

## INFORMATION FOR PRAYER RITUAL

25 SEPTEMBER 2014

In preparation for the ritual, you may wish to have:

1. A focal point with a Mercy Cross, an image or icon of Catherine, a globe (preferably one that lights up and is lit when the candle is placed) or a map of the world.
2. A candle, a Bible, the MIA Visioning Statement (copy attached)
3. A small plant or tree to be placed centrally during singing of 5th verse of *Mercy Seed*.
4. Material in a variety of colours (if possible joined together to make a continuous strip) - or ribbons could be used. The variety of materials represents the different countries in which there is a Mercy presence.
5. Container(s) with the Mercy seeds – the names of the 47 countries in which we have ministry (template attached)
6. A copy of the CD *The Circle of Mercy* for tracks 1 and 14
7. A CD of Reflective music
8. Copies of prayer leaflet (attached)
9. Facilities for power point presentation

**OPENING RITUAL:** fold the material in concertina style and place in a basket or other suitable container. One person walks slowly backwards around the focal point while a second person lifts the material out of the container and lets it fall to the floor. (See photo 1). The strip of material needs to be of sufficient length to go at least twice around the focal point in order to provide a colourful base. (see photo 2)

When the material is in place, others go around scattering the mercy seeds onto the material.

Photo 1



Photo 2

