



All seeing, all knowing and all loving God, I want to follow you and know your presence in my life. Forgive the mistakes of my past, accept me for the person I am, and by your Holy Spirit help me to walk in your ways and become the person you can make me. Assure me of your forgiveness and promise of eternal life, made possible through Jesus. **AMEN**

Love - Hope - Acceptance

Do Something Amazing!

How many times have you heard that invitation? Giving blood, teaching young people, visiting a branded leisure resort have all been promoted with the strapline "Do something amazing!". As Christians, we believe that the most significant thing we can do for another human being is to introduce them to Jesus; to enable them to encounter for themselves the life-transforming, living God that we follow. If we are serious about the claims of our faith - there is nothing more amazing than to help someone else discover it too!

So here's your invitation. During the months of April and May, Baptist Christians across the UK are being invited to take part in "40 days of Good News". Some will be organising special outreach events, engaging in new expressions of mission; praying, working, acting and speaking in order to share with others the Good News of Jesus. Your church might well be planning its own events during this period, or at some other time during the year.

Yet those who study these things still tell us that the overwhelming majority of people who become Christians, do so because a friend, colleague or family member has engaged with them personally to share their faith. Many of us might find such a prospect quite daunting. What do we say? How do we answer their difficult questions? What if they feel we are too 'pushy' and it damages our friendship?

These are very real and understandable concerns, but God's word also tells us that people's response to the message of Christ does not simply depend on how well we transmit it. In fact when Jesus spoke to his disciples at the Last Supper, he reminded them that it is the Holy Spirit who convicts and convinces people of the truth of the Gospel.

During '40 Days of Good News' we are not asking people to suddenly become street preachers or "Bible bashers" but what we are asking is for people to be willing and ready to share their faith. At the top of this page is a prayer, a simple prayer through which someone can commit to become a follower of Jesus. We have produced literally thousands of cards with this prayer printed on them. Will you take a card, put it in your purse, wallet or somewhere else you will see it regularly, and simply pray that God will give you the opportunity to use it sometime this year, to help someone become a follower of Jesus themselves?

Yours could be one of thousands of conversations and prayers through which people become followers of Jesus - that feels truly amazing!

We are inviting churches in April and May to specifically promote this vision, and to set time aside each Sunday to specifically pray for those who have taken cards, and those who might benefit from praying the simple prayer that is printed on them.

If you are a serious follower of Jesus, will you do something amazing and help someone else become one too?