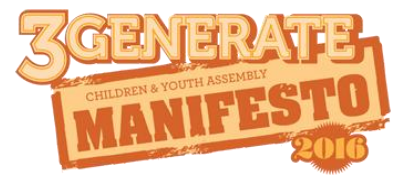


The Manifestos and Prayer



Below are a variety ideas to get people praying about the issues/topics raised by the manifestos...

Intercession

- Build the manifesto into regular prayers of intercession in a worship service, get the whole church praying about the issues raised.

A Day Devoted

- Hold a day of prayer with different, creative prayer stations for each of the issues.
- Hold a day of prayer specifically concerned with one specific issue, using real-life stories to help focus the prayers.

Write a prayer

- Run a session with your children's or youth group to write a prayer, or prayers, about one or more issue. These prayers could then be used by the group or by other people, including the wider church. If you have enough prayers, you could even collate a prayer book for the year.

Make It Visual

- Create a prayer tree and place it in a prominent place in your church building – each branch could be for one particular manifesto issue. Invite everyone to add their prayers to the tree during the year (creative alternatives to the prayer tree include a prayer graffiti wall or prayer box).

Walk

- Plan a prayer walk and stop at appropriate places on the walk to pray for people affected by the issues (eg. walk to a local school and pray for people being bullied, walk to a local job centre and pray for the unemployed).

Silence

- The 3Generate manifesto is designed to give children and young people a voice. Hold an hour's silence (or less if appropriate) to remember those who have no voice. There are creative alternatives to this option – you could encourage a 'social media silence'.

A Reminder

- Create something for every person in the church to take home, which contains a list of all the manifesto items (for example a bookmark to keep in their bible, a fridge magnet etc.) to remind to pray regularly about the issue.

Online

- Each month choose one manifesto item and create a Twitter prayer feed, using appropriate hashtags.