



ORPHAN CARE

Warfare

A PRAYERFUL GUIDE TO ADVOCACY


Open Hearts for Orphans



The Power of One

One may be small, but with Jesus, it's **mighty**. You, as one equipped by the Holy Spirit Himself, can make a difference! Contemplating the orphan crisis can be overwhelming, so start small by identifying ONE main focus for your ministry and prayers.

What part of the orphan crisis speaks to your heart the most?

Here are some areas to pray about and reflect upon:

orphan prevention • medical care • missions • fostering or adoption
meeting basic needs • advocacy for human rights • first family/biological family care

**Ask Jesus to break your heart for what breaks His,
and then boldly be His hands and feet there.**

Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed.
Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked. ~ Psalm 82:3-4

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid,
but gives us power, love and self-discipline. ~ 2 Timothy 1:7

He replied, "Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."
~ Matthew 17:20

Testify with Two

Conversation is powerful. Have you been personally affected by the orphan crisis or touched by fostering or adoption? Maybe you've raised money for missions to orphanages or worked with impoverished children in other cities or countries.

Share your heart, passion and experiences with a friend! Your one personal testimony is more impactful, influential and instrumental in causing heart change than a hundred orphan articles and statistics combined!

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He has redeemed from trouble.

~ Psalm 107:2

The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

~ Proverbs 18:21

So will the words that come out of my mouth not come back empty-handed. They'll do the work I sent them to do, they'll complete the assignment I gave them.

~ Isaiah 55:11

Agree with Three

Three heads are better than one.
Brainstorm, pray with and problem solve
with two other Orphan Warriors who have a passion like yours.
Become battle buddies together.

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."
~ Matthew 18:20

Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves.
A cord of three strands is not quickly broken. ~ Ecclesiastes 4:12

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another. ~ Proverbs 27:17

Move with Four

Research, imagine or invent new and creative ways to share your mission and message, and aim to implement FOUR of them in your orphan advocacy efforts. Those might include:

- Sharing your message in a new platform or on a new social media outlet.
- Joining a new group or club where you can share your message and heart.
- Friend requesting a new contact who can partner with you in your efforts.
 - Starting a blog or a podcast.
- Writing guest articles and conducting guest interviews for existing blogs and podcasts.
 - Fighting the good fight in every medium you can possibly imagine.

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. ~ Galatians 6:9

And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.
~ 2 Thessalonians 3:13

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord, your labor is not in vain. ~ 1 Corinthians 15:58

Come Alive with Five

Fighting for the orphan is some hard and holy work, and we need each other for empathy, encouragement and empowerment on those war-weary days when the fight doesn't look so full of fruit. Embrace community.

Create a sisterhood or brotherhood of FIVE contacts or friends with a heart like yours, and pray, share, serve and uplift one another together. Group text, group email, group chat, or simply share openly and honestly about your trials and triumphs inside of a closed group.

An Army of Jesus-powered Orphan Warriors really can change the orphan story, one sweet waiting superhero at a time.

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 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.
~ Hebrews 10:24-25

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.
~ Galatians 6:2

Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.
~ 1 Thessalonians 5:11



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