Before the prayer service, have each child make two links out of colored paper: one with the student’s name and the other with the name of a mission country. Connect the two links using tape or glue. Then join all the students’ links. Hang this chain of international solidarity at the location of the prayer service.

**Leader:** The Season of Advent is upon us. It is a time of hope and a time to prepare for the celebration of Jesus’ birth. We remember and pray for children around the world who also wait. Wait for peace, love and the Good News of Jesus. Lord, open our hearts to receive Your Gospel and to proclaim the Good News of Your only Son to children everywhere.

All: Amen.

**Reading:** Luke 3:4-6
(Short reflection or moment of silence)

**Leader:** Mindful that people everywhere are children of God, let us pray.

All: Come Lord Jesus, make us one.

**Student 1:** For the people of Africa, that one day all will have clean water and enough food to eat, we pray.

All: Come Lord Jesus, make us one.

**Student 2:** For the people of Europe, that all cultures will continue to work together to live in peace, we pray.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Student 3:** For the people of the Pacific Islands, that they continue to find God in the beauty that surrounds them, we pray.

All: Come Lord Jesus, make us one.

**Student 4:** For the people of Latin America, that they all will experience the peace of Christ, we pray.

All: Come Lord Jesus, make us one.

**Leader:** O loving God, hear our prayers. May each of us work to form one family where all people will live as one and know You as their heavenly Father. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Son.

All: Amen.

**Leader:** As children of God, let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us.

All: Our Father...

**Leader:** May the Lord be with you as you prepare for Jesus’ birth.

All: And with your spirit.

**Leader:** Let us go now and share our love with people everywhere.

All: Thanks be to God.