**2018 Mission Illinois Offering & Week of Prayer: Illinois Needs You Now**

**Ideas for Worship and Prayer Services**

**Theme:** Mission Illinois Offering

Create a worship service around the concept of working together with IBSA. Together, we can accomplish so much more than any one church can do alone.

As you plan to share about the Mission Illinois Offering & Week of Prayer, remember to take God’s sovereignty into account. We all serve our maker. Because He calls us friend, we can serve Him together. God works through our fellowship together, so these suggestions will hopefully remind us all that we are part of the family of God – working together so that He is glorified.

**Focus Verse:** Read Acts 8:30b-31a before you take the offering. Consider sharing the whole story of the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:26-40). We are all partners working to glorify God and reach the world for Him. Pray that your church members will understand His calling on their lives. Pray that they would reach out to fellow leaders and peers to grow in their faith. Pray that they would find the right resources so they can serve God in their calling.

“Philip…said, ‘Do you understand what you’re reading?’

‘How can I,’ he said, ‘unless someone guides me?’”

***Mission Illinois*** videos

Show one or more of the 2018 Mission Illinois videos and pray for the Illinois Baptist State Association.

* Available on the DVD included in the MIO kit
* Or download at missionillinois.org

**Missions reports**

 Read aloud one or more of the 2018 *Mission Illinois* newspaper reports and pray for IBSA.

* Look in the MIO special section of the August 6 issue of the *Illinois Baptist* newspaper

**Service Music**

Perhaps these songs could be sung or played while you take the offering. Perhaps they could be set in a video of photos from a mission trip your church has taken recently. Prayerfully consider how God would have your present the opportunity to serve His Kingdom through giving to the Mission Illinois Offering.

**Hymns:** We are not only given the means to care for those around us, but we are called to love them. These songs invoke direct reactions on our part – they urge us forward in our calling.

* Rise up, O men of God!
* The Family of God
* Let Us Break Bread Together
* Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord
* The Servant Song
* Trust, Try, and Prove Me
* Rescue the Perishing

**Contemporary Songs:** As fellow followers of Christ, we must first honor Him. Some of these songs call for us to lay our worries at Christ’s feet, some are prayers asking God to use our lives for Him, and some simply acknowledge His awesome power. Regardless of their focus, they force us to question exactly what God would have us do in our lives – how we may be obedient to Him in everything.

* Lay It All Down – Will Reagan
* What A Beautiful Name – Hillsong Worship
* King of My Heart
* Song of Moses – Ben Smith
* Set a Fire – Will Reagan
* I Surrender – Hillsong Worship
* Build My Life – Housefires
* Do It Again – Elevation Worship
* Love Has a Name – Jesus Culture