



PRAYER RESOURCE

Be Available

On this day we are reminded that God has a perfect plan and purpose for our lives. What is he calling us to be, to do?

You are invited to spend a few moments praying for those sitting nearest to you, that they would say 'Yes' to God and his will for their lives - in their individual lives, in their home, their workplace, place of learning, circle of influence, in the corps, in this community, in the wider world...

While it is good to pray for others and for their response to God's will, others have just been praying for us that we would say our 'Yes' to him.

It's a personal, unique, individual call.

The theme 'Be Available' challenges us to realise that God calls us to be just that - available to him for his Kingdom purposes.

Samuel in the Old Testament heard God speaking - and his response was... 'Yes. I am listening' (Living Bible), 'Speak. I'm your servant, ready to listen' (The Message) (1 Samuel 3:10).

God revealed his mind and his heart. Samuel was available to hear and respond to God. Are we?

Mary in the New Testament hears God's will for her life - and her response was... 'I am the Lord's servant, and I am willing to do whatever he wants' (Living Bible), 'Yes, I see it all now: I'm the Lord's maid, ready to serve' (The Message) (Luke 1:38).

Mary was available to hear and respond to God. Are we?

With God's awesome ability and their availability, God's will and purposes were fulfilled.

Are we available to God? Me, you, today, right now?

What is God calling us to be, to do - where he has placed us, where he will place us, in the ministry he calls us to?

In our local context are we available to God? In the power of the Spirit are we grasping every opportunity he gives in our circle of influence to be Jesus and to point people to him?

Is God asking us to be available to serve him in new ways - as local leaders within this church, as full-time spiritual leaders serving as territorial envoys or officers?

As we listen to the song 'Here I am, wholly available' (SoF 167), let us say our 'Yes' to God and make ourselves wholly available to him.

At the conclusion of the song, invite people to pray together that we each be available to God.