

FAQ sheet

WNAC PreThanksgiving Week of Prayer
Mission: North America Offering

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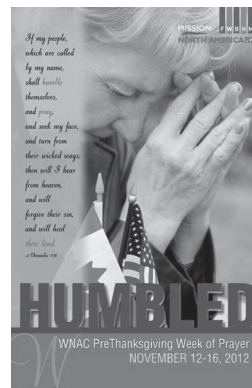
How do we observe a PreThanksgiving Week of Prayer? Churches, groups or individuals can participate in various ways. Here are some suggestions:

- Distribute PreThanksgiving prayer guides and encourage families to daily pray for requests.
- Host a prayer event with a mirror theme using “Reflecting the Son” from *Treasure*. Place missionary cards on small mirrors throughout the meeting area. Purchase small mirrors; let women paint or stencil the word PRAY on the mirror and create/decorate frame with fall flora.
- Arrange small group prayer meetings in homes, by locality or other designation.
- Create a prayer week sign-up sheet and encourage individuals or families to fill prayer time-slots.
- Join with other FWB churches in your area for a PreThanksgiving prayer service.
- Enlist phone prayer partners who will daily connect and pray together.
- Send email reminders of daily requests to everyone on your church's email list.
- Conduct a churchwide Concert of Prayer during a Sunday evening or midweek service, centered around the prayer guide requests.
- Plan a churchwide Thanksgiving dinner. Incorporate the week of prayer into this event through table decorations, prayer guides at each place setting, pictures of missionaries or activities such as a wordsearch containing missionary names or locations of mission churches.
- Sponsor a one-day women's event or overnight retreat (Saturday or Friday/Saturday) with a home missionary wife as speaker. Focus on prayer and thanksgiving.
- Adapt or create your own plan for observing PreThanksgiving Week of Prayer.

What if we don't have a Women Active for Christ group? WNAC and FWBHM encourage all churches to participate, regardless of size, group dynamics or affiliation. The goal is praise and prayer for God's work and the salvation of souls within our continent and ultimately, the world.

Is PreThanksgiving Week of Prayer connected to the Mission: North America Offering? Yes. Since 1964, women have promoted and designated a special offering. Formerly called the Benjamin Randall and/or Lizzie McAdams Offerings, the *Mission: North America Offering* helps provide needed funding for Home Missions operations. All PreThanksgiving Week of Prayer gifts go toward this annual effort. The 2012 Mission: North America Offering date is Sunday, November 18.

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