



4Ws VOLUNTEER: LOVE IN ACTION

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WORSHIP

Suggested worship songs: King Jesus, Praise Yahweh, You Are Worthy Of My Praise, Mahal Na Mahal Kita Panginoon, Here's My Life, Christ Be Magnified, As For Me And My House

WELCOME

Think of your family and the people around you. What are some simple ways you can serve them and show them love?

WORD

Romans 12:1-2

¹Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship. ²And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Philippians 2:3-8

³Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; ⁴do not *merely* look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. ⁵Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men. ⁸Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

As we celebrate Family Month through the series "Families Growing in Love," we are reminded that all of us belong to a family, whether through our homes or our church community. Yet our understanding of love is often shaped by our experiences, relationships, and culture. To understand true love, we must turn to Jesus and Scripture.

First John 3:16 tells us that we know what love is because Jesus laid down His life for us. Romans 5:8 adds that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Unlike human love, which can become conditional and transactional, **God's love is an unconditional commitment toward imperfect people, seeking their highest good even when sacrifice is required.**

Jesus demonstrated that love is more than a feeling or a phrase. Love is action, commitment, and sacrifice. This is the foundation of serving. When we volunteer, we choose to give ourselves for the good of others. We express love in action.

The Gospel Is the Fuel of Service

Jesus modeled servant-hearted love when He washed His disciples' feet and commanded them to love one another as He had loved them (John 13:34). His service was humble, intentional, and sacrificial.

In Romans 12:1, Paul urges believers, in view of God's mercies, to present their bodies as living and holy sacrifices acceptable to God. Through Jesus Christ, we have received forgiveness, justification, adoption into God's family, hope, and freedom from condemnation. Our service is therefore a response to what God has already done for us.

The gospel is the fuel of service. When we forget grace, service becomes mere duty. When we remember grace, service becomes worship. We do not serve so that we may be saved. We serve because we have been saved.

Renewing Our Minds About Service

Paul warns us not to be conformed to the patterns of this world but to be transformed by the renewing of our minds (Romans 12:2). The world may teach us to prioritize ourselves, serve only when convenient, seek recognition, demand something in return, or avoid tasks that seem beneath us.

Even in ministry, we can have wrong motives. We may serve to feel important, earn forgiveness, gain recognition, or benefit ourselves. However, service is not a way to prove our worth or pay for our sins. It is a privilege of grace and an overflow of our growing relationship with God.

Paul also reminds us not to think more highly of ourselves than we ought, because every ability and opportunity to serve comes through grace. No one is above another. We are all recipients of grace, and everyone has something meaningful to contribute.

How Love in Action Looks

1. See People as God Sees Them

Philippians 2:3–4 calls us to reject selfish ambition and

regard others as more important than ourselves. The way we view people shapes the way we treat them. When we recognize their value before God, we become more attentive to their needs, serve more joyfully, and give more generously.

This begins in our homes. We are encouraged to show up, be in the moment, and leave our loved ones better. Physical presence is not enough. Our families need our attention. Children especially notice whether we are truly looking and listening. The time when they eagerly ask us to watch them will not last forever, so we should make the most of the opportunities God gives us today.

Parents are also called to disciple their children. The church, their friends, and the world should not take the primary place that belongs to parents. Husbands are called to lead spiritually, and families are called to help one another grow in the Lord.

2. Seek to Be a Blessing

Philippians 2:4 instructs us not to look only to our own interests but also to the interests of others. Epaphroditus demonstrated this attitude when, despite being seriously ill, he remained concerned about the believers who were worried about him. His example reminds us that, whatever our circumstances, we can still look for ways to serve.

We can begin each day by asking, "Lord, how can I be a blessing today?" At the end of the day, we can reflect on whether someone was blessed through our presence, words, and actions.

Service does not have to be grand. It can happen through prayer, listening, helping at home, caring for siblings, visiting aging parents, or participating in ministry wherever God has placed us. Every member of the body of Christ has a unique contribution to make.

3. Serve Sacrificially as Unto the Lord

Serving is not always easy or appreciated. At times, our efforts may be overlooked or met with criticism. Yet Philippians 2 points us to the example of Jesus, who humbled Himself, took the form of a bond-servant, and became obedient to the point of death on a cross.

His service was ultimately an act of obedience to the Father. We are called to serve with the attitude of Christ, not depending on human recognition but offering our lives to the Lord.

We can also cultivate a culture of appreciation by thanking those who serve, whether in our homes, church, or communities. A simple word of encouragement can strengthen someone whose sacrifices often go unnoticed.

Philippians 2:12–13 reminds us that God is at work in us, giving us both the desire and the ability to accomplish His good pleasure. We cannot serve faithfully through our own strength. Love in action is an overflow of God's work in our lives.

The Ultimate Example of Service

Jesus declared that the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many (Mark 10:45). His sacrifice is the ultimate expression of love. Therefore, our service should flow from gratitude for the grace we have received.

May we continually remember Christ's love and present our lives in service to others. May we see people as God sees them, seek to be a blessing, and serve sacrificially as unto the Lord.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

(Leaders: Please choose questions that are appropriate to the level of spiritual maturity of your members)

1. What gift, ability, resource, or experience has God entrusted to me to bless my family and others?
2. Who can I serve and be a blessing to at home, at work, in school, or in my community? What practical ways will I show love to them?

WORKS

PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION

Pray by asking God to show you someone you can bless and serve this week. Show **care** by looking for simple ways to show love through your time, words, and actions. Then **share** by looking for opportunities to share the love of Jesus as you care for others and build relationships with them.

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives.

II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of public servants; repentance and salvation for government leaders and citizens for a Christ-centered Philippines.
- For legislators to promote and support bills and laws aligned with God's Word.
- War in Ukraine to end, loss of lives prevented.
- For the rest of the Israeli hostages to be restored to their families safely. For Israel's war with terrorists to end according to God's purpose and for His glory.
- For the civil war in Syria to end peacefully, protection for Christians and other minorities, and freedom from oppression for Syrians. Pray for the gospel to spread rapidly throughout the country.
- Pray for Sudan and persecuted Christians there; earnestly seek God's intervention to stop the bloodshed. Pray for freedom from oppression, that God's word and His people bring them comfort and hope.
- Earthquake victims in Burma, Thailand, other countries.
- Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ affected by the disaster in Nepal, especially those who

remain missing. Pray that they will be found safely, and that God will strengthen and comfort their families. May the Lord provide for their needs and give them hope and courage as they face the days ahead.

III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God, and make disciples
- For elders, pastors, deacons, and families to become holy, humble, harmonious, happy, and heart-working)
- For ministries and church expansions worldwide.

IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain (MMRC)

IV. Personal Concerns

- Deeper and intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living.
- Salvation of family and friends

MEMORY VERSE

Philippians 2:3-4

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