

# The LORD declares!

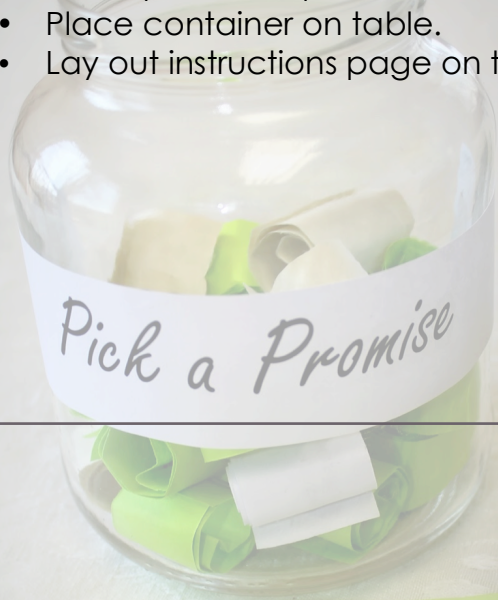
## SETTING UP THE PRAYER STATION

### You'll need

- a flat surface (table)
- table cloth or material to cover surface
- 1 or 2 chairs
- a solid container (mason jar, bowl)
- strips of paper on which are printed Old Testament and New Testament declarations from God the Father and God the Son (Jesus).
  - We've provided some declarations strips to start you off.
  - Try to have as many promises as participants.
  - You may want to use different coloured strips of paper. Be creative!
- instructions for visitors to the station (see next page)

### To set up the station

- Spread cloth or material out on flat surface.
- Place printed strips into the solid container.
- Place container on table.
- Lay out instructions page on the table where it's easy for people to read.



*My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.*  
2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV)

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# Declaration strips (just cut out)

I know the plans I have for you; plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

I will be found by you and will bring you back from captivity.

I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness.

I will build you up again and you will be re-built.

I will restore you to health and heal your wounds because you are called an outcast, Zion for whom no one cares.

I will surely save you out of a distant place.

I will discipline you but only with justice.

I will turn their mourning into gladness.

I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow.

I am willing. Be clean.

Take heart daughter, your faith has healed you.

Take heart son, your sins are forgiven.

The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

I have compassion for these people . . . I do not want to send them away hungry.

And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.

Take courage. Do not be afraid.

All things are possible with God.

My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.

Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied.

Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap.

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## Instructions for visitors

### Did you know the LORD declares?

In Jeremiah's letter to the remaining elders and priests in exile he writes: "declares the LORD" no less than 7 times.

We understand Jeremiah's need to get the message across! However, we often forget that the LORD, through the Holy Spirit, **does** declare words of promise and words of caution to us.

He uses Scripture. He uses our pastors, Sunday school teachers, family and friends, mentors. And sometimes, He just speaks directly to us.

### What is the LORD declaring to you today?

*Take a strip of paper from the declaration jar.*

- Praise the LORD that He is a God who declares good things over you.
- Be reminded of the LORD's presence with you every minute of every day.
- Pray God's declaration over yourself e.g.:
  - "The LORD knows the plans He has to me; plans to prosper me and not to harm me." (Jeremiah 29:11a)
- Pray God's declaration over your community.
  - "The LORD knows the plans He has for \_\_\_\_; plans to prosper it and not to harm it." (Jeremiah 29:11a)
  - Pray that people will experience the reality and sweetness of the LORD's promise for them.
- Thank the LORD for His specific declaration for you and for your community.

*You may keep the declaration or return it to the jar.*