

# Week of Prayer for Children

## Implementation & Action

### Ideas for Prayer Implementation

Each congregation is invited to participate in the way that best fits your schedule and your congregation. Some may choose to emphasize this through group meetings while others make the material available for individuals to access and utilize in a personal prayer time. The hope is that the church will respond creatively allowing many to hold up in prayer our children at risk.

- Include the Week of Prayer Announcement on your website and in your printed church materials.
- Place Links from your website to materials you choose from the UBA website.
- Print & Post selected materials in your prayer room or on your church bulletin boards.
- Include the Week of Prayer on your church calendar and announcements.
- Beginning on Sunday, August 2, highlight one "week of prayer" concern on each Sunday and Wednesday through August 23 (verbally or through printed means).
- Involve Sunday School teachers, Weekday Teachers, Children's Ministers and Women's Ministry Leaders.
- Post a daily Week of Prayer Concern on your website home page during August 16 - 23.
- Create 7 prayer stations for your Wednesday night prayer group or Youth Group and have a "Virtual Prayer Walk" through the 7 areas of concern.

### Ideas for Ministry Actions

Provided below are a few suggestions for further ministry actions that can be taken.

- Recognize and pray for the teachers and educators in your congregation on a teacher appreciation Sunday. Invite teachers from the community to attend.
- Provide lunch for the administration, faculty and staff of your neighborhood school(s) during this in-service week either as a solo congregation/ministry or in conjunction with other congregations and ministries in your community.
- Provide gift bags for each teacher that include items needed in the classroom and items of personal appreciation.
- Coordinate with the Principal to conduct a work day to paint class rooms, landscape the lawn, work in the library or other such items that the Principal deems helpful.
- Fund an unfunded project for your local school.
- Become an Advocate or sign up for an advocacy email list for information.
  - Children at Risk, Bob Sanborn [www.childrenatrisk.org](http://www.childrenatrisk.org) / phone: 713.869.7740
  - Coalition Against Human Trafficking, Charlotte Morris, Chair [www.cahouston.org](http://www.cahouston.org)
- Contribute items to the Mission Centers of Houston Christmas Store (gathering items now) to provide lower income families the opportunity to shop for their children for Christmas. Contact Toni at 281.793.7437.
- Contact Josh Ellis, UBA Church Consultant, at 713.957.2000 for information on involving your congregation in community hunger relief and care issues.
- Contact Rickie Bradshaw, UBA Church Consultant, at 713.957.2000 for information on ministering to ex-offenders and their families.
- Contact Tom Billings, UBA Executive Director, at 713.957.2000 for information on sharing the gospel in their heart language with all the people groups in your area during 2010.