

FAITH PROMISE

What is Faith Promise?

It is giving something you don't have.

Faith Promise Commitments are made once a year at your "*Heart for Missions Sunday*". Although our churches love missions and Church Planting year round, this is a special time when we focus and spotlight these 2 very important ministries.

A "*Faith Promise*" commitment card is given to every person with the hope that they have in prayer been asking God for the amount that He would have them to give toward Missions and Church Planting during the coming year. It is important to understand that (a) "*Faith Promise*" funds will only be used outside the local church, and (b) That it is to be given by faith. (It is not based on what you have to give now or might have to give in the future.)



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1. Faith Promise is just that - Promises made by Faith

It is giving something you don't have.

Brothers and Sisters of a local church give a certain amount of money to the missions program of the church. It may be designated

weekly, monthly or a one-time gift.

2. The Emphasis is on Faith in Making these Commitments

Believers in prayer ask the Lord how much they should give and trust Him to supply the extra needed funds. The "*Faith Promise Offering*" is given in addition to the regular tithe.

3. You will Not Be Asked for the Amount you Designate

The "*Faith Promise Offering*" is a commitment between you and the Lord. The commitment cards do **NOT** have a member's name on.

4. The Faith Promise Cards Enable Wise Budgeting

The Church's Financial officers and Missions team have the duty of budgeting and distributing missions funds. These cards help to plan missions commitments and projects for the coming year.

5. God will Honor your Faith Commitment!

He may increase your income. He may give you wisdom to cut back in unnecessary areas of your family expenses. He may give you extra unexpected income. Whatever your gift, God honors faithfulness. Truly, we can never out-give God.

HOW TO PROCEED!

1. Begin with a week of Prayer and several messages on Missions and Church Planting.
 - During the weekly services “*Faith Promise*” cards may be preliminary distributed.
 - An advance distribution gives your people a chance to get acquainted with it and focus prayerfully on what the Lord may want them to do.
2. The week ends with a “*Faith Promise*” Sunday. On that Sunday a “*Faith Promise*” commitment card is given to every person. The “*Faith Promise*” cards are presented to all attendees at the beginning of the service.
3. Then the cards are collected at a special prayerful time directly after the message.
 - Suggestion: Ask members to personally come forward and deposit their “*Faith Promise*” card in a basket on the church altar.
 - Possibly Palm Sunday may be a splendid time to designate as “Missions Sunday” in your church.
4. Help the people understand that on “*Faith Promise*” Sunday NO monies will be collected.
 - On “*Faith Promise*” Sunday you will collect only the “*Faith Promise*” cards but **NO** monies
5. *Each Sunday following make clear that “Faith Promise” Offerings are to be deposited in a separate basket marked “Missions & Church Planting”.*
 - *Repeat these instructions weekly until your congregation is well oriented.*

The Faith Promise Plan

WHAT IT IS NOT!

- It is not a pledge. Ecc. 5:4-5
- It is not something that someone will come to collect. 2 Cor. 8:12
- It is not something you calculate to determine how much you can give.
- It is not taken away from what you already give to the church through Tithes & offerings.

WHAT IT IS!

- It is a promise between you and God. 2 Cor. 8:12
- It is waiting upon God to tell you how much He wants you to give for reaching the world for Christ. Phil 2:13
- You must trust Him to supply it. 2 Cor. 9:7-8
- You and the missionary become partners in faith. Both of you must trust the Lord. Rom. 1:17

THE “FAITH PROMISE” IS IN ACCORD WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

- Every man according as he purposes in his heart, so let him give. 2 Cor. 9:7
- Giving is a spiritual exercise. 2 Cor. 8:4-5

We recommend that you print up and distribute the following to tell your church members. If you do not do that, definitely use this to explain Faith Promise to the people.

A NOTE FROM THE CHURCH LEADERS...

April 5, 2022 – April 5, 2023

As we begin a new year of Faith Promise, we are looking forward to seeing how the Lord will provide in order to further the advance of the gospel in other areas of Ukraine and overseas. We encourage you to prayerfully consider how you will give toward our missionaries and church planters trusting the Lord to provide extra means as He sees fit.

This commitment is between you and the Lord; however, we are asking you to anonymously note the amount on your “Faith Promise” card. This will allow us to plan for current and future missionary support. Remember, your Faith Promise gifts are beyond your regular giving to our church. We praise the Lord for your faithfulness to give sacrificially toward His work in our church and around the world.

The following are 3 samples of Promise cards that you can choose from to print and distribute.

You give something that you don't have.

MY PRAYERFUL FAITH PROMISE

I am trusting the Lord that if He would see fit to provide the following amount, \$_____, I'll know it comes from His hand and will use that opportunity to share it with our missionaries and church planters.

I promise to give extra as the Lord provides over the next 12 months.

I understand that this giving is **above** my regular giving to the church.

I will give something I don't have.

My 2022 Faith Promise for Missions and Church Planting

In dependence upon God, I will endeavor by *faith* to give toward the Church's mission and church planting program the sum of:

\$ _____ weekly

\$ _____ monthly

\$ _____ semi-annually

I will endeavor to give a total of \$ _____ this year of 2022.

This is your own offering to God and you will not be asked for it.

OUR CALL

"For this is what the Lord has commanded us: 'I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth' (Acts 13:47)

April 5, 2022 – April 5, 2023

The Missions and Church Planting Ministry of our Church is funded solely from our Faith Promise giving and special gifts. *We suggest and request your following prayer:*
"I have prayed over my commitment and have based my decision upon God's continued blessing upon my life and home. It is entered into between God and myself."

My Total Faith Promise amount for the year is : \$ _____

The amount I by faith endeavor to share will be given:

_____ In monthly installments

_____ As a one-time gift

_____ As God provides

In addition to my financial giving my personal commitment to missions is:

(Please check as you feel led):

_____ To pray for our missionaries

_____ To help the Mission's Planning Committee

_____ To go on a short-term mission trip

_____ Other _____

Faith Promise Missionary and Church Planting Giving

A FAITH PROMISE is a financial commitment to missions and church planting based upon an inner persuasion that God wants you to give that amount to missions, an amount not dependent upon known or anticipated resources.

FAITH PROMISE GIVING challenges us to trust God by basing our giving not on what we can give on our own, but on what God will give **extra** through us.

IT IS SCRIPTURAL. 2 Corinthians 8 and 9 describe missionary giving in the early church. Paul writes, "Going to the limit of their resources ... and even beyond that limit, they begged to be allowed to share." (2 Co. 8: 3-4)

IT IS NOT THE TITHE. Tithes already belong to God. Tithes support our own church. Faith promise giving goes beyond your regular giving. Faith promise giving is not for our own local church. It supports our missionaries and church planters. Faith promise giving is extra giving. It is sacrificially giving above what you think you can afford in order to help others know and experience God through faith in Jesus Christ. By Faith you expect God to give you something extra this year, which you will then share with our missionaries and church planters.

IT IS NOT A PLEDGE. A pledge is horizontal, promised by the donor to a worthy cause. By contrast, a faith promise is vertical, between you and God. You will NOT be asked for your donation.

FOUR IMPORTANT POINTS

1. What Is Registered On Faith Promise Cards?

Your amount of financial commitment to missions and church planting for the coming year.

2. How Is My Faith Promises Designated?

Your entire Faith Promise is designated outside of our local church's budget for the support of missionaries and church planters.

3. Is My Tithe Used To Support Missionaries?

No. Your Faith Promise is above your regular giving.

You promise by faith is to trust God for something extra.

Only your extra *Faith* promise offerings are specifically designated to support our missionaries and church planters.

4. How Are Faith Promises Paid?

Gifts may be paid monthly, weekly, or in a lump sum at any time.

Be sure to mark them separately from your regular giving.

THREE DRAMATIC RESULTS

1. Providential Supply

God's abundant resources are released in unexpected ways above and beyond what we expect.

2. Contagious Giving

By sharing in the faith promise ingathering, you are part of a growing movement of outreach in our church.

3. God's Abundant Blessing

Sharing the love of Jesus with the world, which is our primary purpose, brings God's abundant blessing both financially and spiritually.