



Global Youth Day 2021

**LOVE THY  
NEIGHBOUR**



# What is Global Youth Day?

Global Youth Day is a special special day set aside for Adventist Youth around the world to go out into their communities and be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Global Youth Day is happening **20th March 2021** - and we want your youth group to be part of it!

Your challenge this year is to Love Thy Neighbour! This is known as one of the golden rules in the bible, it means to care for those around you, to show mercy to others (Luke 10).

So what does this look like? Keep reading - in this booklet we hope to inspire and guide your youth group on how to make a practical difference in your community this Global Youth Day!



"Love the Lord your God with every passion of your heart, with all the energy of your being, and with every thought that is within you. This is the great and supreme commandment. And the second is like it in importance: You must love your neighbour in the same way you love yourself."

Matthew 22:37-39

Use the space below to brainstorm some ideas on what your youth group can do to serve others this Global Youth Day:



# What Can We Do?

Absolutely everyone can do something to help others, but it's important to be guided by what your community needs and what capacity your local church has.

You may already have some great ideas on your mind, before charging ahead, take some time to sit down with your youth group and consider some important questions.

## ***What does my community need?***

Consider who is in your local community and what their real needs are, you can ask your community for feedback, or search on community forums (Facebook groups) to see if there is a specific need in your community.

## ***What services are currently available?***

Is there an organisation catering to these specific needs? Will our service project displace other community-based organisations? Are there other organisations you can partner with to make your impact bigger.

## ***What capacity does your church have?***

Think about your youth group, use your strengths and skills. For example, if you're thinking about running a soup kitchen, think about the cost, the cooking skills needed, the space, etc.

## ***What opportunities do you have beyond Global Youth Day?***

Are there other ways you help those you're serving? Consider what your church offers for the community and ways you could invite and connect with the person you're serving beyond today. Do you have a playgroup you can invite mothers to? Is there a special upcoming church service people would be interested in attending.

Whatever exciting ideas you have for serving your community, know that your service can make a real and lasting impact in the lives of those you serve.



## 10 for 10

Still stuck for ideas on what to do? Our top idea for Love Thy Neighbour is 10 for 10.

Find 10 people or families in your local community and provide food hampers or grocery gift cards. Gift cards can go a long way in giving a family choice for what items they are most in need of.

# Staying Safe, Legal & Fun

However you choose to serve your community, we want to ensure your group and those you serve are safe. Before starting your service project, read through our guidelines below.

## ***Working with Children***

If you are volunteering alongside or serving anyone below the age of 16, it is important to have adult supervision as well as parent or guardian permission. If taking photos or videos of children, seek permission from parents prior to doing so.

Any volunteers working with children should have the relevant safety checks to ensure the safety of all involved. Check out AdSafe ([adsafe.org.au](https://adsafe.org.au)) to learn more about how this can be done.

## ***Licenses***

If you're planning on hosting an event in public, it is important that you follow the law and obtain any licenses required. Visit your local council website for more information on how to apply.

## ***Food***

Make sure you are hygienic when working with food. Make sure any food you distribute is safe to eat.

## ***First Aid***

If you're planning to host an event, ensure you have the appropriate first aid equipment on hand and take appropriate caution to avoid harm or injury.

## ***Risk Assessment***

To ensure you have done all you can to keep your youth group, any volunteers, and all those you plan on service safe, we encourage you to conduct a risk assessment. This involves looking at all potential risks, measuring the likelihood of risks occurring and the severity of consequence. Through doing so you will be aware of the different risks and can take the appropriate actions to avoid risks identified.



## Stand Out!

Share with others how you're making a difference, and encourage them to do the same. Think about how your service can stand out in the community. Check out what other young Adventists are doing around the world on social media by tracking #GYD21

# What's Next?

After Global Youth Day you may feel inspired to continue serving your community.

As a church, we want to support you. Here in New Zealand there are funding opportunities available to church groups that want to run a project that supports their community.

We provide funding in partnership with ADRA through Community Transformation Partnership (CTP) initiatives. This funding covers a range of different community-focused projects.

If you have a passion for service and see a need in your community that you want to address, apply for a CTP initiative at [www.adra.org.nz/ctp](http://www.adra.org.nz/ctp).



Thanks for your participation in Global Youth Day! Our prayer over our young people is that they continue to grow in their relationship with God and reveal His love to the world through service.



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