It used to be common practice to plant churches in quiet neighborhoods well away from the major flow of traffic. Today’s approach is to place churches as close to the traffic flow as possible. Busy streets are better than quiet lanes for attracting guests.” (p. 120)

ASK

1. Where would you turn if you sensed something needed to change in your church but were not sure what it was? (my hunch is you already know what it is)
2. The health of a congregation rests with the health of the leaders. On a scale of 1 to 10, 1 being in the basement and 10 being through the roof, how would you rate your congregation’s morale right now?
3. All congregations have strengths and weaknesses. What strengths do you have to go on, that can be strengthened even more for ministry to your community?

DISCUSS

1. McIntosh talks in general about “Turning a Church Around” (p. 112 – 115), about “Coming Back After Disaster” (p. 116 – 119) and “Relocating A Church” (p. 120 – 124). Which of these sections might be helpful to your congregation right now?
2. Help from the outside is available to congregations desiring to renew their ministry. Try exploring online for help or call the District Office for a facilitator.
3. Renewal in any form has a cost. What cost(s) is involved?

CLOSING PRAYER IDEA

Leader begins and others name the gifts they are thankful to God for. Then leaders closes.

FEBRUARY’S DEVOTION. “Developing Ministry“. Who will the leader be?

FEBRUARY – “Developing Ministry”

***We open the soil and plant the seed,
we water the seed and pull out the weeds,
but God gives the increase!***

OPENING PRAYER. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Let us pray. Almighty God, in Your Son You called us to make disciples. We are here to plant the good seed and nurture believers in the Word. Keep us faithful to our calling. Amen

READ: Ephesians 4:11-13

¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Church That Works, Part 9 “Developing Ministry” and Part 10 “Small Groups”

Our Bible reading talks about “equipping” the people of God for the work of ministry. McIntosh points out three significant changes in our society that provide the church opportunity for ministry. In the past decade families are in need of wholesome values and safe places to raise their children; we are experiencing a new “baby boom”; the number of people over the age of 50 is growing at a rate never seen before.

ASK

1. What changes have you noticed in the ages of people who have worshipped over the past 10 years?
2. What ministries does your congregation offer for children, youth, young adults, mature adults, the elderly?
3. If your congregation was to start a new ministry to one of the age groups listed in number 2, which group would it be? Why?

DISCUSS

1. It has been said that a healthy congregation reflects in age distribution and in race composition the community immediately surrounding it. How might people “out there” get into your building and your community of faith, and, how might people in your building and your community of faith get “out there” to declare the wonderful deeds of God”?
2. The world is changing and our communities are changing too. Is this a threat or an opportunity for the Gospel of Jesus Christ through your congregation?

CLOSING PRAYER IDEA

Assemble for a few moments at your congregation’s main room where education for children occurs and ask God to bless the staff, children, and families of the congregation.

MARCH’S DEVOTION. “Planning“. Who will the leader be?

MARCH – “Planning”

God has great and wonderful plans for us. His plans do not fail.

OPENING PRAYER. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Let us pray. Lord, we thank you for those among us who have the gift of administration and organization. You have a need for each of us. We all fit into Your Kingdom’s work. Bless us with the needed insight and integrity that Your name would be magnified in this place. Amen

READ: Luke 6:47-49

⁴⁷ As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. ⁴⁸ They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. ⁴⁹ But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete.”

Church That Works, Part 12 “Planning” and Part 13 “Management”

“God, of course, is the greatest planner. From the beginning he has carefully been working out his plan to redeem the creation and lost mankind. To Abraham, God revealed part of his plan by declaring, ‘I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and so you shall be a blessing.’ (Genesis 12:2).” (p. 187)

ASK

1. Some of the greatest events I ever participated in involved considerable planning, grueling practice, and lots of communication. Without those things the events would never have been the thrilling memories I have. True or false, “if you fail to plan you plan to fail.”
2. What do you personally hope to do this year and in three years? What is on your congregations “bucket list”?
3. “When church attendance exceeds 80 percent of the auditorium capacity, people are forced into an uncomfortably close seating arrangement.” (p. 204) Is your Sanctuary 80% full on Sunday mornings?

DISCUSS

1. When I began a new members class I would always ask what drew them to the congregation. I learned many things by the responses I got and I made certain I shared those responses with the leaders of the congregation. Faith is a gift of the Spirit that weaves hearts to Jesus. What draws people to hear the faith generating Word is the “bait” we use as fishers of people. Use the “bait” wisely.
2. Jesus called us to be fishers of people. I never saw a pond go to a fisherman. The fisherman always has to go to the pond. How does your congregation plan to do just that?

CLOSING PRAYER IDEA

Lift up in prayer the education opportunities and ministries in your congregation

APRIL’S DEVOTION. “Staff”. Who will the leader be?

APRIL – “Staff”

Acts chapter six tells about the time in the early church when extra hands were needed for ministry that was expanding.

OPENING PRAYER. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Let us pray. Wise Counselor, give us wisdom to know the work of ministry in our midst and ability to respond to the increasing needs of those we have been blessed to serve. Amen

READ: Acts 1:21-26

²¹ Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, ²² beginning from John’s baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection. ²³ So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. ²⁴ Then they prayed, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs.” ²⁶ Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

Church That Works, Part 14 “Staff”

“Multiple staffing did not become a well-known phenomenon until the last century when the growing complexity of the Information Age made it nearly impossible for a single pastor to deal with all the issues and needs of people. As the secular world moved toward specialization and sub specialization, the church responded with specialization to effectively minister to people’s complex needs.” (p. 212)

ASK

1. To add or to not add staff, that is the question? Would you? Should you?
2. Who are the paid staff members of your congregation? Who are the unpaid staff members who share the work of the ministry?
3. What do you look for in potential new staff persons? Who does the searching?

DISCUSS

1. McIntosh speaks of the 1:150 ratio of full-time professional staff positions to average attendance at worship (p. 218). By adding staff a congregation also can expect an increase in worship attendance. Why would extra staff increase church attendance?
2. Most congregations cannot afford an extra staff member. Might your congregation consider linking the services of a staff member with another sister congregation?
3. Does your congregation “yoke” with a sister congregation for special programs? For example, rather than having two or three congregations do all the preparation and work to hold a Vacation Bible School separately, why not put together a team of VBS workers and offer the same program in each congregation at different times during the summer? Imagine how the exposure to the Gospel might increase?

CLOSING PRAYER IDEA

Ask God to bless your meeting time today

MAY’S DEVOTION. “Services“. Who will the leader be?

MAY – “Services”

***Church members are not customers or consumers,
but even God’s people need to know that they are
loved and wanted and cared for in the Family of God.***

OPENING PRAYER. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Let us pray. Father, Your love for the world transcends our knowledge, and it also inspires our hearts to show genuine and complete care for everyone. Move us in such a way that our lives would truly reflect who You are – the God of love. Amen

READ: John 3:16

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Church That Works, Part 15 “Services”

“People who need Christ will be drawn to our Lord because they see us loving each other (John 13:34-35) not because our techniques are sound. Yes, we need to be sure the strategic side of our ministry is solidly in place. People will be turned away from our Lord if we conduct ministry in a sloppy and thoughtless manner. But the underlying reason people are drawn to Christ is our loving service to each other.” (p. 229)

ASK

1. What is your congregation’s reputation in the community? Have you ever asked to find out?
2. What happens to a congregation’s witness when it has the reputation of being “closed” and “unfriendly” and “judging”? What happens to a congregation’s witness when it has the reputation of being “open” and “caring” and “forgiving”?
3. List five ways your congregation has done a loving action for an individual or a family since Christmas.

DISCUSS

1. Jesus and the Apostles got a lot of attention and also “ruffled a lot of feathers” when they cared for people’s needs while violating the traditions and customs of the day. The “Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath.” Is your Board more interested in serving people or keeping the institution alive?
2. “Christ came to serve and not be served.” In what ways are love, mercy, and kindness shown at your church dinners, the Communion Table, Confirmation classes, Vacation Bible School, phone calls or people anonymously soliciting for help?

CLOSING PRAYER IDEA

Visit and pray for your congregation’s ministry of human care (i.e. food pantry, soup kitchen, community vegetable garden)

JUNE’S DEVOTION. “Systems Change “. Who will the leader be?

JUNE – “Systems Change”

Ideas and new opportunities, even those that are very needed, are nevertheless new to any system and thus are resisted by them.

OPENING PRAYER. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Let us pray. God, You created this universe. It is a wonderful gift, amazing to behold. Keep us in balance and safe when changes happen and relationships are strained. Bring us past the confusion and frustration to a new place that is safe and familiar again. Amen

READ: John 4:39-42

³⁹ Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.” ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. ⁴¹ And because of his words many more became believers. ⁴² They said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.”

Church That Works, Part 16 “Systems Change”

“To comprehend events and processes in any ministry, we need to understand how people actually work together. One way to grasp how people, families, and close-knit groups function together is to see them as *systems*.” (p. 246)

ASK

1. Why is it so good when things remain the same? What is it so good when things change?
2. How would/does your congregation react to a change in, for example, worship time?
3. Are you a change agent or a comfort seeker?

DISCUSS

1. “A popular story that has circulated among leaders tells of a young traveler who came upon a laborer fiercely pounding away at a stone with hammer and chisel. The traveler asked the worker, ‘What are you doing?’ The laborer answered, ‘I’m trying to shape this stone, and it’s backbreaking work.’

The traveler soon came upon another man chipping away at a similar stone, who looked neither happy nor angry. ‘What are you doing?’ he asked. ‘I’m shaping a stone for a building.’ Came the quick reply.

The traveler went on and before long came to a third worker chipping away at a stone. ‘What are you doing?’ The worker smiled and replied, ‘I’m building a cathedral.’

We are not just carving a stone, we are building a cathedral where God’s love will shine as Jesus intended it to.” (p. 253)

CLOSING PRAYER IDEA

Ask God to bless your congregation through the summer months

JULY’S DEVOTION. “Growth“. Who will the leader be?

JULY – “Growth”

Everyone brings a gift to the meeting table. How can we use our gifts to promote church health and vitality and not block the work of the Lord?

OPENING PRAYER. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Let us pray. Holy Lord, we have come once again to the summer season and the change of pace it brings for us. Let us use this time to know that in every season and in every way Your will is known even as You keep this little flock under Your care. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen

READ: Ephesians 1:15-22

¹⁵ For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God’s people, ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit^[a] of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church,

Church That Works, Part 17 “Growth”

“Robert Kriegel and Louis Patler in their book ‘If It Ain’t Broke – Break It!’ say, ‘Pardon the grammar, but if it ain’t broke today, it will be tomorrow. Today’s innovations are tomorrow’s antiques.’” (p. 268)

ASK

1. What will you do this summer to renew your faith in God?
2. How many people on your Board have been members of the congregation for fewer than 5 years?
3. Does your congregation encourage newbie’s to serve on church Boards?

DISCUSS

1. “An old-timer-newcomer fracture is a crisis for the church because it has the potential of being a barrier to growth. Generally [the] crisis is likely to occur when one or more of the following are present in a church: 1) The congregation has been in existence for more than ten years; 2) There is a familiar imbalance within the church where 15 percent or more of the people identify with one family; 3) Eighty percent or more of the leaders on the main church board or committees are [old-timers]; 4) The decision-making climate in the church is very emotional rather than rational. (p. 257)

2. “Hand out tracts, invite friends to Sunday School, preach at a local mission, attend the Youth for Christ Saturday night rally, host a yearly revival, sponsor a Vacation Bible School, and go door-to-door in the church neighborhood. All these outreach methods have been effective in bringing people to personal faith in Jesus Christ. However, in the last half century there have been significant changes, which have made ineffective many of these highly regarded evangelism methods of the past.” (p. 263) How specifically then does your congregation share the Good News with its community? World?

CLOSING PRAYER IDEA

Pray for each others’ vacations and planned time-away-with-God.