

5. You could organise a telephone call (on speaker phone) to your link person (or a skype call if your link is overseas) during the prayer meeting.
 - a. Encourage the prayer group to pray for the person that you are speaking to as they are on the line.
 - b. Pray for the points raised during the telephone conversation.

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The following are ideas to help a church prayer meeting pray around the theme of "Overseas Mission."

1. Place in the centre of the prayer group a large map of the world and mark on the map where your church has any links; either through supporting a church or a missionary or an organisation. For each link....
 - a. Pray for any big issues that they are coping with.
 - b. Pray that your church would learn from the link as well as give appropriate support and help.
 - c. Pray for the people involved at both ends of the link, that good relationships would be forged and grow.
 - d. Pray that the Lord would bless and prosper this link and use it for His kingdom purposes.
2. Invite people to write down everything that they are grateful for today eg things, people, places, health etc. Lead into a time of thanksgiving.
 - a. Ask people to look down the list and pick some things it would be hard to survive without. Share with the group.
 - b. Pray for people who have very little; be it in this country or overseas and pray for any links your church has with them.
 - c. Ask people to look down the list and pick some people it would be heart breaking to lose. Share with the group. Pray for people who have lost loved ones to disasters (especially caused by climate problems) or who have lost loved ones to disease, to slavery etc and pray for any links your church has with them.

3. If your church has links with another church or a missionary or an organisation, create a number of prayer stations around the church. Then invite people to move around at their own pace as they pray.
 - a. At one station you could have a photograph of the leader of the church you are supporting or a photograph of the missionary etc.
 - b. At another station you could have a picture of the place where the link is with some prayer points about the place.
 - c. At another station you could lay out some food of the country where the link is for people to taste as they pray for the link.
 - d. At another station you could have a large question mark, inviting people to reflect on what they are learning through the link.
4. Knot three strands of thick coloured thread or wool together at one end. Sellotape the knotted end to a table. You will need a set of threads for everyone who comes to the prayer meeting. Explain to the prayer group that they are praying for the connections your church has with other parts of the country and the wider world. As people pray they will plait the thread.
 - a. Pray for the connections your church has. Pray for good and fruitful connections.
 - b. Pray for hope for those who have none and provision for needs.
 - c. Pray for understanding about how intertwined our lives are with our global neighbours.
 - d. As people plait they may wish to pray silently.