

**A Service of Prayer, Unity, and Hope for the People of South Asia  
and all the People of the World  
December 31, 2004 7:00 p.m.  
Highland Baptist Church Louisville, Kentucky**

Welcome, Purpose

Hymn: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

**Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light:  
*Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me home.***

John 9: 1-5

**When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand lest I fall:  
*Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me home.***

Luke 13: 1-5

**When the darkness appears And the night draws near,  
And the day is past and gone,  
At the river I stand, Guide my feet, hold my hand:  
*Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me home.***

Romans 8: 18-25

A Call to Prayer

Guided Prayer (Response: ***“Lord, hear our prayer”*** followed by silent prayers)

Matt. 5:3 Jesus said,“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”  
For all people in South Asia who tonight feel vulnerable, anxious, forgotten by God, we  
pray to the Lord...

Matt. 5:4 Jesus said,“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”  
For the families of the dead and the lost, for childless parents and parentless children,

Matt. 5:5 Jesus said,“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.”  
For the injured, and the doctors and nurses who attend them, we pray to the Lord...

Matt. 5:6 Jesus said,“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they  
will be filled.”  
For the homeless, hungry, thirsty, wet, cold, naked, we pray to the Lord...

Matt. 5:7 Jesus said,“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.”

For those who serve in health and relief agencies, for the faith communities who offer comfort and support, we pray to the Lord...

Matt. 5:8 Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."  
That the peoples of the world will have a generosity of finances and spirit and be willing to join in the pain and loss of this event as sisters and brothers, we pray to the Lord...

Matt. 5:9 Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."  
For the nations of world brought together in moment of disaster, that wars may cease, and militaries be used to bring relief rather than to conquest, we pray to the Lord...

Matt. 5:10 Jesus said, "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."  
For the Church universal, as it reminds the world of our human connectedness and common blood, we pray to the Lord...

### The Lord's Prayer

Offering our tangible support\*

Musical Offering "From a Distance" Libby Cunningham and sister  
Prayer of Dedication

Song of Hope and Unity "Lean on Me"

**Sometimes in our lives we all have pain We all have sorrow  
But if we are wise We know that there's always tomorrow**

**Lean on me, when you're not strong And I'll be your friend I'll help you carry on  
For it won't be long 'Til I'm gonna need Somebody to lean on**

**Please swallow your pride If I have things you need to borrow  
For no one can fill those of your needs That you don't let show**

**Lean on me, when you're not strong And I'll be your friend I'll help you carry on  
For it won't be long 'Til I'm gonna need Somebody to lean on**

**If there is a load you have to bear That you can't carry  
I'm right up the road I'll share your load If you just call me**

**So just call on me brother, when you need a hand  
We all need somebody to lean on  
I just might have a problem that you'd understand  
We all need somebody to lean on**

**Lean on me, when you're not strong And I'll be your friend I'll help you carry on  
For it won't be long 'Til I'm gonna need Somebody to lean on.**

\* tonight's offering will go to direct relief in South Asia through our mission partners, including World Vision, Habitat for Humanity, Buckner Orphan Care International, Christian Churches of Thailand, Baptist World Aid, Baptist Medical & Dental Fellowship and others. Visit [www.thefellowship.info](http://www.thefellowship.info)