

**2010 Global Mission Lenten Series**  
**Prayer Requests for the Third Week in Lent**  
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**Botswana**

When we are at work in your kingdom, Lord, and when we are serving the Orphans and Vulnerable Children of Botswana, when we get discouraged and overwhelmed at their needs and their numbers, please strengthen us and strengthen our faith. Help us to be filled with your hope and your vision for your kingdom. Expand our vision; help us to see the kingdom of God as Jesus sees it, in the seeds that grow into trees, in the yeast that raises the bread, in the children that grow and prosper in your love.

**The world**

Dear Lord, let us remember you are the king and this is your Kingdom. You have created the earth and all that is in it. You have created us and sent your son to earth for our salvation. We thank you and praise you, our Creator and Father of all.

Help us to be worthy children, teach us to know you, to honor and love you. Teach us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves, and to love your earth and all of your creation. Remind us that all is gift. Help us to share and to give of our time, our talents and our possessions. Help us to see your face in all those we meet, our family, friends, neighbors, the marginalized, the sick in body and mind, the destitute and the oppressed and even the oppressor.

Help us to tend to the small things, the seeds so that they will grow to towering shade trees sheltering your kingdom.

**The Church**

Lord, bless the church and all its members. Strengthen and guide the leaders of the church around the world so that they might have the hearts of servants. As your son Jesus said, "I have come not to be served, but to serve." Make us in the church washers of feet and feeders of the hungry, with your faith and power, multiplying loaves and fishes into a new day of abundance. Teach us to be evangelists, bearers of the good news in a world reeling from bad news, and to reach out to the outcasts, the tax collectors and sinners. Remind us your kingdom has no boundaries.

Finally, we ask that you write your love into our hearts and allow us to be broken vessels that spill out your treasures of grace to everyone around us. Let us show the world that "they will know we are Christians by our love."

All these things we ask in your Holy Name, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.