



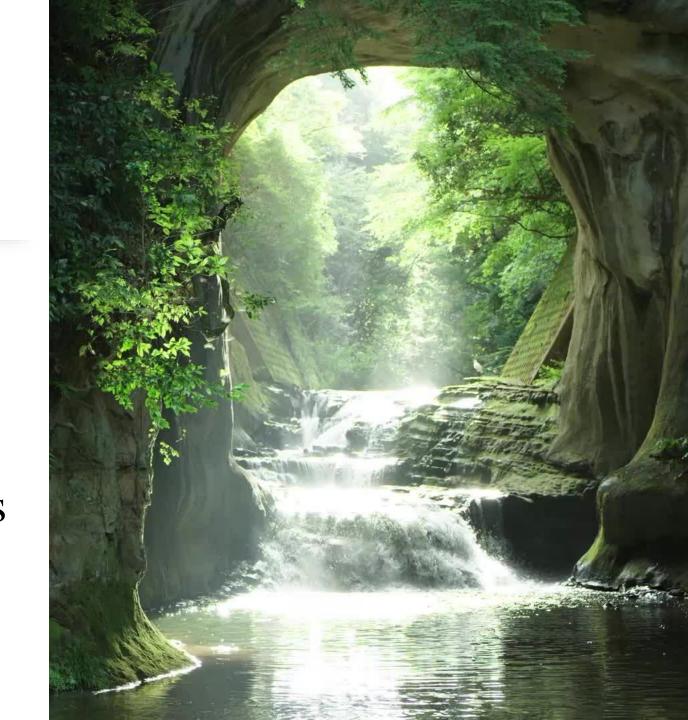
Matthew 5:16 – "*Let*" your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

Opening
Greetings and
Scripture
Reading

Acts of kindness are not just gestures of goodwill; they are bridges that connect hearts, heal wounds, and open doors for the gospel.

I. Jesus: The Ultimate Bridge-Builder Through Kindness

Throughout His ministry, Jesus modeled what it means to build bridges through kindness. He showed us that kindness is not about mere words but about action.



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1. The Samaritan Woman (John 4:7-26) — Jesus broke cultural and religious barriers by speaking to the Samaritan woman at the well. Instead of condemning her past, He extended kindness, offering her the "living water" of salvation.



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2. Healing the Ten Lepers (Luke 17:11-19) — Lepers were outcasts, yet Jesus showed them compassion. His act of healing not only restored their health but also demonstrated that kindness reaches beyond social stigmas to bring restoration and hope.



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3. Feeding the Five Thousand (Matthew 14:13-21) — When the crowds were hungry, Jesus did not send them away. He took what little was available and turned it into abundance through an act of kindness. His miracle became a bridge that strengthened their faith in God's providence.





II. The Power of Kindness in Our Daily Lives

1. Kindness Opens Doors for the Gospel

Many people today are skeptical of religion, but they respond to genuine kindness. Before people read the Bible, they read our actions.



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2. Kindness Heals Broken Relationships

Ephesians 4:32 says, "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

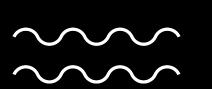
Kindness is one of the greatest tools for reconciliation.



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3. Kindness Creates a Stronger Church Community

A church that is filled with kindness is a church that thrives. When we take time to listen, encourage, and support one another, we strengthen the bonds of unity.









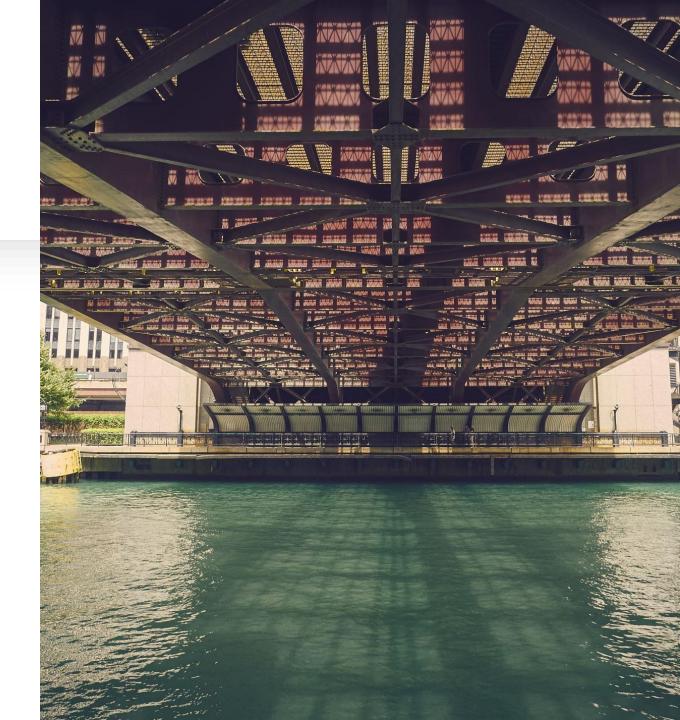
III. Building Bridges of Kindness in Our Cities

Today, as we lift up Dakar, Senegal, and Bamako, Mali, in prayer, let us also think about how we can be agents of kindness in our cities.

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Some of our neighbors may not share our faith, but kindness can be the first step toward sharing Jesus with them.

Adventists are known for their commitment to service.



IV. Practical Ways to Show Kindness as a Bridge for the Gospel

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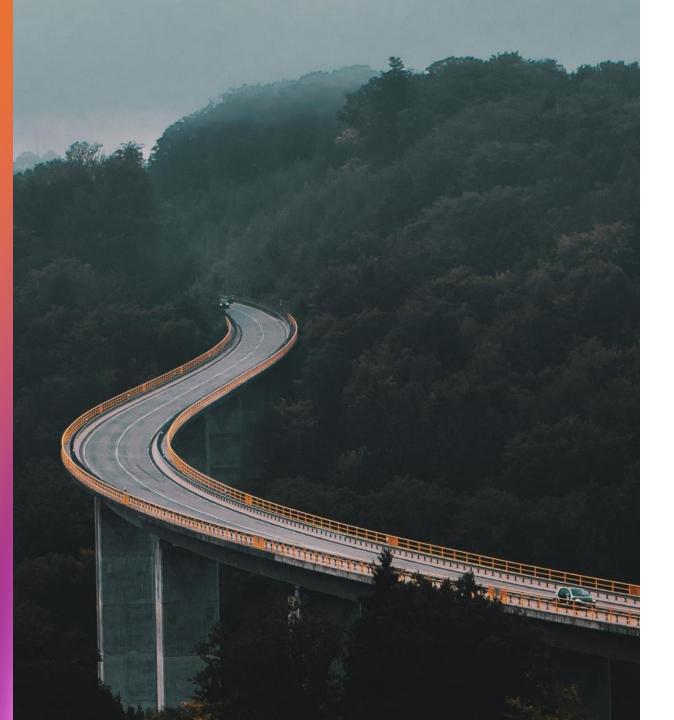
1. Listen to someone who needs encouragement.

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2. Help a struggling family with food or support.



3. Pray for someone and let them know you are praying for them.



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- 4. Speak words of affirmation and hope.
- 5. Offer kindness even to those who oppose or misunderstand us.



Jesus calls us to be the light of the world (Matthew 5:16). When we show kindness, we shine brightly in a dark world.

Let us pray:

