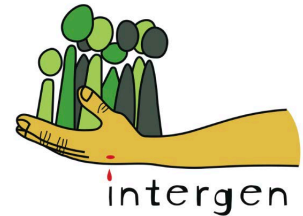


# Intergenerational Worship



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## Visions and Voices:

Resources for Intergenerational Worship

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**What this is:** Intergenerational Call to worship



**Where it's used:** In any intergenerational gathering, Call to worship or response following reading of 2 Corinthians 6:1-13



**Time:** 3 minutes



**Bible focus/theme:** 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Hearts open to God.



**What's needed:**

- Large Cardboard folded heart (approximately 1m<sup>2</sup>)
- Old watch
- Tissues
- Pictures from newspapers/Time magazine/National Geographic of afflictions wars, calamities, beatings imprisonment, hunger, poverty, riots, families, world events
- Lengths of blue yarn
- Glue sticks
- Sturdy wire, poked through the cardboard from behind to create 'hooks'
- fake money
- Call to worship liturgy displayed on screen (see accompanying ppt slides)

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### Instructions

*Display the large cardboard heart on an easel, steadied by a volunteer who will keep it sturdy throughout the process.*

*Begin with the heart closed; opening it as the spoken liturgy begins.*

*During the spoken liturgy arrange for people to bring forward the items and pictures and glue or wire them inside the heart.*

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## Spoken Liturgy

**Voice 1: Open wide your hearts**

**All: We open our hearts**

*open large cardboard heart*

**Voice 2: Now is the time!**

**Voice 3: No obstacle in anyone's way**

**Voice 4: No restrictions**

*add old watch, using wire to attach*

**Voice 1: Open wide your hearts**

**to let the love of God pour in**

**All: We open our hearts**

*add blue yarn using wire to anchor it in swirling patterns on the insides flaps of the open 'doors'*

**Voice 2: Now is the time!**

**Voice 3: No obstacle in anyone's way**

**Voice 4: No restrictions**

**Voice 1: Open wide your hearts**

**to pour out thanks and praise**

**All: We open our hearts**

**Voice 2: Now is the time!**

**Voice 3: No obstacle in anyone's way**

**Voice 4: No restrictions**

**Voice 1 :Open wide your hearts**

**to hear the voice of God today**

**All: We open our hearts**

**Voice 2: Now is the time!**

**Voice 3: No obstacle in anyone's way**

**Voice 4: No restrictions**

**Voice 1 :Open wide your hearts**

**to one another as the family of God**

**All: We open our hearts**

*add pictures of families*

**Voice 2: Now is the time!**

**Voice 3: No obstacle in anyone's way**

**Voice 4: No restrictions**

**Voice 1 :Open wide your hearts  
in compassion for the world**

*add pictures of world  
events*

**All: We open our hearts**

**Voice 2: Now is the time!**

**Voice 3: No obstacle in anyone's way**

**Voice 4: No restrictions**

**Voice 1 :Open wide your hearts  
for forgiveness and healing**

*add more blue yarn*

**All: We open our hearts**

**Voice 2: Now is the time!**

**Voice 3: No obstacle in anyone's way**

**Voice 4: No restrictions**

**Voice 1: We bring our hearts  
heavy with calamities  
hardships and afflictions**

*add pictures of calamities  
and disasters*

**All: We open our hearts**

**Voice 1: We bring our hearts  
to know purity, patience,  
and the power of God**

*add more blue yarn*

**All: We bring our hearts**

**Voice 1: We bring our hearts  
to grow in kindness, genuine love,  
truthful speech, and holiness of spirit,**

**All: We bring our hearts**

**Voice 1: We open wide our hearts for God is here**

**All: We open our hearts**

**Voice 2: Now is the time!**

**Voice 3: No obstacle in anyone's way**

**Voice 4: No restrictions**

**Optional Extension** - later in your gathering as you read 2 Corinthians 6:1-13, you might like to look at the phrases drawn from the Call to Worship and notice the way the Bible text has been used to create a prayer.

What other phrases from the passage could you turn into a prayer?

## 2 Cor 6:1-13

As we work together with him,  
we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain.

For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, **now is the acceptable time**;

see, now is the day of salvation!

**We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way,**  
so that no fault may be found with our ministry,  
but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in  
every way:

through **great endurance, in afflictions, hardships,**  
**calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors,**  
**sleepless nights, hunger;**  
**by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit,**  
**genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God;**

with the weapons of righteousness

for the right hand and for the left;

in honor and dishonor,

in ill repute and good repute.

We are treated as impostors, and yet are true;

as unknown, and yet are well known;

as dying, and see—we are alive;

as punished, and yet not killed;

as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing;

as poor, yet making many rich;

as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians;

**our heart is wide open to you.**

**There is no restriction** in our affections, but only in yours.