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## Children's Prayer for Scarlettte Jasper

Loving God,

Thank you for giving each of us a place at your table. Help us to invite everyone we meet. Thank you, Lord, for Scarlettte Jasper. She invites people in when they have nowhere else to go. She helps people have a warm, safe place to stay on very cold nights. She and others in Corbin invite all who are hungry to come get a warm meal. She reminds everyone that they are important and that they are made in your image, Lord. Help us to always remember that each person we see is made in your image, too. Help us to remember that everyone is welcome at your table. Please be with Scarlettte and the volunteers and others that she works with. Help them to find everyone who needs help. Help those who are experiencing homelessness and are hungry know that they can trust Scarlettte and her friends. It's in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



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## Children's Prayer for Rick Burnette

Loving God,

Thank you for Rick Burnette, Cultivating Abundance and Misión Peniel. Thank you for the great big tables at Misión Peniel that let everyone know that they are welcome. Thank you for the nutritious fruits and vegetables that they give to farm workers to help them be healthy and strong.

Please help the farm workers receive better pay and find places to live that they can afford. Please help them to know that they are important, and that they are invited to your table, God. Please help more people garden so that they can share fruits and vegetables with these farm workers. Help us to share what we have with others so that everyone can have enough.

We love you, Lord. It's in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



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## Children's Prayer for Brooke and Mike

Loving God,

Thank you for giving each one of us a place at your table. Thank you for inviting us to be part of your family. Help us to share your love with everyone we meet. Show us ways to invite others to your table. Thank you, Lord, for Brooke and Mike. Thank you for the many ways they help college students and young adults know that they belong. Help us to give generously, so that Brooke and Mike can continue welcoming college students and young adults to their table. Keep Brooke and Mike safe in Southeast Asia. Help them find new ways to invite others to their table. We love you, Lord. It's in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



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# Children's Sermon about Scarlette Jasper's Ministry

Good morning, everyone!

When it's really cold outside, I like to curl up on the sofa under a nice warm blanket with a fire going in the fireplace and read a good book. When it's really cold, I want to be nice and warm in my home. For those experiencing homelessness, though, curling up on the sofa and being nice and warm inside isn't an option. They have no place to go.

In Corbin, KY, CBF field personnel Scarlette Jasper partners with White Flag Winter Relief Ministry. On the coldest nights in the winter – and it can get really cold in Kentucky—White Flag invites people experiencing homelessness to come in from the cold and have a safe, warm place to stay. From November to March, White Flag also provides hot meals Monday through Friday and invites anyone who is hungry to come and eat with them. The volunteers are inviting people to come and fellowship together. They are inviting them to join them for a meal and inviting them to be their friend.

In Luke 14, Jesus tells the people that when we have a party, to not invite just our family and friends and others who will invite us to their parties as well. Instead, we should invite people who can't invite us back. Invite the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind.

Scarlette Jasper and her partners at White Flag Winter Relief Ministry invite everyone to the table. They invite those who are currently homeless and who have no place to return the invitation. They invite the poor and the hungry. They invite them into friendship and help everyone see that each person is important. We all have a place at God's table.

You may not be able to do everything that Scarlette Jasper does, but you can help others know that they have a place at God's table. You can invite someone to be your friend. You can remember that it's not about what others can do for us or what we can do for others, but it's about what we can do together. When you help others feel welcome, you help them see that God loves each and every one of us. As Scarlette Jasper says, "We are all made in the image of God and we all have a place at the table together." Let us pray:



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Loving God,

Thank you for Scarlett Jasper and the volunteers at the White Flag Winter Relief Ministry. Please help them to have the resources they need to care for the people they are working to help. Show us ways we can help others feel welcome. We love you, Lord. It's in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



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# Children's Sermon about Rick Burnette's Ministry

Good morning, everyone!

Raise your hand if you like to eat tomatoes. How about pizza or spaghetti? These are made with sauce from tomatoes. Raise your hand if you like oranges. How about cucumbers? These are just some of the fruits and vegetables that are grown in Immokalee, FL. CBF field personnel Rick Burnette helps farm workers in Immokalee, FL, have good, nutritious food to eat. These farm workers pick these fruits and vegetables and help make sure we are fed. But they don't have enough money to have good, nutritious food to eat themselves. So Rick Burnette works with non-profits like Misión Peniel to help these workers have what they need.

Misión Peniel has a lot of great big tables. And on Friday afternoons, these farm workers gather around these tables for a hot meal. Rick Burnette and Misión Peniel make sure that everyone knows that they are invited to come to these tables. There is a place for everyone.

In Luke 14, Jesus tells the people that when they have a party, to invite everyone, including the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind. Everyone is welcome at God's table. Rick Burnette and Misión Peniel make sure that farm workers know that they are invited too. By helping these workers have good, nutritious food to eat, Rick Burnette gives them honor and dignity as people who keep us fed. These farm workers are very important, but many times they are forgotten. Rick Burnette helps others give out of what they have—fruits and vegetables—so that everyone can have enough.

Rick Burnette also helps others see that the poor have something to offer. He has been blessed over the years by hospitality, respect and love that the poorest among us have offered.

You may not be able to give fresh fruits and vegetables to farm workers like Rick Burnette, but you can help everyone know that they are invited to God's table. You can invite someone over for dinner at your own table. You can share in the abundance you and your family have and help someone else have enough. You can start growing a garden and take some of your produce to a food bank to help others. There are many ways that we can welcome others and invite them to God's table. God loves each and every single one of us. We are all welcome. Let's pray:



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Loving God,

Thank you for Rick Burnette and the people at Misión Peniel. Help the gardens in Immokalee to grow abundantly so that all of the farm workers can have the nutritious food they need. Please show them how important they are.

Help us to give generously to others and welcome them in. We love you, Lord. It's in Jesus' name we pray.

Amen



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# Children's Sermon about Brooke and Mike's Ministry

Good morning everyone!

Raise your hand if you like to eat dinner at a friend's house. I love eating dinner with friends! It is so much fun to eat and enjoy talking to each other. Eating with friends helps you feel like you belong. There's a place for you. The Bible reminds us that there's a place for everyone at God's table. In Luke 14, Jesus tells the people that when they throw a party, not to just invite everyone they know—their friends, their family—so that when they throw a party, they will invite them too. Instead, Jesus says, invite the people who have very little, the people who can't invite you back. Invite the people who are poor and hungry. And then you will receive your reward in heaven.

Jesus isn't telling us to ignore our friends and family. Instead, Jesus is reminding us that everyone has a place at God's table—whether they have a place to live and enough to eat or not. Everyone is invited to God's table. And because everyone is invited to God's table, they should be invited to our tables too.

Here's how this works for CBF field personnel Brooke and Mike where they live in Southeast Asia: They work with young adults and college students. They invite them over every week for Bible study and dinner. Everyone loves a free homecooked meal! Sometimes these young adults and college students just show up at their door—and they are always welcome! Brooke and Mike don't have air-conditioning; so their doors are literally always open to let in the breeze! They make sure these young adults and college students know that they are loved and they are welcome. They help them find a place to belong.

You may not be able to leave your doors open all the time. But you can still help others feel welcome. You can do this by talking to the new kids at school and inviting them to eat lunch with you. You can talk to the kids who tend to get left out and invite them to join you. You can invite someone over to play. You and your family can even look for ways to help others have enough to eat. We all have a place at God's table. We all belong to God. This week, I hope you will look for ways to help others feel welcome. Let us pray:

Loving God,

Thank you so much that we all have a place at your table. We are grateful for a place to belong. Help us to share your love with others. Help us look for ways to help others feel welcome. We love you, Lord. It's in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



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